Over 350 meet with Camacho about KTRU

Camacho says there is no timetable as to when students can return to radio station

by Olivia Allison

Over 350 people, mostly under-graduate students, attended last night's meeting between KTRU staff, Zenaido Camacho and John Hutchinson to discuss the future of KTRU after the station's regular programming was suspended yesterday morning.

Camacho, who had just joined the station as its new vice president for student affairs, said that KTRU, a student-run radio station operating on the campus of Rice University, had been suspended because of a conflict between student and university administration.

The meeting was called to give students a chance to express their concerns and to hear from the university administration. Camacho said that he was there to listen and to hear from the students.

Many students who attended the meeting wore KTRU bumper stickers on their clothing to show support for the station. Other students wore shirts with the words "Rice University, Enemy of Art," written on them. Two plainclothes University Police officers, Sgt. Les Hulsey and Officer Lisa Heiden, also attended the meeting, as well as at least three in contact television crews and several reporters.

KTRU Station Manager and Will Rice College junior Sandy Soh said the meeting was called in response to students' concerns about the suspension of the station.

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"I think it's important to have a dialogue with the students," he said. "The university administration must act respectably and in a way that is transparent to the students."