



Texas Coalition *for*
Excellence *in* Higher Education

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COALITION STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT POWERS

AUSTIN—Today, following an hours long, closed-door executive session, the UT System Board of Regents took no action on an agenda item “concerning the employment” of UT Austin President Bill Powers. The Coalition issued the following statement in response:

“Bill Powers is an outstanding higher education leader for Texas and for the country. That his job was ever in question is a sad indictment of the current state of affairs in Texas, in which the undue influence of the Governor’s office trumps common sense and good governance. It is our hope that moving forward all of the Board of Regents will support President Powers and focus on strengthening the entire system for the benefit of all Texans, without some of the Board members disrupting the flagship. We support the stated efforts of Chairman Foster and Chancellor Cigarroa to move forward and work together for the betterment of UT Austin and the entire System.”

About the Coalition

The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education was launched in the summer of 2011 by a group of concerned citizens who believe strongly in the power of higher education to transform lives, build our economy and shape Texas’ future. Formed in response to a growing concern over recommendations being floated that could have long-term damaging effects on our institutions of higher learning, the Coalition hopes to advance a thoughtful, constructive and transparent dialogue around higher education in Texas, seeking to improve the quality educational opportunities for all Texans.

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