RESOLUTION ON THE CAMPUS DISASTER PLAN

Background: In the fall of 1980 a Campus Disaster Plan was formulated under the aegis of the Director of Public Safety. In the winter of 1981 the Academic and Student Senates found the Plan wanting on both procedural and substantive grounds and asked that a broadly-based committee be promulgated to come up with a satisfactory emergency plan for the University; in addition, the Academic Senate asked that the President not put the Disaster Plan into effect because of the shortcomings. The President, in response, directed that a university-wide committee, The Disaster Preparedness Task Force, be formed under the Director of Public Safety. He, however, declared that the Campus Disaster Plan would be operational until another document was approved.

The Task Force held its initial meeting in June of 1982. This committee originally consisted of 14 members but later was expanded by the Public Safety Director to 16 members. Of this number, two members are from the faculty and two from the student body. After four meetings, the Task Force in November 1982 approved the Campus Disaster Preparedness Plan for Peacetime Emergencies by a 10-4 vote (two members were absent), with the four faculty and student members opposed. The approved document consists both of a general section and then some 13 subsections corresponding to a like number of potential emergencies on campus. The Plan is now being edited and then will be sent to the Public Safety Advisory Committee. At the same time, the Academic and Student Senates are being informed about this newest version of the Emergency Plan by their student and faculty committee members and asked to consider the adequacy of this version and respond appropriately.

WHEREAS, The present overall plan by itself does not adequately protect the campus community should an emergency arise; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate requests that the President direct the Public Safety Advisory Committee to prepare the 13 Subplans referred to in the October 5, 1982 memo of the Director of Public Safety. Specifically, each of the Subplans should consider the following subjects, among others, where appropriate:

a. That adequate attention has been paid to the needs of the handicapped;

b. That adequate numbers of safety personnel will be available to deal with the particular emergency;

c. That the safety personnel have received adequate training for their special tasks for the different emergencies;

d. That sufficient equipment exists to effectively react to the different emergencies;

e. That adequate advance planning has taken place to permit effective evacuation of the campus, if necessary, for the different emergencies;
f. That adequate advance planning has taken place to permit effective sheltering of the campus population, if necessary, for the different emergencies;

g. That adequate emergency plans and/or informational material be made available for the various departments and other units on campus as well as for the campus community in general; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic and Student Senates be given copies of each Subplan as it is developed as part of the campus review process of the Campus Disaster Plan.

APPROVED

February 8, 1983