To reform the academic honorary system at the University of Texas at San Antonio so that full-time students who take twelve (12) or more credit hours may be eligible to receive the Dean’s List and President’s Award.

Whereas: Article XI of the Constitution of the University of Texas at San Antonio’s Student Government Association reads: “The duties and responsibilities of the SGA General Assembly shall be: To review, discuss, consider, and take any necessary action through legislation on all issues which concern the campus or students which are brought to the floor”; and

Whereas: All of the other University of Texas academic institutions, excluding the University of Texas at Austin, which does not have a Dean’s List or President’s Award, require that a student be enrolled as a full-time student taking twelve (12) or more credit hours per semester to qualify for the Dean’s List;1,2,3,4,5,6 and

Whereas: Other San Antonio area universities such as the University of the Incarnate Word7, Our Lady of the Lake University8, and St. Mary’s University9 require that students be registered for twelve (12) or more credit hours per semester to qualify for the Dean’s List and President’s Award; and

Whereas: The current Dean’s List and President’s Award policies do not account for students who may have arrived at the University of Texas at San Antonio with dual credit or Advanced Placement college credit hours; and

Whereas: It is unfair to require more than the minimum amount of full-time hours when the vast majority of scholarships, state aid, and federal aid, such as Pell Grants, only require students to take a minimum of twelve (12) or more credit hours per semester; and

2 http://www.uta.edu/libarts/deans_list.html
3 http://www.utb.edu/em/registrar/Pages/registrargrades.aspx
4 http://www.utb.edu/em/registrar/Pages/registrargrades.aspx
5 https://portal.utpa.edu/portal/page/portal/utpa_main/daa_home/aam_home/aam_images_files/COMMON%20ADVISEMENT%20TERMS.pdf
7 http://www.uw.edu/undergraduacatalog0709/355.htm
9 https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/administration/provost/deans-list/
Whereas: The current policy creates an environment where UTSA graduate’s resumes appear less competitive than students from other institutions who’s Dean’s List policies require that students be enrolled in twelve (12) or more credit hours per semester; and

Whereas: Students admitted on UTSA’s Gateway Program are currently not eligible for the Dean’s List or President’s Award, because they are only able to register for twelve (12) credit hours per semester; and

Whereas: Article VI, Section A of the University of Texas at San Antonio’s Student Government Association’s Constitution authorized the General Assembly to “represent and communicate the opinion and the needs of the student body to the administration, faculty, staff, and other appropriate entities;”

Therefore be it resolved: The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association strongly urges the University of Texas at San Antonio to change the current policy, which currently requires that a student be enrolled in fifteen (15) or more credit hours to be eligible to receive the President’s Award or to be recognized on the Dean’s List, be amended as to require that students who are enrolled in twelve (12) or more credit hours be eligible to receive these awards.

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