

ANNUAL REPORT

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1978-79

To: George T. Matthews, Chairperson  
University Senate Steering Committee

From: Richard Stamps, Chairperson *R.D.S.*

I am happy to report on a busy, active and I feel useful year. We met as a committee on seven occasions (Oct. 3, 1978; Oct. 24, 1978; Nov. 7, 1978; Dec. 5, 1978; Jan. 25, 1979; Feb. 27, 1979 and March 22, 1979), appeared before a Board of Trustees special committee hearing (August 14, 1978) and a general Board of Trustees meeting (Feb. 21, 1979). We were also able to give input and feedback to our committee member, George Karas, the University Engineer. I feel this feedback was useful to him in his planning activities. We were able to develop an open working relationship with Mr. Karas that also helped disseminate information from his office and dispel certain fears and rumors that had come up during the year. I feel we were able to carry to him concerns of the groups we represented - faculty, staff and students.

Our major activity this year was to bring before the Board of Trustees a "Policy For Campus Land Reserved for Nature Areas." This recommendation had been passed by the Senate in 1978 and the Student Congress in 1978. Although the recommendation was not passed by the Board, the result was a very useful "administrative policy of the university" which was endorsed by President O'Dowd (see enclosure 1).

Several discussions were held concerning uses of the wetlands west of Squirrel Road as well as other parts of Nature Area I (see Forbes's memo enclosed 2). Continued discussion and action on this topic should be a priority item for next year.

Contact was made with Moon J. Pak concerning plans for the possible development of a medical school and the best locations for buildings and facilities. It is recommended that this contact be maintained.

A discussion was held on three occasions concerning the possible widening of roads around the campus. The general consensus of the committee was that widening of the roads was not advisable and if future demands required widening that these plans should be examined very carefully.

Concern was expressed by several committee members over the movement of large quantities of earth (ex. area west of the pig barn, the area east of the new baseball diamonds) with no discussion with the committee.

Concern was also expressed over the need for a Five-Year Plan that would form the base for a more open dialog between the committee and University Planners. Too often committee members would read about future developmental plans in the paper instead of helping contribute to those plans.

George T. Matthews

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for their contributions and support. I wish the committee success in the future. This report was prepared without the benefit of a joint meeting and so expresses the opinions of the chairperson. Other committee members should not be held responsible for the opinions expressed here.

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