

RESOLUTION NO. 20170511-009

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is home to several institutions of higher education including the University of Texas, Huston-Tillotson University, St. Edwards University, Concordia University, Austin Community College, and others; and

WHEREAS, Austin's student population helps shape the city's culture, economy, and character; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20141211-115, which directed the City Manager to develop a student quality of life initiative in partnership with student representatives from area colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, that data was provided to the City Council in a memorandum dated May 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, several student representatives have highlighted the continued need for students to address and collaborate around issues of particular relevance to the student population; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to work with local higher education institutions and representative student bodies to form the Student Commission, which will be charged with making recommendations to the City Council about topics that affect students, such as transportation, housing, affordability, immigration, and public safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

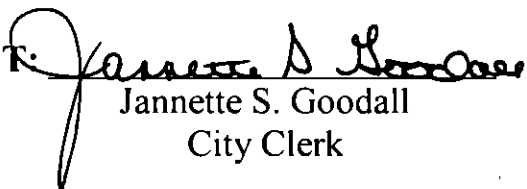
The City Manager is directed to consider approaches to composition of the Student Commission, including requesting that administrators at area colleges and universities (the University of Texas, Huston-Tillotson University, St. Edwards University, Concordia University, and Austin Community College) each identify two student representatives for inclusion on the Student Commission and that student government organizations on each campus identify one additional student representative from each campus for inclusion on the Student Commission. Administrators and student government organizations on each campus should be encouraged to identify students who may not already have formal methods of communicating with the City Council through organizational or other relationships.

The Student Commission shall meet at least twice per year and shall forward recommendations to the City Council as appropriate.

The City Manager is directed to review the Student Commission biannually to assess interest in continuing the Student Commission and to determine if any structural or procedural components of the Commission need to be refined.

ADOPTED: May 11, 2017

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk