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## Memorandum

TO: Provosts, Academic Institutions of the University of Texas System

FROM: Archie Holmes, Ph.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs AH

CC: Graduate Deans

DATE: November 17, 2023

RE: The University of Texas System Principles of Graduate Education

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I trust this memo finds you well. I am pleased to officially announce the release of the University of Texas System Graduate Deans' Statement of Principles of Graduate Education. Developed collaboratively by the graduate deans of our academic institutions in conjunction with the UT System Office of Academic Affairs, these principles embody our shared commitment to delivering high-quality graduate education to all students.

As we are all aware, higher education plays a pivotal role in individual development and the prosperity of our state. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board emphasizes the important role higher education plays in fostering social mobility, contributing to the economy, and meeting the evolving workforce needs of our state. The significance of advanced degree education in achieving these goals cannot be overstated.

The Principles of Graduate Education delineate our commitment to the success of graduate students and their contributions to the betterment of society. These principles underscore the importance of quality in our graduate programs, highlighting the responsibility of UT System Graduate Schools in preparing students to make meaningful contributions to the world.

Organized under seven themes, these principles address key facets of graduate education:

1. Outreach and Recruitment
2. Matriculation
3. Transparency
4. Faculty Commitment to Success
5. Retention and Completion
6. Career Success
7. Promoting a Culture of Respect and Understanding

We hope that these principles will serve as a guiding framework and that each institution will customize them to align with its mission. Adhering to these principles will enable us to empower our students to become catalysts for positive change and to contribute significantly to the advancement of knowledge and society.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in graduate education within the UT System.