

A.R. 10 Student Services Facility Delay

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A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A DELAY IN THE STUDENT SERVICES FACILITY TO DEVELOP A CAMPUS PLAN AND WISE SYSTEM OF BUILDING DESIGN

WHEREAS: The Student Services Facility will be an important building for all students, and will greatly improve the University's service to students; and

WHEREAS: Once built every student will have reason to visit the Student Services Facility at least once a semester; and

WHEREAS: The \$ 24 million Student Services Facility is funded entirely by the students: \$8 million for the Student Health Center; \$2.5 million for the Counseling and Mental Health Center; and \$13.5 million for student services; and

WHEREAS: The Student Services Facility will house an expanded Health Center, the Counseling and Mental Health Center, Student Financial Services, the Dean of Students, Campus Activities, the Students' Attorney, the Ombudsman, the Students' Association, and student group offices; and

WHEREAS: The Student Services Facility was conceived with the best intentions and highest expectations; and

WHEREAS: The current design of the Student Services Facility has not lived up to the good intentions and high expectations the students approved the building under in 1988 and 1991; and

WHEREAS: The proposed Student Services Facility was designed without a comprehensive campus plan; and

WHEREAS: The University has not carefully considered the effects of combining the Health Center and student services in one building. Students will have to pass through the Health Center to reach the student services; and

WHEREAS: The University has not studied the dangerous traffic patterns of 26th St. and how student traffic will affect the proposed Student Services Facility and the north part of campus; and

WHEREAS: The design of the Student Services Facility has not taken into consideration the tremendous student traffic volumes that will occur at the beginning of each semester; and

WHEREAS: The Student Services Facility was designed around the Social Work Building, an old motel, not up to University standards of construction, with a limited 10 year life span, and no handicapped access; and

WHEREAS: The Social Work Building occupies land that is impinging upon the design of the Student Services Facility:

I. The Student Services Facility has been designed as an "L" twenty feet away from the Social Work Building;

II. Services, i.e. truck deliveries, must come to the north end of the Student Services Facility from Wichita Street instead of University Street because the Social Work Building is in the way;

III. The area available for expansion of the Student Services Facility (if the building is built as currently planned) is inadequate for a useful expansion;

IV. No plans for a potential expansion of the Student Services Facility have been made should the Social Work Building be torn down; and

WHEREAS: The design of the Student Services Facility is poor, largely the result of a bad institutional building process, which has produced buildings like Burdine and RLM; and

WHEREAS: The University has not learned from the mistakes represented in Burdine Hall, and RLM. The Student Services Facility has significant features which resemble both Burdine (siting extremely close to the Social Work Building) and RLM (the escalators); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION THAT:

The University should delay the construction of the Student Services Facility to develop a campus plan and wise system of building design

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Student Services Facility shall be built, after the University redesigns the building under improved conditions -- specifically: a Long Term Comprehensive Campus Plan, reform of UT's institutional building design process, and a renewed focus on "world-class" architecture.

Copies of This Resolution Shall be Sent to President Berdahl, the Regents, and the Legislature.

Sponsored by Representative Gray