

## **Peter Höyng – Statement of Interest and Qualifications**

I would like to apply for a position on both the *Search Advisory Council* and the *Search Committee* for the UT presidential search.

Six years ago, I was elected to the UT Faculty Senate. As Senator, I served on various committees (particularly *Faculty Affairs* and *International Studies*) helping me gain a perspective on the UT beyond the confines of my department and even the College of Arts and Sciences. My personal commitment has always been to develop a vision of UT's broader academic mission and to help make it an even better academic institution than it already is. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have gained an appreciation of the many and varied facets of this institution. Moreover, I am very thankful that my work in the senate has earned me the trust and recognition of my peers that led to further responsibilities. Thus, I helped in planning and organizing the first Faculty Senate Retreat in 2000, and was also nominated to serve on the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee that same year. The new Faculty Handbook will be the first one that integrates the Agriculture and Main campus into a unified entity. Currently, we are making final revisions to incorporate the input of various constituents, such as the Senators attending the third Faculty Senate Retreat and the Deans of the colleges.

My work as Senator was also recognized by the fact that I was elected as the AAUP chapter-president during the year 2001-2002. As AAUP President, I gained even greater experience in various aspects of campus life by upholding core faculty values, such as academic freedom and issues of shared governance. In addition, I helped to promote the Living Wage Campaign. Even more important in regard to this application, during my year as AAUP chapter-president, I ensured that AAUP's principles of shared governance were affirmed and validated as much as possible during the last Presidential search.

For all these reasons, I believe that I can provide three essential credentials to serve on both the *Search Advisory Council* and/or the *Search Committee*: the trust of my faculty colleagues, experience of the campus at large, and demonstrated integrity and ability to uphold the core values of our institution.