

RUTGERS - THE STATE UNIVERSITY

INTERDEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

March 5, 1969

TO: W. Layton Hall, Dean of the College of South Jersey

FROM: Sherwood O. Cole, Chairman, Faculty/Student Relations Committee; and Barry M. Millett, Dean of Students

RE: Department of Student Life and Faculty/Student Relations Committee Meeting--Monday, March 3, 1969, 10:30 AM to Noon

Presiding: Co-chairmen Sherwood O. Cole
Barry M. Millett

Faculty/Student Relations Committee members present:
Dr. Ralph E. Good Dr. Burton L. Mack Neil Haldeman
Berjoohy Haigazian O. Theodore Reid Janet Greenlee
Michael Lehr

Dean of Students Office Staff: Berjoohy Haigazian,
Allen Hauss, Robert Hart, Devra Brenner

B.S.U.M. Representative: Aaron Thompson

Faculty and Student population members - at least 100

Demands discussed:

#7. We demand that an Afro-American be made Dean of black students.

#8. We demand that a Black Financial Aid Director be immediately installed.

B. M. Millett announced that an appointment had been obtained for an assistant to the Dean of Students - whose area of responsibility would be in financial aid. This person will be "on the job" effective July 1, 1969. Those present at this meeting learned that the individual employed was a "Black" person. Aaron Thompson, official representative of the B.S.U.M., stated that this appointment did satisfy the demands #7 and #8; thus no further discussion relating to these two demands was necessary.

- #9. We demand that a black dormitory and recreation building be completed within the next year and a half.

Dr. S. O. Cole informed the group of the commitment of the State University regarding its growth, and that this campus was to remain as a commuter college. Thus, dormitories are not projected into the future plans of the College of South Jersey. It was announced that cooperative housing was encouraged, and that Dr. Robert F. Severson and Leonard Schwartz, Class of 1969, had attended conferences relating to "How to organize and operate a co-op", and they were invited to tell about a co-op. Both gave a report on this topic. Aaron Thompson told the group present that the B.S.U.M. has agreed to investigate and accept the co-op idea, especially since President Mason Gross has committed \$400 toward this endeavor. (See item #13 of President Gross' letter dated February 27, 1969.) Thus this demand has been changed, and the idea of a co-op situation has been accepted and is being pursued.

Discussion concerning this item lead to the conclusion that co-ops would be encouraged for all students, and that assistance in developing this area would be available from Dr. Severson, the Faculty/Student Relations Committee, and the Office of the Dean of Students.

- #16. We demand that a Board of Academic Inquiry be set up for black students.

A. Composition

1. Black students and faculty
2. Official recognition by the University
3. Representation to be decided by black students

Aaron Thompson was asked to explain this demand. According to his statements, the Board of Academic Inquiry would be a committee of black students whose function would be to "assist" or "tutor" their black brothers and sisters in subjects in which they were having difficulty.

It was recognized that the University would not play an official role in this matter; records and/or grades of students could not be released without the written permission of the students. The B.S.U.M. is free to "tutor" or develop the "Big Brother" concept if they so wish. It was felt by those present that this program would be profitable and should be considered as a worthwhile program for all students.

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cc. All Faculty and Administration