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FROM: Gertrud Pickar Chair

DATE: December 15, 1977

The Faculty Senate of the University of Houston, Central Campus, at its regular meeting, December 14, 1977, passed the following resolution and commend said resolution to your attention:

- (1) The Faculty Senate supports all efforts by the Administration and Board of Regents to investigate and resolve questions about alleged misuse of university funds.
- (2) The Faculty Senate recognizes that some high-ranking administrators may need to be replaced, if only on a temporary basis, while the investigation is underway.
- (3) However, the Faculty Senate calls upon the Administration and Board of Regents not to make further campus or system appointments at the level of Vice Chancellor, Vice President or above, even on an acting or interim basis, without prior consultation with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

- (4) The Faculty Senate further calls upon the Administration and Board of Regents to include a faculty member designated by the Senate as a formal member of the group currently investigating alleged misuse of university funds. It is understood that this person would have access to all records or other information discovered or used in the investigation, including all material available to the Administration, the Board of Regents, and the legal representatives of those bodies.
- (5) The Faculty Senate endorses the establishment of a campus-wide Budget Committee, which will serve as an advisory body to the Chancellor of the Central Campus, as recommended by Interim Chancellor Barry Munitz and the Ad Hoc Committee on University Finances. The Faculty Senate calls for the immediate establishment of this Budget Committee, so that it will start functioning at the beginning of the spring semester 1978. The Faculty Senate recommends that the faculty members be given one-course reduction release. A majority of the Committee, as well as the Chair, will be faculty nominated by the Committee on Committees and the Budget Committee will have access to all pertinent fiscal records.