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### **Statement Regarding Second Sit-In to Protest UT Professors**

**Austin, Texas** - Today, students of the University of Texas at Austin conducted a sit-in protest outside of the office of the Provost in the main tower to protest the University's continued employment of two professors who were found guilty of sexual misconduct. Two weeks ago, a similar sit-in took place in the same area without any incident, but today's sit-in escalated to the point where protestors were asked to leave or face arrest from UTPD.

*University Democrats issued the following statement:*

“We are disappointed to hear how UT and UTPD handled the students of the second sit-in who were simply exercising their right to peacefully protest UT's refusal to fire two professors who were found guilty of sexual misconduct.

Students should be able to go to classes safely and not have to worry about professors who are charged with sexual misconduct and were actually found guilty. Yet UT continues to keep them employed. We stand in solidarity with those students who simply want to see accountability from the University of Texas at Austin.

Threatening students with arrest and further disciplinary action just for voicing their justified anger at UT for not firing those professors was an escalation that was not present at the first sit-in and we are deeply concerned about that.”

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