

Faculty Senate Called Meeting October 25, 1995

Senators absent:

Blalock, Ford, Gotti, Kronrad, and McDonald

The special meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Senate Chair Richard Berry. Berry stated that the meeting was called to discuss and vote on a resolution dealing with the Wellness Center facility being proposed by the Board of Regents.

The Wellness Center facility is to be funded by some \$620,000 of \$1.6 million fund residing in a University account. The proposed 7-8,000 square foot building is to be a "Health Club." If built, the facility will most likely be located between Raguet Apartments and Homer Bryce Stadium. The Board is moving the proposal forward.

Chair Berry pointed out some concerns about the proposal:

- 1) There is no long range plan in place to fund and maintain such a facility at this time. Regent Murphy stated the administration will be responsible to budget for these needs.
- 2) Contractors may work at cost as a favor to one of the regents.
- 3) It is not quite clear who will be able to use the facility and the fees which will be charged to use the Wellness Center.

Chair Berry added that the Senate can have input into the decision. A resolution was introduced for discussion (see Attachment #1).

Senator Rushing asked the whereabouts of Dr. Angel and Dr. Ashley. It was pointed out they were in Austin at the Coordinating Board Meeting.

Senator Turner asked what level of consensus among faculty is representing the desire for a wellness program.

Chair Berry explained that currently there is not a program in the proposal, just a building and that Regent Murphy intends to fully outfit the center with the latest and best equipment, even if private monies are solicited to complete the project.

Senator Walker questioned the location of the center. He felt the facility needs to be at some distance from the stadium.

Senator Fisher asked about parking and it was pointed out that there was adequate stadium parking.

Senator Sullivan questioned the legal aspect of the proposal (#1 of proposal).

Senator Price stated that the center may become a liability because the money from the insurance surplus will be used to build the center, not operate it.

Chair Berry pointed out the second part of the resolution states a plan to utilize the funds if they are not dedicated to a new building.

Senator Sullivan asked about the difference in materials for construction and who will use the facility? Will use be by administrators, then faculty, staff and students? Perhaps students will have an allotted time. Can the center possibly be open to the community?

Senator DuFrene moved to adopt the resolution. Senator Rushing seconded to motion.

Senator Dumesnil questioned the concept of a monthly usage fee.

Senator Lisieski asked if the administration expressed interest in involving faculty input in the final decision.

Chair Berry commented that Dr. Angel called this the "Regents' Project." Dr. Angel has not had much input into the proposal.

Senator S. McCune wished to amend the resolution to include a plan (Wellness Program).

Senator Lisieski stressed the sticking point of the proposal to be that it may be well meaning, but distinctions need to be made.

Senator S. McCune questioned if the Faculty Senate could have any input on the location. McCune asked if the facility was solely for the intent outlined in the proposal.

It was pointed out that the location had been finalized.

Senator Sullivan commented the resolution needed to be sent to the individual Regents and Dr. Angel as soon as possible.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Chair Berry stated he will locate Dr. Angel and the Regents to provide each with a copy.

Meeting adjourned by Berry at 4:05 p.m.