To: UT System Campus Presidents, Provosts, and Chairs of faculty governance organizations

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The University of Texas’s Regents’ Rule 40101, “Faculty Role in Educational Policy Formation,” states that “the faculties of the institutions regularly offering instruction shall have a major role in the governance of their respective institutions in the following areas:

- General academic policies and welfare.
- Student life and activities.
- Requirements of admission and graduation.
- Honors and scholastic performance.
- Approval of candidates for degrees.
- Faculty rules of procedure.”

The UT System Faculty Advisory Council recommends that each UT System campus establish guidelines and policies that clearly define the categories of non-tenure-track faculty who have academic responsibilities comparable to those of tenure track faculty and provide for including them in the faculty governance system, providing the ability to vote, serve on representative bodies, and be appointed to appropriate committees. Policies should be adopted to ensure fair representation to maintain the integrity of the academic community.