

21 on JC Faculty Voice Support of BSU Demand

Added support for the Black Student Union's demands at Solano College was announced by a student and a faculty group over the weekend, while other students protested the BSU's actions.

The support came from 21 faculty committees, including one formed by 21 members of the faculty at the school. The student support followed a meeting Friday afternoon with two members of the college's district board of trustees.

Twenty-one members of the college faculty signed a statement which reads, "We believe that Solano College should be run for the students rather than for the convenience and pleasure of the faculty, administration and other classified personnel. We also believe Solano College should operate as a free, open and democratic campus."

The statement also listed five demands and concluded, "It is the hope of this group that each member of the Solano College

staff examines his or her attitudes and actions toward each and every student."

A general meeting of the faculty prompted by the statement, was scheduled today at 3 p.m.

College officials were unavailable for comment today.

The Ad Hoc student committee, consisting of 15 Solano people, Friday voted unanimously to ask the district board of trustees to support a black studies program. The motion also asked that

coordinator be hired immediately to research, plan and inaugurate a full Afro-American department before the college moves to its new campus in 1970.

A special board of trustees session is expected to be conducted shortly in order to discuss the recent campus sit-in and the board's ruling concerning use of classroom facilities for instructional purposes only.

The college controversy erupted Nov. 4 when 21 students, the majority members of the campus Black Student Union, were arrested after a sit-in a typing classroom by 50 to 60 black students. The college ad-

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ministration, faced with a student boycott, Nov. 6 lifted a suspension of students and attempted to drop the charges but found out it was powerless to stop court prosecution on the latter.

Since the incident the BSU has demanded the college hire a number of black instructors, coaches and administrative director of student activities, said the college was hiring a black counselor and was considering hiring a Negro coach. He also said the college currently offers three courses on Negro literature and Negro history in Africa and America.

The BSU however, has demanded the removal of the instructor of the Afro-American course because "he can't relate to black students." The BSU has also repeatedly asked for the resignation of Dr. N. Dallas Evans, president of the college, and Dr. Thomas Hosley, vice president. The Solano Student Council, among other student groups, has agreed in part of demands by the BSU.

Another group, the Students for an Orderly Society, however, said Friday that it refuses to support

"students who support racism under the banner of anti-racism."

The group stated, "To give into the radicals for the sake of temporary stability is suicide. We have been threatened and intimidated because we want to act in a peaceful manner. We ask the administration to enforce the rules of the campus and prosecute the offenders."

JC Staff to View Policy Ideas

Solano Junior College's faculty senate last night approved printing of a ballot listing five recommendations of an Ad Hoc faculty group which announced support of the campus' Black Student Union (BSU) a few days ago.

The ballots will be printed this week and distributed next week to the more than 80 college instructors. Charles MacDonald, one of the members of the Ad Hoc group, said the ballot will be devised so that a voter's name will be secret.

MacDonald, a counselor and psychology teacher, said the ballots will probably be counted Dec. 9. Administrative personnel will not be allowed to vote, according to MacDonald.

To be voted on are:

—"The student newspaper, the Viva, should reflect the opinions of all the students at Solano College. Thus, in the future, we desire a more 'open' journalistic policy which will allow the publication of editorials and letters representing both students and groups whose views have not previously appeared in the document."

—"Bulletin boards should be made available exclusively for student use on which both individuals and student groups may display materials of their choice. Students also should be allowed to distribute materials to willing recipients."

—"A free speech area should be established in which students may express their views publicly. We suggest that a definite time be established for the public offering of opinions such as a noon hour on one of the first four days of the school week. In order that students may enjoy a greater possibility of attracting an audience, we also suggest that this free speech area be set up in the paved area in front of the cafeteria."

—"Facilities, such as paper, typewriters and mimeograph machines should be made readily available for the publication of the materials of student groups. Materials would be charged at cost."

—"Orderly channels for the communication of grievances to those in position of authority should be easily accessible and available to both individual students and student groups."

The ballot comes in the midst of a controversy which began three weeks ago when 21 students, members of the campus BSU, were arrested during a sit-in of a typing classroom.

Dr. N. Dallas Evans, president of the college, pressed charges

against the students and suspended them but later withdrew the suspensions in the face of an announced student boycott. The court charges, however, by then were out of his jurisdiction and the students now face trial Dec. 10.

The controversy has split the college (students, faculty and administrative personnel) into several factions — some sup-

porting the BSU, some scorning it and some sympathetic to both sides.

The outcome of the faculty's voting on the ballot's five measures is expected to be forwarded to the college district's board of trustees at the earliest possible meeting. The trustees will be conducting a special meeting soon in order to discuss the ramifications of the sit-in.

