



MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor Jennifer English, Faculty Senate President

FROM: Vistasp M. Karbhari, Provost and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Resolution 10/11-1

DATE: January 3, 2011

While I recognize that the topic has essentially been resolved and steps taken have been discussed at previous Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Faculty Senate meetings I am writing to formally document a response to the resolution per your request.

The topic of the resolution, access to buildings, has traditionally been the purview of the College Deans at UAHuntsville. In discussing the issue with them and facilities it was determined that although there were no constraints for faculty, researchers and appropriate graduate students to get access the processes were different in different departments and colleges and procedures may not have been widely known. I would like to once again thank the Senate for raising this issue so that it could be addressed appropriately.

The Dean of each College is developing comprehensive policies and forms for access and I understand that the issue of access, which appears to have been associated with a single building, has already been resolved.

It should be noted the office of facilities and operations has initiated a process of updating access to buildings using an electronic card system which will be integrated into the Charger Card itself. It is hoped that this will not only ease the issue of access but will enhance safety and security of University personnel. This process will continue over the next few years as part of the maintenance and upgrading of buildings. Details on schedules and plans can be obtained from Mr. M. Finnegan, Assistant Vice-President for Facilities and Operations.