

Student Opinion and Participation

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Students in the College of Agriculture do have an opportunity to discuss problems, ideas, make suggestions, and learn about various key operations on the University of Arizona campus. Fourteen years ago a Student-Faculty Relations Committee was formed to provide a greater interaction between students and faculty. The committee continues to serve as an effective channel of communication between students, faculty and administration. Being the first such organization on campus it has long served as a model for similar organizations in other colleges on campus. During the last decade many changes in the College of Agriculture have occurred because of suggestions that originated with this committee. The initiation and formation of the Student Council was one suggestion which has provided cooperation and coordination among the various student clubs and organizations within the College of Agriculture. Numerous problems related to registration have been solved because students have an opportunity to voice their complaints at the committee meetings.

The establishment of the student study room, placement of furniture and telephone in the lobby, and changes in registration procedure were worthwhile and timely suggestions which developed into success stories through student faculty and administrative cooperation.

The past two years, students have had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Bill Varney, Director, Student Union, and discuss the operation of the Student Union. Mrs. Luttie L. Higley, Chief Social Science Librarian met with the students and explained some of the problems associated with the students and explained some of the problems associated with the smooth

operation of a library. She spent several hours discussing specific topics such as open hours, more duplicating machines, and security measures. Mr. Doug Paxton and Mr. Vernon Saunders gave the students an idea of the problems associated with security and parking on campus. Mr. Herman Carrillo, assistant registrar, discussed aspects of the registrar's duties, trials and tribulations. In all cases both the students and the guest obtained an insight into the others problems which were for the most part not previously considered.

In addition to staff and faculty members students have visited with the editor of the "Wildcat" and representatives from the ASUA Appropriations Board who are in charge of allocating money to the various student activities on campus.

In general, the student faculty club serves many worthwhile functions.


Most important it allows for student participation in decisions which affect the life of the student in the College of Agriculture and on campus. Many students have expressed their appreciation for having the opportunity of meeting "key people" on campus and getting acquainted with problems at the faculty and administrative level. It is felt that this committee was and is a significant influence contributing to the excellent rapport which has always existed between the students and faculty of the College of Agriculture. Many situations have been solved or headed off by the existence of this committee before they actually became problems.

We're proud of the Student-Faculty Committee accomplishments. This Committee has been appropriately termed a student-faculty group that works!

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