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Council Forms Committee To Study Campus Problems

The city of Santa Cruz got into the University of California committee act Tuesday night.

Mayor Harold Carriger appointed a 10-man body to study financial requirements and necessary development programs in the event the university chooses the Cowell ranch site for a central coast campus.

The group is comprised of councilmen and leaders of the Santa Cruz of Tomorrow citizens committee.

Councilman Ted Foster, who suggested the university committee, was named chairman.

Dr. Foster proposed the committee "so we will know what we are getting into and what we really are able to do."

He suggested immediate work on annexation—which might encompass more than the university requirements—and study of needs and costs of streets and utilities to meet expansion with the university.

City Manager Peter Tedesco said any study is premature in that the university staff itself does not know what its final plans or needs are.

"The committee can be activated. But it cannot make any valid studies until we know the final site decision," he said.

Dr. Foster, a UC graduate, said he feels a campus would "add a great deal to Santa Cruz."

"But there is no question that it will cost a great deal of expense and work. We should know as soon as possible what problems we will be faced with and should be able to carry out any commitments we make," he said.

He said he feels much of the data can be obtained immediately from various city departments.

In naming the committee, Mayor Carriger said he is sure members are capable of "an awful lot of discretion and good work."

The committee includes Dr. Foster and councilmen Bert Snyder and Fred Vellutini; Gaylord Noblitt, Orin Howard, Ken Wenzel, Dr. John Morris, Laurence Canfield, Sam Leask III and Cecil Bates.

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