



**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.**

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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 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 the relocation;

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate is ready to join with other campus governance bodies in assisting the University of Houston System to relocate its offices to this campus; and

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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 decisional making process; and

RESOLVED, That the appropriate role of the Board of Regents in this process would be to analyze and evaluate proposals that are developed by the faculty and administration, but not to be the source of those proposals.