Minutes
April 11, 1995
8:30 a.m.
Rand Hall Dining Room


The March meeting of the Vanderbilt University Staff Advisory Council was called to order by President Gilmer at 8:33 a.m. in the Rand Hall Dining Room. Ms. Gilmer opened the meeting with a reading from Apples of Gold. The minutes of the March 14, 1995 meeting were approved with the following corrections and additions: include Virginia Featherston in the regrets and correct the spelling of principal to principle in fourth paragraph, line five. It should be added that attendance was increased significantly due to concerns about traffic and parking for the general library staff. The library staff is totally dissatisfied with the proposal indicating that they would not be able to park in the Wesley parking facility upon its completion. Parking for these staff members is inadequate and they would like more thought given to their situation. A meeting with the Jane Cleveland, F. Clark Williams and members of the library staff was scheduled for Tuesday, March 21.

The Council has been asked to submit nominations for the Benefits Committee to Vice-Chancellor Bill Jenkins annually in January. Interested persons should inform the Council President prior to that time.

The Nominating Committee presented the candidates for Vice-President/President Elect. Bill Longwell, Brenda McKee, Cindy Miller and Brent Tener were the nominees. Each nominee gave a short synopsis of their Vanderbilt position and plans for the Council. Nominations were called from the floor. There being none, the vote was completed. Brent Tener is the 1995-96 Vice President/President Elect.
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Sue Davis reported on the Staff-Faculty Support Fund which is represented by Sue, two other Council members and three Medical Center Council members. There are limited funds and many requests for assistance. Sue asked for assistance from any departments or individuals. Funds can be deposited into this account by contacting her.

Donna Smith reported on the Student Recreation Center's summer programs. For $31.20, employees can be a member of SRC from May 13 - August 18. Brochures on youth programs, faculty/staff golf tournament, and general information are available.

Elaine Goleski presented the initial information on the 11th Annual Flea Market. A motion was made and passed that organizations must submit a proposal to the Council to receive Flea Market funds. Elaine stated that collection boxes were being allowed in the dorms again this year and asked for volunteers to help with pick-up.

Brent Tener reported for the Traffic and Parking Committee. In the last meeting, they discussed that the land for parking was donated by the University but the budget was dependent upon fees and fines. Equity is utilized by keeping all fees across the board the same. The Committee is reviewing special parking spaces reserved by departments to see if they are being financed by the department or by faculty, staff and student parking fees. The shuttle is being cancelled and golf cans are being considered as an alternative.

Bill Corbin read a letter to President Gilmer requesting that the suggestions within regarding Traffic and Parking concerns be sent to the administration. A copy of the letter accompanies these minutes. A motion was made and seconded that the letter be sent. It unanimously passed.

The Executive Council update from Bill Corbin has already been addressed in other issues throughout the minutes.

Elaine Goleski, Gladys Holt and Virginia Featherston volunteered for the ad hoc committee to study the termination policy stated in the STAFF HANDBOOK, A Guide to Policies and Programs. The full committee will consist of the University and Medical Center representatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m. The next meeting is May 9, 1995, 8:30 a.m. in the Rand Hall Dining Room.

Submitted by,

Karen L. A. Dolan
Staff Concerns about Parking

April 11, 1995

1. A major portion of funding for the shuttle system is raised through traffic and parking fees paid by staff and faculty even though the shuttle system is designed primarily for use by students, many of whom do not purchase permits. If the shuttle system is discontinued, how will be funds ($110,000) be used?

Shouldn't we see a decrease in the current parking fee with this change taking place?

2. The Council would like for the university administration to bear the cost of campus security rather than include a portion of security costs in traffic and parking fees.

3. The Council would like for the administration to consider building a structured parking facility for lot 12B of the Baker Building in order to serve the 21st Avenue corridor. It appears that a structured facility on lot 20 is driven more by the need for parking during athletic functions rather than providing additional parking for staff.

4. The zone system should be considered an interim solution until additional parking is provided. The zone appears to create serious inequities. For example, Central Library staff will not be allowed to use Wesley Place parking although it is across the street from their building and they are contributing to its construction.

5. In the interest of security, we request that Traffic and Parking work with Central Library administration to provide parking for library employees who work evening hours.

6. We support the continuing study of reserved spaces currently used by departments, centers and other university agencies. A charge-back system should be established for these agencies rather than T & P supplementing these activities.

7. We would like to encourage the consideration of a tiered fee structure based upon levels of employee compensation.

8. We believe that adequate parking facilities should be a central component in the planning for any new buildings on campus.