

Let's Change the University, Not Destroy it

We, the undersigned, present the following positions and request the campus community-student and faculty-to join with us in subscribing to them.

1. We join in support of the following S.R.U. proposals, namely,
 - a. no evictions without available equivalent housing at equivalent price.
 - b. Announcement of University expansion plans for a moratorium on expansion until the "master plan" is ready.
 - c. No grants accepted under the "NASA clause" which stipulates that the University allow military recruiting
 - d. "Prompts and affirmative action" on the letter of the 41 dormitory counsellors to President Cordier.
2. We further call upon the Board of Trustees to adopt the recently approved proposal for a University Senate, to provide that elections for the Senate will be held this year, and to pledge themselves to negotiate directly with the Senate on the University statutes empowering the Senate.
3. We call upon the Trustees to adopt the decision of the University Council regarding the status of NROTC at Columbia and to work actively for its implementation.
4. We call upon the committee on Externally Funded Research and instruction and the committee on recruiting by outside agencies to move with all possible speed in their hearings and deliberations so that their findings and recommendations may be put before the University community for discussion and before the University Senate for implementation.
5. We call upon the President and the Dean of the College to negotiate in good faith with SAS and others in the implementation of a meaningful program of black studies and recruiting of minority group students with full participation of black students, faculty and community leaders.
6. We call upon the University Senate when constituted, and all officers of administration, including the President, the Deans, and the Departmental Chairmen, to bring all possible pressure to bear on the faculty to provide for student participation in decision making at the school and departmental levels to supplement student participation in the Senate.
7. Finally, we call upon all members of the campus community to refrain from engaging in disruptive actions, including specifically the barricading of buildings and uninvited disruption of classes.

Some reform has taken place, much more needs to be done. We call upon the Trustees, administration at all levels, and faculties of the University to recognize the urgent need for extensive reform and to commit themselves to thoroughgoing changes. However, massive at this time could well bring consequences which would permanently injure the University beyond recovery in the near future.

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