

**The Graduate Student Assembly
The University of Texas at Austin**

Resolution: G.R. 15 (Su) 1

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In Support of the Removal of the Statue of Jefferson Davis on the Main Mall

Summary: The statue of Jefferson Davis glorifies a man not in keeping with the Purpose and Core Values of The University of Texas at Austin and should be removed

- 1 **WHEREAS** The University of Texas at Austin has been embroiled in a debate
2 concerning the placement of a statue of Confederate President
3 Jefferson Davis in a place of honor on the Main Mall; and,
- 3 **WHEREAS** The life and ideology of the man in question are in no way aligned with the
4 Core Values and Purpose of The University of Texas at Austin; and,
- 5 **WHEREAS** The Student Government and its leaders have led a valiant effort to bring this
6 matter to the attention of the campus; and,
- 6 **WHEREAS** The University of Texas at Austin holds itself to the highest standards of
7 integrity; now,
- 8 **THEREFORE BE** The Graduate Student Assembly fully supports, endorses, and approves AR
9 **IT RESOLVED** 35 of the Student Government calling for the removal of the statue of
10 **THAT** Confederate President Jefferson Davis; and,
- 11 **BE IT FURTHER** Echoes the call of AR 35 to remove the statue from its place of prominence
12 **RESOLVED** and relegate it to a museum so that the errors of our past never be forgotten;
13 **THAT** and,
- 14 **BE IT FURTHER** That copies of the resolution be distributed to President Greg Fenves, Interim
15 **RESOLVED** Provost Judy Langlois, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies Marvin Hackert,
16 **THAT** Vice President for Student Affairs Gage Paine, Dean of Students Soncia
17 Reagins-Lilly, Assistant Dean John Dalton, Faculty Council Secretary Dean
18 Neikirk, Faculty Council Chair William Beckner, Graduate Assembly Chair
 Jay Hartzell, Senate of College Councils President Rachel Osterloh, and
 Student Government President Xavier Rotnofsky.

