SA Labels Freedom Study ‘Busywork’; Will Work Unofficially On NSA Project

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The National Student Association recently asked Rice to be one of the ten pilot schools in its academic freedom study, but the Student Senate chose by majority vote at a meeting October 17 to be a non-official participant.

Achievements and future plans will be reported to NSA to avoid what Gary Thom referred to as “irrelevant busywork.” President Bob Clarke suggested that the report would have more importance if Rice were one of the pilot schools, but the majority ruled.

THE VALUE of opinion polls was also discussed at the meeting. After deciding that such polls are of value in informing Senators of general attitudes, the Senate examined the procedure of conducting these polls.

For official sanction all polls should be approved by the Senate, even if it is necessary to call a special meeting, it was decided.

ANOTHER POLL on integration was suggested by Wendy Stern to determine whether there has been a change in student opinion since last spring.