

1 September 29, 2011

2 **S.R. 1103**

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4 **Title: In Support of Printing the University Honor Code on Identification Cards**

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6 **WHEREAS,** During the 2003-2004 academic year, The University of Texas at Austin through
7 a resolution in the Senate of College Councils created a university wide Honor
8 Code; and,

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10 **WHEREAS,** This Honor Code was designed to reinforce the institution's standard of
11 excellence and to deter cheating and academic dishonesty; and,¹

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13 **WHEREAS,** The Honor Code states the core values of our institution and the ways in which
14 members of the university community are expected to uphold said values; and,

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16 **WHEREAS,** Since the creation of the Honor Code, there has been much ambiguity as to its role
17 in both university life and the adjudication process in Student Judicial Services,
18 largely because the Honor Code is considered a non-binding part of the judicial
19 process; and,²

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21 **WHEREAS,** Many students on campus are unaware of the existence of the Honor Code and
22 how it applies to them as members of the academic community; and,

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24 **WHEREAS,** The Commission of 125 Report calls on students to, "help set and maintain the
25 standards of excellence at their own university;" and,³

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27 **WHEREAS,** The Commission of 125 Report additionally calls on the University to,
28 "Assimilate the Honor Code into the culture of the campus;" and,⁴

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30 **WHEREAS,** If the Honor Code becomes a more visible part of the student experience it will
31 more easily be integrated into campus life and serve its purpose to reinforce a
32 culture of excellence to its fullest extent; and,

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34 **WHEREAS,** The student identification card is one of the select few items that it is required of
35 all students to acquire; and,

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¹ IntegrityUT.org

² SJS Handout

³ Report of the Commission of 125, Pg. 27

⁴ *Ibid*

37 **WHEREAS,** Printing the Honor Code on the back of all student identification cards would
38 increase the visibility of the Honor Code and serve as constant reminder that
39 students are expected to abide by its principles; and,
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41 **WHEREAS,** Students are often required to present their identification card during major
42 examinations, and the visible presence of the Honor Code can serve as a deterrent
43 to academic dishonesty in an environment where cheating has a high likelihood
44 to occur; and,
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46 **WHEREAS,** Having the Honor Code present on identification cards would be consistent with
47 an additional recommendation from the Commission of 125 Report which states
48 that, “the administration and student body should promptly integrate the Honor
49 Code into the life of The University”⁵ and would help reaffirm the University’s
50 commitment to integrity; therefore, be it,
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52 **RESOLVED,** The Senate of College Councils supports the printing of the University Honor
53 Code on all student identification cards; and, be it further,
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55 **RESOLVED,** Along with the required safety and legal information, the Honor Code shall
56 occupy approximately one-third of the back portion of student identification cards;
57 and, be it further,
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59 **RESOLVED,** This policy is to take affect with all new identification cards and will not require
60 students with old identification cards to exchange their cards with new cards
61 containing the Honor code; and, be it further,
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63 **RESOLVED,** That this resolution be sent to University President William Powers, Deputy to the
64 President Dr. Charles Roeckle, Executive Vice-President and Provost Dr. Steven
65 Leslie, Vice-President for Student Affairs Dr. Juan Gonzales, Associate Dean of
66 Students for Judicial Services Dr. Marc Shook.
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⁵ *Ibid*

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