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## **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

(Approved by unanimous acclamation on May 4, 2005)



The Faculty Senate Executive Committee supports the Educational Policies & Student Affairs Committee Resolution Opposing House Bill 1184.

## **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE RESPONSE TO HOUSE BILL 1184**

(Proposed by Educational Policies & Student Affairs Committee - May 4, 2005)

The Faculty Senate registers strong objections to the Proposed House Bill 1184. We encourage the representatives of the University involved in the legislative process to oppose this bill.

The bases of the objections are as follows:

The bill would:

- prevent instructors in some instances from using the textbook that best complements their special expertise or training in teaching core curriculum courses;
- create a problematic and unnecessary regulatory bureaucracy;
- set a bad precedent by unnecessarily involving state government in a decision-making process best addressed at the faculty, department, or college level;
- discourage ranked faculty from teaching core curriculum courses;
- threaten accepted principles of academic freedom.

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The Faculty Senate Executive Committee moves that the Provost include staff in the oral feedback to the college on the Dean's Review.