

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE - March 23, 1988

The Faculty Senate requests that the University Administration provide sufficient funds to restore the Library's acquisitions budget to a level within the Association of Research Libraries' ranking of the top 50 university libraries in the United States. Specifically, the Administration is asked to give special urgency to the crucial need to provide an adequate acquisitions budget for the library on a continuing basis.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE - April 20, 1988

The Faculty Senate supports the Student Association proposals for allocation of the student service fee, applauds their conciliatory and constructive attitude on this matter, and urges the student body to vote yes on the forth coming referendum on the University Center fee.

RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE - June 15, 1988

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of the University of Houston System did not consult with affected parties on this campus prior to announcing their intentions to appropriate the McElhinney Building for the purpose of housing the University of Houston System Offices and the peremptory decision to acquire the McElhinney Building without prior notification or consultation can only be interpreted by members of this campus community as a censurable decision by the Board of Regents;

WHEREAS, The hasty timetable for the evacuation of the building by staff and faculty units currently using it, and the rescheduling or relocation of the many classes already assigned to the prime classroom space in the McElhinney Building in the printed class schedule, will occasion widespread and lasting hardships for this campus.

WHEREAS, Such a move is likely to be divisive and counterproductive unless representatives of the affected campus take part in the process leading to a decision on a minimally disruptive relocation;

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate commends the concept of seeking cost-effective housing for the System offices and is ready to join with other campus governance bodies in assisting the University of Houston System to relocate its offices to this campus;

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate further believes that the McElhinney Building is presently being utilized very productively in carrying out the teaching, research, and administrative functions that are central to the mission of this university and may not, in our view, be the most appropriate site for the offices of the University of Houston System; and

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate believes that there must be additional proposals developed to ensure that the needs of both the System and the campus can be met; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the University of Houston Faculty Senate requests the Board of Regents to delay any move of the University of Houston System until appropriate procedures are utilized in the decision making process and until a proposal acceptable to this campus and the System can be developed; and

RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate deems the appropriate role of the Board of Regents in this process to be analyzing and evaluating proposals that are developed by the faculty and administration, but not to serve as the source of those proposals.



MOTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

February 18, 1987

I move that, in accord with Bylaw 11 of the Faculty Senate Constitution, the President of the Faculty Senate appoint an ad hoc committee representing the academic interests of the campus to participate actively in deliberations and proceedings concerning possible reduction or elimination of academic departments or programs.

MOTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

MARCH 25, 1987

The Faculty Senate supports the funding of the Library so that it can maintain its present level of book and journal acquisitions, and its services to faculty and students. We therefore strongly appeal to the President, Chancellor, and Board of Regents to fund the request of the Library for supplemental monies to the extent that these supplemental funds are necessary to prevent any further reductions in acquisitions and services.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

APRIL 15, 1987

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of the University of Houston is in favor of The construction of a ramp leading to the main entrance into the Ezekiel Cullen Building in order to improve access to that building for handicapped students, staff, faculty, and visitors.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

September 16, 1987

The present relationship between the UH Child Care Center and the University of Houston should be maintained. While the Faculty Senate approves of the plan to expand the Child Care Center, in order better to serve the university community, we believe that any plan to expand the facility should not be coupled with any scheme for turning the center over to an outside childcare business.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

SEPTEMBER 3, 1986

- WHEREAS, An investment in higher education is critical to the longterm economic diversification and growth in Texas; and
- WHEREAS, Texas has not kept pace with other states in supporting higher education over the past several years; and
- WHEREAS, Major cuts in academic programs at the University of Houston-University Park have been made prior to the recent state financial crisis; and
- WHEREAS, Any additional cuts are likely to have drastic longterm consequences in the recruitment and retention of the most productive scholars, the program offerings of the University, the continuation of summer operations, and the ability to compete for outstanding graduate and undergraduate students; and
- WHEREAS, Decisions of the next six months may affect the future of higher education in Texas, in general, and the University Park campus, in particular; therefore,
- BE IT RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of the University of Houston-University Park urges the Texas State Legislature and the Governor to give the highest priority to raising the revenues necessary for the maintenance and growth of research-oriented, higher education in Texas.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

NOVEMBER 19, 1986

- WHEREAS, The report dated November 10, 1986 issued by Mr. Larry Temple to the Select Committee on Higher Education was totally inadequate in addressing the present and future higher education academic and research needs of the Greater Houston Metropolitan area as well as those needs for all of Urban Texas; and
- WHEREAS, The report limited and restricted major university driven research and development growth in the State by limiting comprehensive graduate and research institution status to only two state institutions (UT-Austin and A&M); and
- WHEREAS, The University of Houston-University Park has begun to fulfill the higher education needs of the Houston Metropolitan area as a rapidly emerging comprehensive graduate research university - this statement being supported by recent major increases in entering student SAT scores, in drastic increases in the numbers of national merit scholars in residence (putting UH in the top 50 universities nation-wide), in significant national and international recognition for academic research programs (a number of top 10 to top 20 nationally rated programs and recent winning of prestigious major federal research awards), and unsurpassed growth in research funding in the State (an over 60% increase in the past year alone); therefore,
- BE IT RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of the University of Houston-University Park strongly urges the Select Committee on Higher Education to realistically respond to the graduate research needs of the State by identifying a group of universities as comprehensive graduate research universities (top Tier) with the University of Houston-University Park being in that group.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

OCTOBER 15, 1986

RESOLVED, That greater input from representatives of the faculty in the selection of a permanent Chancellor should be sought by the screening committee and the Board of Regents, and that consideration should be given to the academic credentials of the candidates.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

OCTOBER 15, 1986

RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents in consultation with faculty and administrators on respective campuses should promptly appoint an Acting Chancellor for the University of Houston System.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

OCTOBER 15, 1986

RESOLVED, That the following priorities should be adopted for the use of Proposition 2 funds: (1) do NOT proceed with the Multipurpose Building; (2) do proceed with the S & R III Building as rapidly as possible; and (3) otherwise use funds for library, major renovations on existing buildings, and equipment.



RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE
February 19, 1986

WHEREAS, the education of students is the highest priority of a university; and

WHEREAS, the termination of tenured and untenured faculty for financial reasons is likely to have a long-term negative impact on the future growth and development of academic quality; and

WHEREAS, severe cuts in academic programs may result in the loss of high quality faculty to other academic institutions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that any and all other alternatives be explored before the termination of faculty and/or academic programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with UHUP guidelines, that faculty consultation must be fully pursued before any final decisions regarding termination of faculty and/or academic programs are made.

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE
March 19, 1986

WHEREAS, Specific State offices including state universities were given an Executive Order by the Governor to cut spending of State funds at a level of 13% for the biennium;

WHEREAS, Such budget cuts should be undertaken by exhausting all possible avenues for reducing spending before invoking cuts that will significantly and directly affect the academic programs of the University of Houston and, specifically, the University Park Campus; and

WHEREAS, Postponement of the construction of the Information, Office, and Computing Complex could represent a significant fraction of the reduction in spending ordered by the Governor, as well as give a strong indication that the University of Houston regards funding its academic programs in a time of budget crisis more important than funding new administrative facilities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of the University Park Campus strongly urges the Board of Regents and the President of the University of Houston to postpone the construction of the new Information, Office, and Computing Complex