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# 1. U. T. Austin: Report on changes in undergraduate curriculum

## **REPORT**

President Powers will report on the progress made on the initiative to develop a new undergraduate core curriculum at U. T. Austin.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Commission of 125 delivered its report to former U. T. Austin President Larry R. Faulkner on September 30, 2004. The Commission recommended "The University of Texas must create a disciplined culture of excellence that will enable it to realize its constitutional mandate....The legislature to establish, organize, and provide for the maintenance, support, and direction of a University of the first class."

To that end, the Commission recommended two strategic initiatives: to develop a new undergraduate core curriculum and to establish a more demanding standard for leadership of academic departments and research centers.

2. <u>U. T. System Board of Regents: Report on Board of Regents' Retreat with institutional presidents held on December 18-19, 2008, and presentation of recorded remarks from Dr. Lee Todd, President of the University of Kentucky</u>

## <u>REPORT</u>

Dr. Shine will provide a summary of key points from the Board of Regents' Retreat held on December 18-19, 2008.

A video presentation made at the retreat by Dr. Lee Todd, President of the University of Kentucky, will be shown at the meeting.

Supplemental Materials: Two handouts from Dr. Todd on Pages 319 – 324 of Volume 2.