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I. BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr. announced the Board of Regents regular meeting at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, 1974 in which the Phase I design development architectural plans will be considered. Dr. Stewart expressed his appreciation for the work done by the faculty and administration regarding the plans and the evaluation reports. The primary concern expressed by the evaluation reports is amount of space allotted in the plans. These evaluation reports will be forwarded to the regents so that they might have an indication of each person's concerns.

Dr. Robert L. Cox, Dean of the School of Education and Psychology, expressed the need for a person to whom the faculty and staff could express their opinions other than Dr. Turney and Mr. Sawyer. He felt that these men should not have to be bothered with the complaints of the faculty. The ideas of the faculty have been expressed but have not been applied.

Dr. George Joyce, Dean of the School of Business, said that he was not knowledgeable of the architect's arrival and that he thought there should be some type of announcement of their arrival. Dr. Joyce also mentioned that there had been delays in getting suggestions and ideas incorporated into the plans.

Mr. John R. Pierce, Director of Physical Plant, said that requests had been made for recognition to be given to specific areas and that some of the changes would probably be shown on the plans that will be made available to TSC personnel during the architects visit.

Dr. Joyce pointed out that the faculty has had no chance to review the plans before they are presented to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Pierce said that even though the Phase I development stage is ending, there is still time to change the plans to some extent. He added that there will be ongoing input from now until construction starts.

Dr. Cox commented on the fact that ideas had already been expressed and discussed and now a new person from the architectural team is being introduced and he will have to review the whole process.

Dr. Stewart asked if there were any suggestions of how to communicate other than the present way of operation.

Dr. Noel McCoy, Dean of Student Life, suggested that some type of officer representing the architectural firm should be available for the TSC personnel to talk with and express their opinions and he could relate the opinions to the firm.
Dr. Cox said that he thought there had not been enough communication between the architects and the TSC personnel.

Mr. John Sawyer, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, said that through the remainder of this project, one should not expect all ideas to be implemented. The outcome of the plans will be more or less a compromise. Expressing ideas is the main issue but one should not expect each little detail to be accepted. In his experiences, he has seen more input of ideas by TSC personnel than by any other organization involved in the same situation.

Dr. Stewart agreed that all questions should certainly be answered but that the architects could not incorporate every change proposed by everyone. He promoted the fact of everyone persisting with his suggestions.

Dr. Stewart continued by saying that one should suggest his ideas and let the architects react to the suggestions. If an educationally functional solution is not achieved by the architects, then a reevaluation should take place.

Mr. Pierce said that due to a revised estimate and increased escalation and construction costs, TSC might be asked to review the plans between now and the time construction begins.

Dr. Bill Turney, Vice President for Academic Affairs, asked if the windows in the buildings were going to be operable. He had heard that due to the energy crisis, they might be.

Dr. Stewart said that at one time it had been considered, but at the present time he did not know if it were still under consideration.

Mr. Sawyer said that the request for the evaluations might have given some people the opinion that TSC had a deadline to meet. Actually, the evaluations were to see where TSC stands.

Dr. Stewart commented that there was a minimum number of major changes reported on the evaluations.

Dr. Smyrl emphasized keeping in mind that Phase I is temporary for some people. And he had one vital suggestion - that being - written records of suggestions and comprises be kept.

Mr. Pierce stated that the architects should soon be submitting preliminary construction documents for TSC to review.

Mr. Sawyer said, as far as floor plans are concerned, that the time is rapidly approaching when changes will not be accepted and the floor plan will be fixed.

Dr. McCoy asked if the plans should be inspected by the faculty before the meeting of the regents.
Dr. Stewart's answer was that it would be preferred but that he would have to check with the architects about their time allowance. (i.e., if they would arrive early enough before the Board meeting on January 9 for a review. Review of plans will continue after this date, of course.)

Dr. Stewart added that the Board of Regents will be asked to approve the new agreement between Tyler State College and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare which covers the continuing institutional participation in any or all of the three Federal student financial aid programs; namely, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Program, College Work-Study Program, and National Direct Student Loan Program during Fiscal Year 1975.

