



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.

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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.