

RESOLUTIONS

September 18, 1974

1. Confirmation of Chairman's Appointees:
University Child Care Center - Ida Stewart & John Zemanek
Phi Eta Sigma Faculty Advisor - Donald Lutz
University Student Court - Thomas Newhouse & Howard Jones
Equal Opportunity Council - Hansom Baptiste, Betty Stead,
Majorie McCorquodale, George Morgan, Guadalupe Quintanilla
Orientation Steering Committee - Ross Lence & James Poteet
Standing Hearing Committee - Edwin Miles
2. ELECTED: L. Curry & I. Rothman to University Council for
three year terms;
H. Hayre - T & S Advisory Board for one year

October 9, 1974
Special Session

1. The Faculty Senate of the University of Houston expresses its strong support of the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin in their attempt to reaffirm and gain implementation of the principle of faculty participation in major decisions affecting the academic life of the University.

The Senate expresses its firm belief that the Boards of Regents and administrators of state universities may properly be called upon to explain their actions to members of the university community, who serve the people of the state, and who are directly affected by those actions.

State universities and their faculties are accountable to the people in that they must freely pursue and disseminate knowledge, and otherwise work for the benefit of the citizenry. The Board of Regents [of the University of Texas System] in working in secret have violated the fundamental principles of free inquiry and accountability.

2. Consideration of student participation in the evolution of policy decisions affecting the academic life of the university community was referred to the Student Life Committee for their investigation.

October 16, 1974

1. Election of faculty members to serve on the University Council from the faculty at large was endorsed.
2. The Faculty Traffic Appeals Board may include faculty who do not serve on the Senate, provided that at least one member of the Board is a member of the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate.

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3. Chairman's appointees to the Faculty Traffic Appeals Board confirmed - Albert Miller, T. Fannin & R. Willcott.
4. Preliminary procedures for nominations for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award will be assigned to the Student Life Committee which will supervise actual mechanical details of accumulating nominations and with the help of such faculty members as it desires will select the nominations which will be recommended to the Executive Vice President for transmittal to the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation.

November 20, 1974

1. WHEREAS it is the obligation of a university's faculty to assure the high quality of education within a university community, and

WHEREAS the University of Houston has recently been creating a university system with several branch campuses, and

WHEREAS the creation of this system will directly affect the quality and structure of education throughout the University of Houston system as well as the main campus, and

WHEREAS the faculty and its elected representatives have been bypassed in the decision-making processes associated with the creation of a University of Houston system,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Faculty Senate appoint a committee of faculty members (all of whom need not be members of the Faculty Senate) to examine the developing university system and evaluate its impact on the quality and structure of education throughout the University of Houston system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate invite the participation of all faculty interested in progress toward excellence and request the assistance and cooperation of the administration, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this committee report its findings to the Faculty Senate and recommend a course of action that seem appropriate at the earliest possible date, but not later than the April 1975 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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- 2, WHEREAS because of the intellectual and other resources which it possesses, the Faculty Senate commands a special role in participating with the administration in reaching policy decisions; and

WHEREAS the propriety of Senate interest in decisions affecting educational policies was recognized long ago and led to the establishment of consultative procedures between the President of the University and the Senate; and

WHEREAS such consultative procedures have recently been reduced to consultation-after-the-fact, notably in decisions to expand the University by developing a system of additional centers; and

WHEREAS the system of centers interact with and affect educational decisions in all parts of the University; therefore;

1. The Faculty Senate declares its continuing concern in the systemic development of the University (especially since there are as yet no faculty senators or other bodies representative of the faculties of the other centers);
2. The Faculty Senate requests the President to develop a procedure which will henceforth provide Senate input on all major decisions affecting educational policy before final executive action is taken. Such a procedure should at the minimum provide consultation with the Executive Committee of the Senate, and, whenever possible, with the Senate as a whole. For purposes of clarity, the Senate requests the President to present, in writing, such a procedure.

December 18, 1974

1. The Faculty Senate commends the University of Houston Chapter of the American Association of University Professors for its current work and careful efforts in studying the vital issues of tenure and promotion as they affect higher education in general and the attempt to achieve excellence at the University of Houston in particular. In recognizing the work of the American Association of University Professors, the Faculty Senate would like to offer its services in assisting this endeavor

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so that we can all gain a greater appreciation of the problems and possibilities of an intelligent tenure policy,

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate favors and supports efforts to create a faculty club at the University of Houston.

The Faculty Senate requests that the Chairman of the Senate prominently place in the minutes of the meeting a simple question addressed to the faculty concerning their interest in a faculty club.

The Faculty Senate also requests of the administration information as to the nature of the faculty's prior claim to the fourth floor of the Ezekiel Cullen Building and, it requests support of the administration for a faculty club.

January 22, 1975

1. The following statement was adopted to replace the statement defining emeritus status found on page 22 of the FACULTY & STAFF MANUAL.

