

MINUTES
JUNTURA COMMITTEE MEETING
Jan. 27 Noon SUB

Present: Egbert, Jones, Preston, Ramsey, Campbell, Hill, Darden, Dierker, Wayne, Michel, Ortiz, Ortega, Estrada, Bunts, Moody, Driskell

Business:

1. Report on minority recommendations on the Minority Student program. Jack Ridley presented the report, which had written approval of the Native American Student Association, verbal concurrence of MECHA, and approval with reservations (given below) from BASA. Recommendations include an emphasis on recruitment in Idaho and the Northwest, development of professional study and career data, placement of the program within Student Advisory Services, and enlargement of minority counselor positions to 12 months, full time.
2. Report by Jean Hill, dean of Student Advisory Services. Essentially in agreement with the NASA report, Dr. Hill's memorandum proposed 10 month rather than 12 month appointments for assistants. Responsibilities of assistants would include recruitment and retention of minority students.
3. Charles Ramsey provided two arguments against 10 month appointments; part of the purpose for hiring an ethnic identity person is to have them available while students are on campus, he noted. Further, minority students are often late getting materials ready and benefit from having assistance in making applications during the summer.*
*(A point previously made by counselors was their need to be available and prepared well before actual registration in the fall).
4. Arilda Egbert noted BASA's reservations relating to NASA's report. Recruitment should involve a wider area than the Northwest and the director should have a broader range of knowledge of minorities than indicated. Further, BASA would prefer frequent (quarterly) reports from the program director. Additionally, BASA is concerned that the loss of Ramsey will mean loss of a Black identity figurehead on campus.

Next meeting: SUB, Thursday, Feb. 3, room to be posted.