

MINUTES OF JUNTURA MEETING  
March 12, 1973; SUB, 12:00 Noon

Persons present: T. Armstrong, A. Rouyer, W. Voxman, J. Jackson, S. Rolland, T. Richardson, C. Bush, W. Barber, B. Hamilton, M. Smith, T. Bloch, F. Seaman

There was an extended discussion with Vice President Richardson of the housing requests made to the Space Allocation Committee by the BSU and the Chicanos; these requests the Juntura had supported (see minutes of the March 5 meeting).

T. Richardson pointed out that the Space Allocation Committee did not have available the kind of space needed to meet all requests. Further, the Space Committee felt that in an attempt to judge the relative merits of the various requests made to it by minority groups, it would in effect be making policy. The Space Committee therefore felt it needed inputs, in particular some guidelines to indicate what program should be given what priority.

S. Rolland said the Juntura should make its recommendations on these matters to both Faculty Council and to the Administration. He said he hoped that we would endorse the space allocation for those minority groups who need it, and that since the space needs for different groups were different, our recommendations would reflect these differences. It was his view that we should bear in mind that the blacks were here first, and that the Board of Regents had previously approved space for them.

It was noted in this connection that the Native American group had housing. It was also noted that the BSU had housing until recently. When that housing became unusable, there was a need to find the means to enable them to continue their cultural programs. It was also noted that the Chicano group was comparatively small, and were trying to develop their programs. Also, it was noted that the Chicanos, although small in number on our campus, were the largest minority group in the State.

There was a consensus of the Committee that we should make every effort to provide each group with the kind of housing the group needed. A. Rouyer, W. Voxman, and J. Jackson were appointed as a subcommittee to draft a memo to the Administration (and Faculty Council) to present our consensus, incorporating various general points made at this and previous meetings. There was a consensus that the statement should speak only in general terms; should speak to the problem of setting priorities; and that the Juntura expected the BSU and the Chicanos to present the Administration with the specifics of their requests. Further, that the memo include a reference to how the housing request fits with the University policy on minorities, and how the request complemented what the University is now doing in regard to the minorities.

Professor Rolland noted that our recent request for released time for a minority or ethnic group advisor was an idea that needed justification. There was a spirited discussion of this matter.

Professor Rolland said the Committee should review with considerable care the proposed cross listing of Black Studies courses with WSU; in particular, WSU courses which are duplicates of courses now taught here should not be included in the cross listings, nor should WSU courses which might hinder the development of the program at the University of Idaho.

Professor Rolland was invited to come to our next meeting.