

# CSL asks investigation of Planning Committee charts change married students' housing

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CSL Tuesday also gave the Committee on Student Organizations the official role of advising the Office of Student Activities. Peter Wirtz, coordinator of Student Activities, requested the Council form an advisory group so his office would be accountable to students.

"We do receive student fee money and we feel we have to be accountable to the students," Wirtz remarked.

He said the role of the advisory group would be to help Student Activities in reviewing procedures and practices, hiring new staff, establishing new programs, modifying existing programs and eliminating unnecessary or ineffective programs.

Besides being the bank for all student organizations, Student Activities this year is also involved with intramurals and coordinating student volunteer programs. Student Activities is also trying to establish a credit

union and is aiding ASUN in the establishment of a day care center.

CSL also asked the Housing Policy Committee to investigate the problem of married student housing and recommend possible solutions.

The action came after Joseph J. Plant, a graduate assistant in the Department of Speech Communication, presented a letter in which he said there is a "gross lack" of adequate University housing for married students. Plant said the University has only 150 units for married students, "most of which are a disgrace."

He noted there are several hundred married students living in low-income housing subsidized by the government through the Lincoln Housing Authority. "Don't you agree that these should be left available, as they were originally intended, for those people who are now and will be destitute, or who lack the so-called, 'economic opportunity?'" he asked.

Ideas brought up by last May's campus unrest are having an effect, but changes come slowly to the University community, according to J. M. Daly, biochemistry and nutrition professor.

"The ideas of students and faculty brought up during the student strike are not lost," explained Daly, chairman of the Faculty Senate Academic Planning Committee. "We are trying to make the University more responsive to society and to the needs of students."

A 41 page report of suggestions and comments received by the committee since May, 1970 has been sent to all department chairmen, he said.

"The Committee has many aspects to consider when changes are being implemented," he stressed. "We

want to work out a program which meets the approval of the faculty, the administration, the students, and, of course, the legislature."

The Academic Planning Committee has split into two sub-committees. These sub-committees "will take a hard look at the function of the University; what its role is; what we want to teach; and how we want to teach it," he said.

The sub-committees will submit a written report of their findings to the Faculty Senate January 31, 1971.

Some departments have implemented changes on their own, he said. The English and Geography departments have

compiled syllabuses of all their courses and have distributed them to their students.

"It is unfortunate that nearly all of the framework that the University operates in was laid at the turn of the century," Daly said, "because that framework does not fit today's needs. It is time to look at a new type of organization for the University."

The unrest in May hurt the University externally, but it made the faculty think about what they were teaching and how they were teaching it, Daly added.

"The new University is not lost, but it will take time to change such a complex structure," Daly concluded.

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