

May 2, 1968

Whereas, The Student Senate recognizes that relations between the black and white segments of the Northwestern community has not been one appropriate to Northwestern as a viable social community; and

Whereas, we can no longer tolerate racism on this campus; and

Whereas, The Student Senate as the only representative student body that can effectively express united support for necessary reforms at Northwestern; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Senate express its unqualified support for measures to end injustice on the Northwestern campus. In particular, we support the present demands of the black students upon the administration. It is the further consensus of Student Senate that we urge and pledge ourselves to work with the University administration in any actions necessary to quickly and peacefully take the initiative in solving the problems that exist. As Student Senate we seek to provide the best possible opportunity for every Northwestern student and seek to protect the educational process from racism and disruption.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morris, President Class '70
Eva L. Jefferson, Sophomore Senator
Clyde Jeffers, Sophomore Senator

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Senate of Northwestern University require of the Northwestern administration that the following ideas and agreements be immediately implemented:

- 1) that the University assure the black students that a minimum of fifty per cent of the incoming class of black students shall be from the Chicago inner city. Furthermore, that the University assure the black students that the admissions office will maintain and increase the total percentage of black students in the student body.
- 2) that the University assure the black students that at least a corridor in both a men's living unit and a women's living unit be reserved for those black students who desire to live there.
- 3) that the University make all efforts to institute a course in black history by next fall.
- 4) that continued dialogue be maintained between black students and the Administration in relation to the remaining points in the demands of April 22, 1968.

When we find that no progress can be made on the implementation of these enumerated points, the Student Senate shall throw its support behind the responsible actions of black students in achieving these goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas J. Behr

May 3, 1968

At a Student Senate meeting last night the Senate unanimously approved two pieces of legislation in support of the causes of the black students on our campus. The Senate last night stood behind the idea that black students should be given a more representative position within the University community. Today we reiterate this stance and firmly commit ourselves to the goals enunciated last night. The Senate does not condemn the demonstration because we understand its motivations and realize the necessity for action, but we cannot accede to its tactics. I will personally take to the administration the four demands which the Senate felt deserved immediate affirmative action. It is my hope that by involving Senate leadership into the present situation that we will be able to reduce the tensions and come to a mutually acceptable working agreement.

F.P. Shanahan

Approved by the Student Senate of Northwestern University 5-3-68