

From the University Council

THE SEVENTH REGULAR meeting of the University Council for 1983-84 was convened at 2:15 p.m. in Main Building 212 on Monday, March 19, 1984. President Peter T. Flawn presided.

Approval without correction was given to the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 20, 1984. There was no discussion of the Secretary's Report. In order to accommodate several non-members of the Council who wished to speak concerning proposed legislation, the Council reordered the agenda by placing two items of new business before old business.



**Report by
H. PAUL KELLEY,
Secretary**

Under questions to the president, James H. Sledd (English) asked which administrator had made the decision that English 106K and English 206L could not be offered. President Flawn replied that he was not informed on that matter and called on Dean Robert D. King (Liberal Arts) to respond. Dean King stated that he had told the chairman of the Department of English that it was up to the department when to begin offering those two courses.

The first item of new business was a motion by Trevor L. Pearlman (student representative) to create an ad hoc committee of the University Council to investigate and make recommendations on the concerns of scholastic dishonesty and measures that should be taken to deal with the problem. Mr. Pearlman reported that, in a survey of 417 students conducted by the Students' Association in Nov. 1983, 60.8 per cent of the students said that they believed that there is a problem with academic dishonesty at UT Austin and that 46 per cent of the students said that they felt that their grades had been hurt by others cheating. The motion proposed that a committee of four faculty members, three students and one administrator be created and make a progress report to the Council by its next meeting. First, a motion by John R. Durbin (Mathematics) was adopted changing the way in which two of the faculty members were to be appointed to the ad hoc committee. Next, Lear L. Ashmore (Speech Communication), chairman of the standing Committee on Discipline Policies, expressed her belief that the work of the proposed committee would unnecessarily du-

plicate the work of the standing committee. Mr. Pearlman said he believed that the standing committee was concerned primarily with individual discipline cases, but Ms. Ashmore emphasized that it dealt with policies as well. There was no further discussion, and the amended motion failed by a vote of 13 to 29.

The second item of new business was a report by David J. Drum (assistant vice president for student affairs), chairman of an ad hoc committee to recommend revisions of the language of Appendix C, Chapter 10, of the General Information Bulletin. The committee had been authorized by the University Council and appointed by the president in response to questions about the need and appropriateness of the regulations in Chapter 10 at the time when faculty and staff organizations had been brought under those regulations. Three sets of changes were proposed:

a. The first set involved changes of wording and location of reference to Regents Rule VI, Section 7.26. The revisions were required in order to bring the wording of the General Information Bulletin into compliance with changes that had been made in the wording of the Regents' Rule. The recommended wording was, "No person shall be permitted to advocate the conscious and deliberate violation of any federal, state, or local law."

b. The second set changed the time frame within which the dean can refuse an application. The changes provided that the dean would "upon request ... give the applicant a written statement of the grounds for refusal within one class day."

c. The third set changed the time frame within which the vice president shall notify a person or organization that an appeal hearing will be held to "at least one class day before the date of the hearing."

Mr. Drum explained the nature and purposes of each set of changes, and each was adopted without further discussion.

The Council then returned to old business, a motion to change the procedures used to select a Commencement speaker which had been made at the previous meeting by Mitchell R. Kreindler (student representative). Mr. Kreindler withdrew his earlier proposal and substituted for it the following procedure:

Students would compile a confidential list of at least 10 nominees and submit it to the Commencement and Academic Ceremonies Committee; the committee would review the list, could double the number of nominees on the list, and then would send the list to the president; the president would select a speaker from the list, request additional nominees from the committee, or (if time was too short) select a speaker of his own choosing; the University Council could suspend the procedure; the Students' Association president and Senior Cabinet chair-

man would become ex officio members of the Commencement and Academic Ceremonies Committee; and the procedure would become effective at the start of the 1984-85 academic year.

Various aspects of the new procedure were discussed, and an amendment was adopted that eliminated a requirement that the president appear before the Commencement and Academic Ceremonies Committee if he decided to choose a speaker not nominated by the committee. An amendment to remove the limit on the number of nominees that could be added to the list by the committee failed. President Flawn asked if there would be a date by which the students would submit their list to the committee; Mr. Kreindler said that he assumed the list would be prepared and submitted early in the fall semester, and that he had no objection to setting a specific date. President Flawn indicated that he would have time to arrange for a speaker so long as he could receive the list before the Christmas holidays. The amended motion was then adopted.

Mr. Durbin, commenting on the Council's earlier action on the first item of new business, said he hoped that the student representatives would follow up on their concerns about academic dishonesty by bringing to the next Council meeting specific proposals for action by the Discipline Policies Committee. President Flawn concurred that it would be appropriate for the University Council to propose a special charge to that committee.

There was no further discussion or business, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting of the University Council is scheduled in Main Building 212 at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 1984.

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