

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

STUDENT CONGRESS  
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 71-44

SUBJECT: Facilities for Handicapped Students

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ACTION TAKEN: Referred to the Student Affairs Committee

REMARKS: Passed 10-19-71

Whereas, there exist impairments to the mobilization and daily routines of handicapped students, especially those confined to wheelchairs, now enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington, and

Whereas, these impairments occur in four major areas which are: (1) elevators, (2) street and stair ramps, (3) restrooms, and (4) spectator facilities at athletic events, and

Whereas, area 1 concerns some unnecessary utilization of elevators by those students and faculty members who are not solely dependant upon their use , and

Whereas, area 2 concerns poor construction and/or poor maintenance of ramps for the handicapped, and

Whereas, area 3 concerns inadequacies in restroom facilities as compared to the needs of said handicapped students,

Be it therefore resolved:

That permanent signs be installed on specific elevators of each building to state that said elevators are for those who are dependant upon their use and

That the necessary new ramps for connecting sidewalks, streets, and buildings be constructed, leveled and maintained, and

That at least one (1) bathroom stall in each restroom be widened to allow unrestricted passage of a wheelchair and

That handicapped facilities at athletic events be enlarged and improved wherever difficulties exist for the handicapped spectator, and

That a committee composed of representatives from the Handicapped Students Association and Student Congress advise specific improvements as pertain to the above and as future problems arise.