

# University of Houston

## Inter-Office Memorandum

**To** Chancellor Munitz and  
Provost Magner  
**Dept.**  
**Subject** Faculty Senate Resolution

**From** Dr. Martha Piper, Chair  
**Dept.** Faculty Senate  
**Date** October 28, 1980

This is to inform you of the following resolution that was passed by the Faculty Senate at the meeting on October 15, 1980.

### RESOLUTION

During recent years references have been made by our administration to the possibility of eliminating or severely curtailing academic programs or departments, and to accompanying reallocations of University resources to other areas considered more deserving or needy.

We wish to express the hope that our University administration may grow to adopt a more positive outlook, more realistically attuned to our opportunities, vis-a-vis the continuing rapid influx of population to this region and the continuing robust health of the local economy. We hope that a growing recognition of these opportunities may lead to an attitude of emphasis on building and strengthening our programs rather than curtailing them, and that as a consequence, any occasions on which severe cutbacks may need to be considered shall be, at most, extremely rare.

In the event that such occasions may arise, however, we wish to state our belief that the administration may derive substantial benefit from involvement of our faculty in the decision-making process relative to the circumstances.

We therefore resolve that if any possibility of eliminating or drastically reducing academic departments or programs should be contemplated by our Administration:

1. The Chair of the Faculty Senate should be privileged to appoint an ad hoc committee representing faculty senate interests and the interests of the affected program;
2. This committee shall participate actively in deliberations and proceedings concerning decisions;
3. This participation shall be timely, and shall afford ample opportunity for the Faculty Senate to adequately represent its viewpoints prior to final decision.