Dr. Turney reported that the Board of Regents had approved a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing for Tyler State College on January 31, 1973. The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, deferred action on this degree program until a statewide study on nursing degree needs had been concluded. In the meantime, Dr. Turney continued, the staff has been obtaining data to further substantiate the needs for a degree in nursing at TSC and our institution has been encouraged by the State Board to submit a program unique in this area that will allow for complete career mobility. TSC is resubmitting its request for the nursing degree to the Coordinating Board at its April meeting. If the request is approved, the program will not be implemented until 1975 or 1976 due to the planning involved. Possibly general education will be the only part of this program implemented at that time.

Dr. Turney continued that TSC is proposing that the third year of the program be a cooperative program with the Texas Eastern School of Nursing which will make it much more economical for TSC. Hopefully, the fourth year, TSC will be on its own.

II. FACULTY MEETING

Dr. Stewart announced a general faculty meeting opening the 1974 spring semester for Thursday, January 10, 1974.

III. REGISTRATION

Dr. Stewart asked if anyone had questions about registration.

Dr. Marsh commented that TSC had received 112 new applications which was very encouraging.

Dr. Morris asked what the fall semester headcount was at the end of the term. The exact number was not known but estimated at twenty students less than the initial enrollment of 507.

Dr. Stewart commented that the wives of several faculty members would be helping
with registration this semester. He expressed his appreciation to each one who had volunteered for this task.

IV. TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Dr. Stewart announced that the Texas Constitutional Convention got under way today and asked Dr. Smyrl to elaborate.

Dr. Smyrl said that William Snidow, a student at TSC, would be working this spring with Representative Billy Williamson as an assistant dealing with the Constitution and would be registered at TSC concurrently in special problems courses. Mr. Snidow will report to TSC on the work that he is doing and keep records for the library. Hopefully, this arrangement will be repeated in future years.

V. ENERGY CRISIS

Dr. McCoy recognized Dr. Joyce for suggesting that a desk be set up at registration for students to sign up for car pooling. Dr. McCoy also announced that President H. E. Jenkins of Tyler Junior College had offered to all TSC students the use of the TJC busses on a "space available" basis.

Dr. Turney commented that, in relation to the energy crisis, some schools had adopted the four-day week. He had had several questions relative to the four-day week and had considered changing the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night classes to meet on Monday and Wednesday. But due to the prior publication of the spring class schedule, it would be impossible to do. Although it might be possible to change some of the class times after registration if the students are willing to do so.

Dr. Stewart said that he thought that a reference to the four-day week at this time was dangerous and that TSC should refrain from using the term, although he agreed with the rescheduling of classes that could be rescheduled.

Dr. Smyrl introduced the possibility that TSC might consider the six-day week where holding classes on Saturdays would be involved.

Dr. Stewart reminded everyone that TSC is filing a report with the State of Texas each month on the energy consumed by TSC and asked everyone to keep it in mind in regards to heating, travel, etc.

VI. UTILIZATION OF INTERCOM BY FACULTY

Mr. Jim Powell, Director of the Public Information Office, said that INTERCOM needed more input.

Dr. Turney asked what kind of information was preferred. The reply by Mr. Powell
was that information of an institutional nature would be accepted and that any
information closely related would be considered.

Mr. Powell added that the purpose of INTERCOM is to inform the TSC personnel
and that he would like to make it as interesting as possible.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Stewart announced that the State Bar of Texas and the Smith County Bar
Association will be sponsoring a meeting on the TSC campus Thursday, January 24, 1974. More details will be available at a later date.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Robert L. Cox
A. Wayne Criswell
Dr. George Joyce
Dr. O. Robert Marsh
James L. Mayfield
Dr. Noel H. McCoy
Dr. Gerald L. Morris
John R. Pierce
James S. Powell
John R. Sawyer
Dr. Frank H. Smyrl
Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr.
Dr. Billy L. Turney