

Texas A&M University
Graduate and Professional Student Council
General Assembly
2016-2017 Session

**Request to include Diversity Commitment Statement as part of the
Provost Search**

Presented by Bara Safarova on November 15, 2016

Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.

Whereas: As the Chief Academic Officer of the large and diverse student body of Texas A&M University, the Provost is uniquely placed to promote diversity and inclusion on this campus.

Whereas: A diversity statement will help the search committee identify candidates who have professional skills, experience, or willingness to engage in activities that would enhance campus diversity and equity efforts.

Whereas: Other peer institutions in the Association of American Universities including the University of California System, University of Washington System and University of Texas System have implemented systems that require a diversity statement for all applicants of senior leadership positions.

Let it be Resolved: That the Graduate and Professional Student Council requests that the Provost Search Committee include a requirement for “Diversity Statement” in their search process.

Let it be further resolved: That the Graduate and Professional Student Council also requests the Provost Search Committee place serious consideration to the diversity statement when shortlisting candidates for the position.

Let it be Further Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

Dean Pam Mathews
Co-Chair, Provost Search Committee
Professor Valen Johnson

Co-Chair, College of Science, Department Head, Statistics

Dr. Christine Stanley

Vice President for Diversity and Associate Provost

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Action Taken: _____

Certified By: _____

Christian Nygren
Executive Vice President

Date: _____

Duly Approved By: _____

Paul Taele
President, Graduate and Professional Student Council