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Dear Senator Middleton:

I received your letter regarding professor Walter Buenger's appointment as Chief Historian for the Texas State Historical Association.

According to UT Austin's Academic Affiliation Agreement with the TSHA, UT's role is to "designate a member of its faculty or another UT Austin employed Texas History Scholar, acceptable to TSHA, to serve as the 'TSHA Chief Historian.'" It is our understanding that the TSHA governing board continues to find Dr. Buenger's service acceptable.

Professor Buenger has served since 2017 in the dual role of professor in the Department of History at The University of Texas at Austin and TSHA Chief Historian. In his University role, Professor Buenger has been and remains a faculty member in good standing with the Department of History and the College of Liberal Arts, subject to annual and periodic reviews, and working in the area of Texas history.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Ann Huff Stevens

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