

UH-Victoria Provost Stepping Down

HATTIESBURG – For several days, USMNEWS.net has been scrolling a tip from a source indicating that the University of Houston – Victoria’s Suzanne LaBrecque is relinquishing her post as the UH-V provost. This move comes shortly after the UH-V faculty council voted overwhelmingly for a resolution of “no confidence” in LaBrecque. After a couple of days scrolling at USMNEWS.net, *The Victoria Advocate*’s Kayla Bell penned, on 20-May-2011, [a news report](#) entitled “UHV provost steps down after no-confidence vote,” explaining the UHV administrator’s reaction to the major step taken earlier by the UH-V faculty council.

As also reported earlier by USMNEWS.net, Bell’s story indicates that LaBrecque will no longer serve as UH-V’s provost on and after 1-June-2011, ending a five-year stint on the job. Bell also reports that LaBrecque, a tenured faculty at UH-V, will be serving as a special assistant to the Don Smith, UH-V’s interim president. [Weeks ago](#), USMNEWS.net [reported that](#) the “no confidence” vote (on LaBrecque) taken by the faculty council was overwhelming – 45 for “no confidence,” 1 for “confidence,” with 2 abstentions. At that time, some on *The Victoria Advocate*’s [staff ridiculed](#) USMNEWS.net’s reporting, saying that the website is not a credible source of information. This was done through the [online comments](#) window to *TVA*’s own initial report on the LaBrecque “no confidence” vote. *TVA* also reported LaBrecque as saying that she (LaBrecque) had no plan to resign, and that she (LaBrecque) felt she was doing a superb job as provost. As sources state, the quick resignation seems to support USMNEWS.net’s reporting, not *TVA*’s. Of course, USMNEWS.net’s scoop of the *TVA* on the resignation story only further solidifies USMNEWS.net’s standing on this story.

Finally, *The Victoria Advocate* has filed an open records request of the UH-V faculty council, in hopes of getting some information on why the “no confidence” motion (regarding LaBrecque) was favored by that group. USMNEWS.net applauds *TVA* for using the open records avenue to clear up unknowns regarding this taxpayer-supported public institution (UH-V). However, sources tell USMNEWS.net that, given the tone of *TVA*’s prior reporting on this episode, possibly [clouded by its relation](#) to UH-V, the request was likely made to provide *TVA* with details that it can then use to denigrate UH-V’s faculty council, not its provost. If those details are *fully* disclosed by *TVA*, they will, at least according to sources, likely make LaBrecque look even worse than she looks now. If something else occurs, then the UH-V faculty council will benefit from providing those details to another media outlet. As always, USMNEWS.net is open to that possibility, should it become necessary.