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Executive Summary

A.R. 31: In Support of Protecting Research Resources and the Fine Arts Library

Dean Dempster of the College of Fine Arts and Vice-Provost Haricombe have already removed 75,000 volumes from the Fine Arts Library and did so without the knowledge or consent of faculty or students. These books have been moved off-site, thereby limiting their availability to students or faculty. The University administration has also spoken of dismantling the remainder of that library in order to find space for the School of Design and Creative Technologies.



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WHEREAS, Student Government serves as the official voice of students at the University of Texas at Austin; and,

WHEREAS, The College of Fine Arts has proceeded with an endeavor to remove books from the fifth floor of the Fine Arts Library; and,

WHEREAS, In doing so, the College of Fine Arts has sought to create space for a new School of Design and Creative Technologies; and,

WHEREAS, 75,000 books have already been removed, with 55,000 going to the Pickle Campus and 20,000 to a joint-facility in College Station; and,

WHEREAS, This action was taken without sufficient consultation with the faculty and students of the College of Fine Arts; and,

WHEREAS, A petition with over 6000 signatures from current students, graduate students, faculty, and alumni has condemned this action by the administration; and,

WHEREAS, The Faculty and Student believe this action will compromise their research abilities and overall education; and,



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WHEREAS, Being a tier-one research university, the University of Texas will suffer by this action; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin emphatically condemns the removal of books from the Fine Arts Library; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Student Government demands a halt to the threatened removal of books from the Fine Arts Library; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Student Government demands more transparency from Dean Dempster and the College of Fine Arts in its proceedings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Daily Texan, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Union Board of Directors, the Office of the Dean of the College of Fine Arts, and the Office of the President.