

President's Student Advisory Council  
Minutes  
November 28, 1973

Dean Duke introduced Ron McIntyre, newly elected president of the freshman class. Ron replaces James Burks, outgoing president.

After some discussion concerning the December meeting, it was agreed that it would be best to omit this meeting and continue at the regular time in January.

Dr. Nedderman said he had several reports to give that might be of interest to the council members and asked that they pass this information along to their constituents.

He first talked about the energy crisis saying that UTA now has a print-out located on campus where the students are categorized by zip code. This is to encourage students to get together and work out car pools. He also stated that a lot of the students do not know about the bus service that is available to our campus. Timers will be put on the parking lot lights allowing most of the lights to go off around midnight. There will be enough for security purposes. Part of the lights in the hallways of buildings will be turned off and thermostats will come down some. Custodial workers will come in at 5 p. m. rather than 9 p. m., which will reduce the number of hours the buildings will have to be lighted. Dr. Nedderman asked the council members to encourage their constituents to help meet this crisis.

Dr. Nedderman said a statement came to him concerning the fact that female faculty members were being treated rather shabbily on our campus and, in his opinion, this is not true. He stated that the goals of UTA is fairness to all. He listed a number of things that have taken place on our campus to indicate that women have been treated fairly:

1. Appointment of Dr. Joyce Buckner as acting chairman of the Department of Education.
2. Appointment of Dr. Mary Lyn Crow as Director of the Research Development Center.
3. Appointment of Lynn Davis as Director of News and Information.
4. A budget established for women's intercollegiate athletics.
5. Salary adjustments of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for female faculty were lifted off the top of appropriations before allocations were made to the various colleges.

Dr. Nedderman told about a letter he received from the Chancellor requesting information concerning the mechanisms used for student views on this campus. He sent the following response:

1. President's Student Advisory Council that consists of 18 students representing various groups on campus.
2. Two students are serving on the Activities Building Committee.
3. One student is serving on the Long Range Planning Committee.
4. Students serving on twenty-three standing University committees.

Dr. Nedderman gave the following other items of interest:

1. Appointment of eight permanent chairmen of departments. Two under consideration - Geology and Accounting.
2. The endowed Art History Chair was filled.
3. Self-study has been done. This has taken 18 months. Southern Association visitation team will be on campus next year - ten year reaffirmation accreditation of UTA as a whole.
4. Faculty Development Resource Center has been responded to very enthusiastically.
5. Affirmative action has occupied quite a bit of time. 800 page document submitted to HEW on the affirmative action policy at UTA. Progress has been made on hiring of women and minorities.
6. Another item is the early admission program.
7. Establishment of the Office of Veterans Affairs.
8. Program increasing student visibility. Student Congress members serving as host and hostesses at functions for the University.
9. The program for aiding the handicapped students. Two months ago UTA received Governor Briscoe's award for "outstanding state agency in working with the handicapped". This award has only been in existence for four years and this is the first time UTA has received it. The award cited general attitude that prevails on the UTA campus and personnel office advertising and placement of handicapped people.
10. Counseling of the freshmen at summer orientation. Hogg Foundation funds for peer counseling and one-day clinic for transfer students.
11. The program of public relations and the image of UTA.
12. Some information of interest concerning the history of UTA:
  - a. UTA has conferred its 10,000th degree.
  - b. 2,200 degrees being conferred each year now.
  - c. 35 BA degrees, 27 Masters and 3 PhD's.

Dean Duke asked if there was any reaction to what Dr. Nedderman had to say up to this point.

Terese Allen asked Dr. Nedderman if he had any input on the Thursday night program during UTA Week.

He said he had suggested to Lynn Davis that she get people together who worked on UTA Week and review the entire program.

Dean Duke told the council members about the Gifted Student Foundation that UTA has been negotiating with for the past several weeks. This is a summer program for gifted high school seniors. This means that the students will be going into their senior year next fall. They recruit gifted students - those that are in the upper 5% academically. The program will be on the UTA campus next summer. There will be fifty male and fifty female students from all over the country and perhaps foreign countries. This will be for seven weeks. It is not an academic program, but a career development program. The students will be housed on our campus working in the community and participating in seminars and lectures concerning career development.

Royce West asked Dr. Nedderman what he meant by saying that they came up with money off the top of the budget for women.

Dr. Nedderman said our budgets come in categorized line items - such as wages, maintenance and operation, etc. What he did was recognize that there were some modifications that were needed and before the total teaching salary was distributed to various colleges, an adjustment in salaries for women was taken care of before other appropriations were made.

Royce asked if this could be used for other groups and what constitutes that adjustment.

Dr. Nedderman said that the Committee on the Status of Women brought this to his attention. The matter was discussed between the chairman of the department and the dean of the college with the Vice-President for Academic Affairs being the arbitrator between the two.

#### The need for left-handed desks:

David Chamberlain submitted this item, but Royce West spoke on the subject. He said that as a representative of the students his obligation is to get a bill passed through Student Congress and get it implemented by the University to purchase some desks for left-handed students. He said he did some research and found that all desks cost the same. He made a recommendation that 15-20% of the desks in each classroom be for left-handed students.

Dr. Nedderman feels that it would be difficult to determine how many would be needed and Dean Duke suggested that some research be done on this.

#### Discussion of Activity period:

Terese Allen said she heard this had been tabled.

This proposal was submitted by the Registration, Calendar and Scheduling Committee to the Undergraduate Assembly. Dean Duke said the final action of the Assembly was that it be sent back to the Committee with the suggestion that they come up with a recommendation that would be acceptable.

He said there were three philosophies concerning the proposal:

1. One group was very supportive.
2. Second group felt they weren't opposed to it, but felt the mechanics could not be worked out.
3. Third group was opposed to the concept.

Student Publications:

Dean Duke introduced Jim Aldridge, Editor of the Yearbook. This discussion was a continuation of the last meeting. Jim gave a run-down on what the Yearbook will be like this year. He said it would be a magazine style format - a little more professional looking. The main difference will be in the copy. Delivery will be made in August and this has not been done in the past. Jim doesn't feel that this will pose a problem. They will ask the seniors to come by and pay \$1.00 fee for mailing. He said he would like to see funds for mailing these Yearbooks incorporated in the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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