

Senate Resolution on State Support for Achieving National Research University Status

Whereas the Faculty Senate of the University of North Texas recognizes the power of a national research university to enhance student learning through advanced research, support a vibrant community of scholars, and attract investment and development for its constituent communities, we embrace broad-based efforts to grow UNT into a nationally recognized research institution. To provide funding supporting the growth of one or more of the state's emerging research universities to national research university status, the Texas Legislature is considering a competitive – based model offering matching funds to emerging research universities that are successful in attracting research grants and gifts, and commit funding to recruit and retain faculty or staff who have demonstrated research excellence. This legislation is found in HB 51 and SB 9 of the 81st Texas Legislature. The Faculty Senate hereby supports 81 R HB 51 and 81 R SB 9 allowing University of North Texas faculty, staff, and administrators to compete with our peer institutions for these additional funds.