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SUMMARY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDY SESSION

December 4, 1967

Present: Charles Edmunds, Frank Cooper, Mrs. Maxine Myers, Dr. Ford, Dr. Jacobson, Dean Falk, Mr. Wirsing

The recommendations of the Evaluation Committee of the Northwest Association for secondary and higher schools were discussed, and the following consensus was reached:

1. As for the recommendation that Tacoma Community College reassess its objective of not duplicating the work of Tacoma Vocational-Technical Institute, board members felt that TCC is carrying out its stated objectives. It was felt that the present system of cooperation between the two institutions, while in need of some refinements, is working adequately.
2. In regard to the recommendation that TCC work to reduce class sizes, it was noted that the college has been consistently over-enrolled and that the decision has been made that it is preferable to admit students and have large classes rather than to bar the door of educational opportunity. It was also noted that large classes make other small classes which could not otherwise be offered economically feasible.
3. As for the recommendation that more sophomore-level courses should be offered, it was noted that the distribution of freshman and sophomore classes roughly parallels the number of freshmen and sophomores on the campus. In addition, it was observed that the trend in college education is to discourage students from making too-early decisions as to careers or majors.
4. In regard to the suggestion that TCC should review its courses and descriptions to make sure that they meet the needs of Tacoma and do not merely copy a four-year institution, it was noted:
 - (a) that a new institution striving for accreditation must pattern its course offerings after accepted practices;
 - (b) that the community service program, which is being expanded, enables the college to be innovative in meeting community needs; and
 - (c) that the process of revising course offerings to meet specific needs has already begun.
5. It was noted that the suggestion to make the requirements for the Associate of Arts degree specific has already been accomplished, independently of the accreditation committee's report.

6. As for the recommendation for a distinct associate degree based on general studies courses, the feeling was that there is not necessarily a qualitative difference between the two programs and that four-year institutions admit transfer students on the basis of their transcripts, not their degrees.
7. In reference to the recommendation for a full-time instructor in engineering, it was felt that the volume of students in that department does not warrant a full-time instructor.

Mr. Cooper requested that the accreditation committee's report be made an item on the agenda for the Jan. 4 board meeting.

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Tacoma Community College

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 6, 1967
To: President Ford
From: Dean Falk
Subject: STUDENTS' FREEDOM OF INQUIRY AND EXPRESSION

It has been the practice of the college administration to encourage and support the student government in its worthy efforts to develop reasonable means of self-governance.

The following policy statement concerns the protection of students' academic freedoms in the collegiate setting. After extensive study and discussion the statement was recommended by the campus Activities Council on Tuesday, November 28, 1967, and approved by Government of Associated Students of Tacoma Community College on Thursday, November 30, 1967.

Accordingly, it is recommended that this document be accepted in the light in which it has been submitted--as a reasonable and mature effort to protect students' freedom of inquiry and expression.

POLICY FOR STUDENT - INVITED SPEAKERS

The students of Tacoma Community College subscribe to the proposition that an important aspect of the education of college students is the opportunity to listen to speakers representing a wide variety of opinions and beliefs on all important issues. Therefore, in conformity with the American traditions of free speech and free inquiry, it is hereby provided that any recognized student organization or activity, with the knowledge of its advisor, may invite to the campus any speaker the group would like to hear, subject to restraints imposed by federal and/or state constitutions and statutes. The appearance of an invited speaker on the campus does not involve any endorsement, either implicit or explicit, of his views by the students, faculty, administration, or Board of Trustees of Tacoma Community College.

In carrying out the intent of the above policy statement governing the appearance on campus of student-invited speakers, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The Student Activities Coordinator will be notified in advance of the appearance of an invited speaker to permit adequate time for making necessary arrangements.
2. At the time of this notification, a proper form (available in the office of the Activities Coordinator) signed by the organization's advisor, must be filled out with particulars regarding speaker, time, place, sponsoring organization, and cost.