Emeritus status at the University of Houston is an honor conferred on distinguished faculty members at the time of their retirement. It is awarded by the President only upon recommendation from the individual's academic department. The award is not automatic, nor is it based solely on longevity of service. Emeritus status will be awarded only to those faculty members who have demonstrated distinguished academic performance. Faculty members awarded emeritus status will be issued appropriate faculty identification which will entitle the recipient to the usual faculty privileges (excluding those requiring budget allocations) and access to University functions and facilities. Office or carrel space will be provided if needed and available.

2. The Faculty Senate expresses its concern that the University's Honor's Program has not been fully successful. It wishes to communicate Professor Harrell's report on the program to the Dean of Faculties and requests, at its next meeting, a response from the Dean of Faculties concerning the future of the Honor's Program at the University.

February 19, 1975

1. The Faculty Senate strongly urges the University of Houston Administration to issue Faculty Identification Cards of greater durability. It is further recommended that such cards include a picture of the individual and be issued for time periods greater than one year.
2. The Faculty Senate of the University of Houston wishes to convey to the President and the Dean of Faculties its deep concern that the grievance procedure prepared and adopted by the Senate has not yet been implemented by the administration. Since the absence of an equitable and orderly grievance procedure in the University works to the detriment of all elements in the university, the Senate urges the administration to take action on this matter at the earliest possible moment.
3. (Motion adopted from the floor)
Dr. Cox as Chairperson of the Senate should direct the Executive Committee to study the question of a constitutional amendment to be presented at the next meeting which would alter the present method of submitting nominees to the President by the Committee on Committees of twice as many nominees as needed for vacant university committee positions.

March 12, 1975

1. The Faculty Senate reasserts its former resolution that Traffic and Security follow the practice of issuing faculty parking stickers which are different from the staff's so as to allow faculty the freedom of parking in all available spaces on campus.
(By request of the University Security Advisory Council.)

April 16, 1975

1. It is the faculty's position that the University of Houston does not have the legal authority to compel the transfer of a faculty member from one campus to another within the system, absent a specific contractual agreement with said faculty member.

At the same time the faculty urges the administration to encourage a free transfer of faculty between campuses in keeping with the varying goals of each campus and with the varying goals of individual faculty members.

2. Amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution, Art. 4, Section 2 - Before July 1 of each year, the committee shall nominate to the President of the University appropriate persons to serve on University standing committees during the next academic year. The Senate shall nominate one candidate for each

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vacancy on a standing committee. If the president cannot appoint a nominee to a committee, he shall return the name to the Committee on Committees and request an additional nominee. Ad hoc committees shall ordinarily be appointed in a similar manner. [Changes procedure for nomination.]

3. Article Nine, Section One [Page 15, F&S MANUAL]

This constitution may be amended only as follows: (1) At a regular meeting of the Faculty Senate by a two-thirds vote of the members present; provided, however, that notice of such amendment must have been given by a reading of the amendment, in the exact form in which it is finally adopted, at the previous regular meeting; or

[Changes last word but one in the final sentence from plural "meetings" to the singular "meeting".]

4. The Faculty Senate urges President Hoffman to reconsider his decision to reject the Senate's revised statement on emeritus status. While the present statement, may by tortured construction, achieve some of the objectives of the new statement, it inadequately located the original decision on this faculty status outside of the academic departments. The Senate believes that emeritus status should be determined in the same manner as other faculty statuses such as promotion or tenure.

Amendment: The Senate also believes that any reference to longevity of service should be eliminated.

5. The Faculty Senate considers the University's Orientation Program an important aspect of the academic life of the University, and is concerned that it suffers defects of organization and program. The Senate urges the Vice President for Student Affairs to enlist the aid of the Senate in appointing a committee, with a preponderance of faculty members, to reorganize the program so that it may realize its full promise.

May 14, 1975

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the censure motion be tabled until the next meeting of the Faculty Senate, regularly scheduled or specially called, and that this motion be the first item on the agenda preceding even the Chair's report excepting such report from the Chair or Executive Committee that relates directly to this issue.

THAT the Faculty Senate is strongly committed to the principles involved in the censure motion namely support of full faculty participation in all academic decisions and opposition to administrative circumvention of duly constituted academic processes. In furtherance of this intent the Faculty Senate directs the Executive Committee to obtain from the President specific commitments to action and appropriate guarantees and assurances that these principles will not be violated in the important decision facing the University now and in the future.

THAT the Faculty Senate expresses its confidence in J. Don Boney, pledges its support of him in his chosen task of broadening the educational horizons of the citizens of Houston, and wishes him well in his tenure of office.

June 25, 1975
SPECIAL SESSION

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT we urge President Hoffman, Chairman Bredo C. Johnsen and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate to continue their efforts to find effective means of further involving faculty and students in all important academic decisions of the University.