

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To: Faculty, Staff, and Students of
Northern Michigan University

From:  John X. Jamric, President

Once again we ask the University community to commemorate the death of American citizens. On May 19, 1970, Northern Michigan University will set aside the entire day to dedicate itself to a program reflecting on the death of six Black people in Augusta, Georgia.

That day will focus, through class discussions and additional special programs, on the issues of faculty-student relationships, racial tensions, and other issues of national and local importance.

At my request, a meeting was held today by the Academic Senate, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, Black student representatives, and administrative staff of the University to consider certain specific requests, the purposes to be achieved, and alternative means of achieving these objectives.

The administration, faculty, and students of Northern Michigan University recognize the fact that for many members of the campus community, the Augusta deaths are as much a matter of concern as was the Kent State University situation.

The Academic Senate, acting on behalf of the entire faculty, passed the following motion:

With regard to the suggestion that classes be dismissed, and in view of the generally perceived opinion that the action of simply dismissing classes last Friday was ineffective, and in recognition of the death of six Black people in Augusta, the Academic Senate in lieu of suspending classes resolves that on Tuesday, May 19, the entire University community focus its attention on the issues of faculty-student relationships, racial tensions, and other issues of national and local importance.