

President's Student Advisory Council
Minutes
April 24, 1974

Dean Duke opened the meeting and introduced the new members; namely, Royce West, new President of Student Congress; Stan Prichard, new President of Interfraternity Council; Scott Keeth, new President of the Student Activities Board; and Lee Dunkelberg, new Editor of the SHORTHORN. Jim Cates, Vice President of the Freshmen Class, was sitting in for Ron McIntyre. Absent: Vicki Gnuse, Tom Gorman, Johnnie Grez, and Allen Morris.

Agenda Items:

1. Progress Report on Legal Services

Dean Duke advised that the Council is aware a request has been made by the Law Society and the Student Government for legal services. This was voted on in the Spring election and the results were 805 students would use this service, 317 would not and 38 abstained. There is no money available to hire an attorney this Fall, but there are other possibilities. Dean Duke is exploring the possibility of working out a joint appointment with the College of Business.

2. Progress Report on Coffeehouse

This is another area that we are attempting to gather data. Obtained information from two different sources - faculty response and student response. On the student survey taken, 74% voted in favor and 26% voted against and of the 170 faculty responses, 2/3 voted yes and 1/3 voted no. One of our students ran a survey and Dean Duke was advised of the results. Dean Duke has the proposal in his office and is collecting as much data as possible and will be making a decision on it. In response to the question when this would be effective, Dean Duke advised as far as spacewise, if the decision should be yes, it would probably be another year before this could go into effect.

3. Remarks by President Nedderman

President Nedderman distributed copy of the average resident-student charges for tuition and fees at more than 1,500 colleges and universities for 1973-74 and 1974-75 from The Chronicle of Higher Education. This question comes up frequently at UTA and simply shows that UTA is at the lower end of the scale with the rest of the nation.

As of last Friday, UTA now has a Ph.D program in Administration. It is designed to pull students from the Graduate School of Social Work,

the Institute of Urban Studies, and the College of Business Administration. President Nedderman outlined how the University will benefit from this new program. President Nedderman also advised that we have received authority to have a Ph.D in Biomedical Engineering, and this new program will be conducted by UTA and the UT Health Science Center in Dallas. These new programs will have a limited start this Fall.

President Nedderman advised of the complaint he had received regarding the overbuilding of parking lots. He proceeded to advise that new parking lots will be built only as needed. President Nedderman further discussed what the University is doing in regard to car pooling and bus transportation.

President Nedderman discussed the matter of Cooper Street and reported at the last meeting of the President's Student Advisory Council that he was hopeful that some solution would be reached. He pointed out this is a complex problem and Vice President Wetsel has been meeting weekly on this matter. Advised that two weeks ago, finally received permission for a reasonably safe interim solution to have pedestrian lights placed on Cooper Street. President Nedderman further advised that there were two prior requests to the Highway Department to improve the safety of Cooper Street, which were turned down, before the latest approval. Dean Duke advised that the recent demonstration on Cooper Street will not solve the problem. Administration is doing everything it possibly can, both from a short-term and long-term standpoint.

Other Business:

Royce West inquired of President Nedderman what are the general administration priorities for 1974-75. President Nedderman advised some of the things that are being done at the present time. Now engaged in an active program on the goals for the University.

1. A master plan for the physical plant development for the campus. The Long Range Planning Committee under Dr. Litrio has been working on this.
2. A plan for academic program development
3. A departmental master plan. At the present time, meeting with twenty-five departments on campus. Also looking at the organization charts. Will start meeting with the non-academic department heads this evening to start a study on the reorganization of non-academic departments.

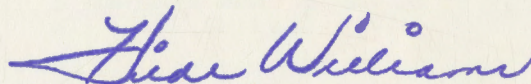
Our plans for 1974-75 are to provide for the students as best we can.

Jim Hayes advised that he was speaking for the dorm council at Brazos House. Brazos has been out of water off and on for ten days since the Spring break. The residents have written up a petition for some amount of reimbursement due to the inconvenience. Jim advised that of the 102 residents in the residence hall, 90 of them signed the petition. The residents feel that for this to happen continuously with no back-up system is unjust. They feel the University is responsible for this and they are justified in asking for a refund. President Nedderman advised he cannot blame the residents for being aggitated. He further advised that he was out of town and recently advised of the situation, and he is not well enough informed at the present time to respond to the comments. Mason Woodruff, representing the Residence Hall Action Council, advised that this has been brought to the attention of RHAC and they have voted to support this petition.

In summing up, Dean Duke advised that this is the last meeting of the school year and expressed appreciation to each of the members for bringing matters to the attention of President Nedderman and himself. President Nedderman advised that he has personally found these meetings very beneficial.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dean Williams".

Dean of Student Life Office