

President's Student Advisory Council
Minutes
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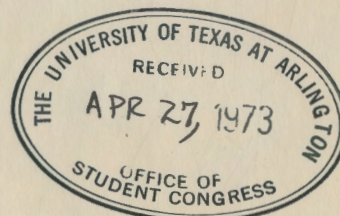
Dean Duke introduced the guests who were: Mr. Hudson and Mr. Harrell from the Library, Ken Curry, the newly elected President of Student Congress, and Willard Filyaw who filled in for Jim Kelley, representative from Military Science.

Jim Hayes told that the Liberal Arts Constituent Council had called a rally in behalf of Mrs. Dale Summers, a History professor, who was terminated. He said the students were having problems in understanding the reasons for her termination. He also felt that the students were asking Dr. Nedderman to step in and make a decision on this.

Agenda item #1 - Additional problems of the handicapped students. Jim Hayes submitted this item and gave the following list:

1. Completion of the basic six points, such as lowering water fountains, telephones, etc.
2. Mr. Will Parker is working on this one. It is for the conversion of four rooms in Brazos and four rooms in Lipscomb in accordance with the standards set forth in Senate Bill 111, Article 678G.
3. Construction of three new ramps - one at Cooper Street, one on the north side of University Hall at the middle entrance, and reconstruction of the entrance ramp to the Engineering Technology Building.
4. A spring tension test to be administered to all outer doors and those not meeting the standards set forth in Article 678 should be altered. If this is not possible, they should be entirely replaced.
5. Periodic maintenance procedure be instituted for all outside ramps with immediate attention given to the Engineering and Student Union Building and the Engineering and Art Building.
6. A policy be instituted which will incorporate the basic six points in all construction with immediate consideration given to the new Fine-Arts Building and be incorporated also into the new Activities Building.
7. Some access be made available to use the audio-tutorial in the basement of the Library and the Computer Center.

Dr. Nedderman suggested that Jim give him this list. Dean Duke also stated that Mr. Strahan had been asked to look at the dorms. Mr. Hudson said the three elevators will be opened up to the basement.



Agenda item #2 - Discussion of Library operation. Linda Benham submitted this item because she felt that a representative from the Library should come and answer some of the questions that have been brought up.

Mr. Hudson said that all pertinent materials, regarding the Minority Cultural Center, had been moved to that area. The collection now has 1,250 volumes, plus newspapers and government documents that have been selected and ready to be placed in the Center. There are about 200 books that are checked out and will be placed in the Center as they are returned. Mr. Hudson said that \$5,000. has been requested from the HEW for materials to be used in this area and that cassette tapes and a player have been purchased.

Discussion went on to the extension of Library hours. Mr. Hudson said that it would take about \$12.00 per hour more for student assistants to keep the Library open extra hours and he had not considered it to be necessary. The hours will, of course, be extended during Dead Week and finals.

Agenda item #3 - Other Business

Linda Benham asked what changes and plans were being made for the transition of the Computer Center.

Dr. Nedderman stated that there would be three RTE's - one located near the Business-Life Science Building, Engineering and Data Processing - connected by phone in Dallas. The present plans are to initially lease nine low-speed terminals with a distribution of three near the Business-Life Science Building, two in Engineering, two in Science and two more in the basement of Texas Hall. The Data Processing facility will keep the Model 25 during the construction period until they get the terminals operating. It will be a fine machine to help make the transition. He also stated that this would give UTA a tremendous increase in capability.

Bill Fleming made comments of the letters in the Shorthorn regarding the new Mall that will run in front of the Library. He felt that the majority of the students wanted to beautify our campus in order to make it look more like a University.

Dr. Nedderman stated that this would be a \$500,000 project and since we are looking forward to a campus of 30,000 students in a few years we need pleasant surroundings where a large number of people can move about more comfortably. He said he felt we're on the verge of a breakthrough that will make UTA look like a real campus. He also commented on the depression of Cooper Street. He said we were negotiating with the Highway Department and that it is up to the Board of Regents' level now.

Dean Duke expressed his appreciation to the students for serving on the council. Dr. Nedderman also expressed his appreciation for being able to meet with the students and hearing directly some of the problems.

Meeting adjourned.