The reports represented Dean Allen as trying to set up an espionage system under which members of the Women’s Council would take note in their English classes on anything objectionable they heard.

“She requested that they write down the name of the teacher and the substance of his remarks,” the report charges. The material was to be turned over to the president of the university who would handle the situation himself or submit it to senior members of the department who would reprimand their colleagues.

Dr. Allen promised that the informants’ names would be kept confidential so that their professors “would never discover the source of information used against them.”

When asked if such tactics were not a violation of academic freedom, the Dean replied that the professors in question had abused their right to such a privilege.

The report further stated Dean Allen, as well as several former deans, had demonstrated their misunderstanding of the student judiciary in attempts to control its “politics” and to use the various Councils as part of their administrative staff.

The report requested a clarification of the relationship between the two, suggesting that an administrator should be “no longer disciplinarian, but only counselor.”

Dr. Allen denies the charges declared in the report. She said, “I believe the students have tried to be honest in their attempts to reconstruct discussions which occurred more than nine months ago, but I also believe their interpretations are inaccurate.”

The reconstruction of the discussion between Dean Allen and the members of the Women’s Council was drawn from a statement signed and presented to the English Department by three witnesses to the discussion. Since the publication of the report, four other student witnesses to the conversation have issued statements confirming the accuracy of the report.

“Absurd” Allegations

Professor Thomas Moser, executive head of the English Department, labels any allegations of sexual misconduct in the department as “absurd.”

Reacting to the first public airing of the report, the student government in emergency session passed a resolution asserting “that the student government shall have sole jurisdiction over student affairs and conduct.”

The executive committee of the Academic Council, Stanford’s top faculty group, named a three-man investigatory committee to interview all people involved in the controversy.

The report, when made, will be turned over to the executive committee and a copy sent to Stanford President Wallace Sterling. The committee and the administration will decide whether to make the report public.