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Minutes of President's Student Advisory Council
October 11, 1972

Dean Duke introduced the people who were invited to attend this meeting in order that they might answer questions pertaining to the agenda. They were as follows:

Dr. Wendell Nedderman, Vice-President for Academic Affairs
Mr. R. B. Price, Vice-President for Business Affairs
Mr. Pat Fowler, Director of the Student Center
Mr. Larry Minor, Manager of the Bookstore

Mrs. Lynn Davis, Director of Public Information, was a guest.

President Harrison stated that this was a student meeting and suggested that the students ask their questions.

First item discussed concerned services of the Bookstore:

Linda Benham asked how the Bookstore ordered books regarding the request of the Departments.

Mr. Minor said several things enter into the picture. Normally, the Bookstore orders the number requested by the Department, however, they do take into consideration the number of books on hand and how many they will possibly buy back.

Bob Davis asked what happened if they ordered 100 books and only sell 75. Mr. Minor said that all publishers have a "return policy".

Robert Preissner asked how long it takes to order books.

Mr. Minor said that the bulk of the orders were made after the first summer session was supplied. This was done in preparation for the Fall Semester. He also said that he orders books by phone.

Bill Fleming asked what the volume of sales was for last year. Mr. Minor said \$1,044,000.00 and that the net was \$16,400.00.

Linda Muccio asked Mr. Minor to explain how orders were made on books for new courses, stating that a professor estimated they would need 50 and he only ordered 25. She wanted to know who made this type of decision.

Mr. Minor could not explain this.

Bob Preissner asked why it was that students could buy books for less off campus. Mr. Minor questioned whether or not this was actually true and, if so, he would question the publishers about this.

Felipe Guerrero asked if the CO-OP Store on the campus at Austin was a better system than we had here.

Mr. Minor stated that he did not know how the system operated.

Johnny Mayes asked about the policy of the Bookstore not buying back a book. He said that the book was discontinued for one semester and then used the next semester.

Mr. Minor stated that when the Department dropped a textbook they do take it off the list to "buy back".

Charley Skaggs asked who sets the price that a student gets when he sells the book back to the Bookstore.

Mr. Minor says that the policy never changes. The "buy back" price for the student is based on the original price of the book.

Jim Hayes asked what would happen if the Bookstore was divided into two areas at registration time. One would be an area where they sell freshman and sophomore books and the other for junior and senior books.

Mr. Price stated that to do this would be costly. He views the Bookstore as a service operation for the students and they want to operate it on an economical basis - not to make money but to perform a service.

Linda Benham proposed that a list be posted on the door of the Bookstore of the books that had been sold out.

Everyone agreed that this was a very good suggestion.

Gary Cochran said that he felt one of the solutions to the Bookstore problem would be to have pre-registration. He asked if anyone had done anything about this since the last meeting.

President Harrison said the Registrar's Office is considering pre-registration plans and stated that it may solve some of the problems that have been discussed.

Second item discussed was custodial services in the Engineering Building.

Steve Jones was concerned that the desks in the Engineering Building were so dirty and he felt that if they were cleaned, this might discourage students from further writing on them.

President Harrison said the custodial people are assigned to clean the buildings and not the desks. In fact, they are cautioned not to bother things on desks.

Next item on the agenda is teacher evaluation.

Bob Preissner brought this item stating that the instructors had not been required to participate.

Dr. Nedderman said they would have another teacher effectiveness survey coming up at the end of the Fall Semester. It was recommended by the Teaching Effectiveness Committee that all classes and instructors be sampled. He also said the results will be presented to the faculty and they in turn can make comments to the chairman and dean. The Committee recommended at this time that these comments be made known only to the faculty members and Dr. Nedderman stated that they would go along with this.

Jim Hayes asked what weight is placed on faculty evaluations.

Dr. Nedderman stated that this information would help determine such things as promotions, salary increases, tenure, etc. He felt that these things are based on:

(1) teaching effectiveness	(3) research
(2) being scholarly	(4) contributions to the institution

He stated that for promotion to senior rank the faculty member should be outstanding in one of the first two and acceptable in the remaining two.

President Harrison stated that a very good committee had been appointed to decide how to evaluate faculty.

Dean Duke expressed his appreciation to Dr. Nedderman, Mr. Price, Mr. Fowler and Mr. Minor. He also asked the students to send their agenda items in to his office by the first Wednesday of November.

President Harrison stated that this is the format that will be followed every time a specific question comes up.

Jim Hayes issued an invitation for this group to join him some afternoon to see some of the problems that handicapped students are faced with. He also said he would like to have the Shorthorn made aware of these things.

Mr. Fowler stated that they were correcting some things in the Student Center. They were installing a phone for people in wheel chairs and also adjusting a water fountain.

LeNorman Strong issued an invitation to the group to visit the Minority Cultural Center in the Library.

Dean Duke stated that this was a significant group on campus and suggested that these answers be carried back to the student body.

President Harrison said that if the information stops here then all that is done is to help fifteen students.

Meeting adjourned.