

# **University of Houston Faculty Senate Meetings**

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- **No signage or advertising is permitted.**
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# On Deck Events

The next scheduled **Faculty Senate meeting** be held on:  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
at 12:15 p.m.

[Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion, M D Anderson Library](#)

**Academic Achievement**

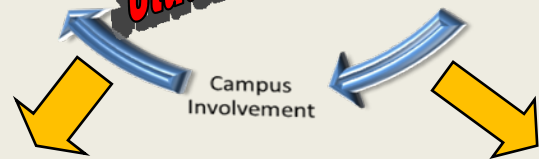


# The University of Houston System 2009 ACE Conference

## On Student Success

March 27, 2009 – UH-Downtown

[www.uh.edu/ace2009](http://www.uh.edu/ace2009)



**Career Success**

**Student Engagement**

# Welcome New Senators

- Michael Ahearne                      BUS
- Joe Charlson                            ENGR
- Tahir Hussain                          PHA
- Robert Palmer                          LAW
- David Phillips                          CLASS
- Harrell Rodgers                        CLASS
- Christiane Spitzmuller                CLASS
- Steven Wallace                         CLASS

# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FACULTY SENATE MEETING

November 19, 2008 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

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- 12:18 p.m. 3. Award Presentation by the Faculty Senate President: [Wynne Chin](#)
4. Report from and Discussion with the University of Houston System Chancellor and University of Houston President: [Renu Khator](#) [unavailable to attend this meeting]
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# Don Foss

- Faculty Travel Award
- Increased Promotion raises for faculty
- Scholarship Report
- Creation and hiring of an Ombudsperson
- QEP topic choice
- Cornell-Methodist-UH talks
- Northwest campus
- Worked out the plan for the renovation of the Science buildings

# Don Foss

- Textbook Policy was worked out on his watch and the 6 drop rule was adopted.
- Dr. Foss' appointment as Provost was announced on March 16, 2005.
- His official start date was July 15, 2005.
- His first official Faculty Senate meeting was August 30, 2005.

# Don Foss

- Good timing –
- what was to be his second FS meeting on September 21 was cancelled due to Hurricane Rita (the only regularly scheduled Senate meeting to be cancelled).
- His last day as Provost was June 15, 2008.
- Hurricane Ike hit on September 12.



## On what makes a good leader:

“Understand the mission and goals of the unit. Then understanding how to marshal the resources in helping to meet those goals. I find that leadership is both a social and intellectual action.”

## On where do we find good leaders:

“People who have in their character structure a social service drive and that they want to be helpful. These are people who have no interest in themselves and the reward structure.”

## Key skills for a good leader:

“Resilience and ability to believe in what you are up to and good communication.”

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# Auf Weidersehen Address

- Start With Thanks
- Confess on Regrets
- End on a positive note for the future

# Thanks

- President Khator
  - First day off to a rocky start
  - Subsequent meeting not all that much better
- Cabinet members
- SGA officers
- Staff officers
- FS Staff
  - Mary Beth and Amy
- Dan Wells

# Thanks

- Senate Executive Committee
  - Effective Collaboration involved
    - Coordination
    - Cooperation
    - Commitment
  - Communication is the Glue
- Result – A Cohesive Team
  - Morale & Belonging
  - Agile – For environmental shocks &
  - Evolutionary – Actively Looking at Changes for the Better

# Regrets

- Not moving into the our new Senate office on time.
- Slow slogging on the Faculty/University Club.
- Greater communication, collaboration with senators and faculty.
- Establishing even stronger commitment of trust and cooperation with administration
- More funding for our Senate endowment
- IT Governance for more proactive strategic policy planning

# Lessons Learned

- Beware of Box Lunches
- Offset lunches with good wine
- Result – no longer becomes dog years

## Positive Note for the Future

Good hands with Dan Wells & Executive Committee

Our Senate Infrastructure has continued to strengthen in order to be the voice of all faculty – e.g., Research Council

Necessary to be agile and responsive during uncertain times

# My pledge as I give up my gavel

**NOT** Get in the way of Dan Wells

Continue improving our communication infrastructure

- streamline our Senate Newsletter production process
- develop our new website,
- Prepare private and public meeting/blog areas for our Senate work
- Establish push technology to allow faculty to customize information

Improving the involvement of faculty in university governance – i.e., UH standing committees

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October 15, 2008 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

- 1:20 p.m. 9. Report from the [University Coordinating Commission](#) (UCC), Chair: Dan Wells
- 1:30 p.m. 10. End-of-Year Reports from the 2008 Faculty Senate Committees:
- Budget & Facilities Committee, Chair: [Richard Willson](#)
  - Committee on Committees, Chair: [Katy Greenwood](#)
  - Educational Policies & Student Affairs Committee, Chair: [David Mazella](#)
  - Faculty Affairs Committee, Chair: [Mark Clarke](#)
  - Scholarship & Community Committee, Chair: [Suzanne Ferimer](#)
  - Ad Hoc Committee on Planning, Chair: [Sujit Sansgiry](#)
- 1:55 p.m. 11. **New Business**
- 2:00 p.m. 12. Adjournment