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Faculty Senate

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October 18, 1993



Mrs. Wilhelmina R. Morian
Chair
University of Houston System Board of Regents
President
Westview Development, Inc.
601 Jefferson, 40th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mrs. Morian:

Enclosed are two resolutions passed by the Faculty Senate at its September 22 meeting. The first resolution on UH's withdrawal from Intercollegiate Athletics was approved by a large majority. The senators were notified of the resolution well in advance of the meeting and directed to discuss it with their constituents. It is a valid expression of the faculty's views. The second resolution on delaying the pay raises of the athletic director and coaches was not publicized in advance but had an even greater margin of victory.

Our concern is with priorities. The cutbacks that have occurred and those that threaten us in the future have made the university community particularly sensitive to how our resources are used. Even if we were to succeed in some years in building an athletic program based on division one competition that was free from scandal and that graduated a respectable percentage of its participants, it would still be absorbing significant resources better spent on academic programs. I suspect that a large majority of students agree with this perspective, but the results of our poll will not be available for a few days.

Also, I request that a decision on further expansion of the athletic facilities be delayed to allow for a presentation to the board, either in public or private session, of a full exposition of the views of the faculty on this matter.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, you can reach me through the Faculty Senate Office at 743-9181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'George Reiter'.

George F. Reiter
President
University of Houston Faculty Senate

enclosure

cc: Mr. John J. Moores
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Faculty Senate Executive Committee



University of Houston Faculty Senate Resolution

FSR/93: Fall 1993 - #1

Status: Sent to UH System Board of Regents

Committee: Executive Committee

Committee Date: September 8, 1993

Outcome: By majority vote

Senate Date: September 22, 1993

Outcome: Approved

That the University of Houston should cease to participate in intercollegiate athletics.



University of Houston Faculty Senate Resolution

FSR/93: Fall 1993 - #4

Status: Sent to UH System Board of Regents

Committee: Executive Committee

Committee Date: September 17, 1993

Outcome: No vote

Senate Date: September 22, 1993

Outcome: Substitute Resolution Approved

The proposed salary raises for the Athletic coaches and director should not be granted until the median salaries of academic faculty at the University of Houston are at or above the median salaries of faculty of the same rank and in the same disciplines at comparable state universities in the USA.