

THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

December 18, 1969

Chairman Meneghel convened a special meeting of The Academic Senate at 3:05 p.m. in LR 101. (Provision for special meetings is made in Article 9, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Faculty Organization and Academic Senate of Northern Michigan University); other senators present were: James Merry, Phillip May, Philip Legler, John Watanen, Peter Hoff, Jarl Roine, Robert McClellan, Gareth Jones, Robert Stephenson, Alastair Craig, Hugh Kahler, Robert Kulisheck, Richard Wright, David Warner, Sheldon Siegel, John Cattelino, William Farley, James Mansfield, Gildo Canale, Mary Carl, Theodore Davenport, Lulu Ervast, Donald Heikkinen, John P. Farrell, Stephen Barnwell, and Glenn Stevens representing Jacob Vinocur; excused were C. B. Stortz, Thomas Buchl, Jean Rutherford, and Donald Baker; on leave was Richard O'Dell; absent were Philip Pavlik, Austin Patty, and Jitendra Sharma; also present was James Godell.

Vice Chairman McClellan presented The Academic Senate the chronology of events of December 17 as they pertained to the sit-in in the Student Personnel Offices. (This chronology is to be distributed to the membership of the Faculty Organization in a different statement.) Discussion following the presentation focused on the following kinds of issues:

1. Was the sit-in effective in speeding up or otherwise influencing the Faculty-Student Judiciary?
2. Would the appeal have been granted without the sit-in's having taken place?
3. Will the Black Student Association pay for the damages?
4. What, if any, are the plans to prosecute BSA?
5. What is the legal status of the Student Code of Conduct?

Following this discussion, Chairman Meneghel explained the role assigned Vice Chairman McClellan by the Executive Committee and underscored the need for The Academic Senate to support President John X. Jamrich's handling of the sit-in. It was moved (Mansfield, Kahler) that The Academic Senate adopt the resolution supporting President Jamrich; the motion carried unanimously with one abstention recorded. (Copies of the resolution were distributed to the faculty.)

It was then moved (McClellan, Canale) that copies of the resolution be given the University News Bureau, members of the Board of Control, and members of the Michigan State Legislature; this was amended by the stipulation that The Academic Senate Chairman first consult with President Jamrich on the question of distribution; the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman McClellan moved (Heikkinen) that The Academic Senate collect and distribute all pertinent and factual information on the December 17 sit-in to the membership of the Faculty Organization; the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p. m.

John Watanen, Jr., Secretary  
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