



TO: Chancellor James B. Milliken

FROM: The 2019 – 2020 UT System Student Advisory Council

DATE: April 27, 2020

RE: Update on the 2019 – 2020 UT System Student Advisory Council

On behalf of the 240,000 students across the University of Texas System, it is our distinct honor to present the recommendations of the 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council (SAC). Over the past academic year, representatives from all fourteen UT institutions gathered with the aim of identifying Systemwide policy issues and providing realistic and data-driven solutions. We appreciate the opportunity that UT System Administration provides to ensure student involvement. The SAC reveres the privilege afforded to represent the interests of one of the biggest student populations in the United States. We hope that our student-centric feedback and recommendations will result in improving the experience of higher education for students across the fourteen UT institutions.

The SAC recommendations this year focus on advancing ongoing beneficial UT System initiatives, while also identifying new strategies and initiatives that we believe will serve the progressive and multivariate needs of the student body. The intent of these recommendations is to identify and provide tangible solutions based on the concerns and interests of the diverse student population enrolled at UT institutions. The recommendations outlined in these documents are carefully crafted and rely heavily on data and information from individual institutions, UT System Administration, and other national sources. These issues are presented in four major categories: academic success, career success, affordability, and campus wellness.

The experience of researching and collaborating with various UT System executives, administrators, and task forces has been an incredibly rewarding process. The Council benefitted immensely from the guidance provided and it reflects in our recommendations. It is our belief that our recommendations align with the goals of UT System and the missions of the institutions it comprises. We again express our sincere gratitude for the continued investments and dedication demonstrated by UT System in advancing the welfare of their primary stakeholders: the students. We look forward to the consideration of our strategies and recommendations by the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellors, and the Board of Regents, as appropriate.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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Chair, Student Advisory Council