

Memorandum to  
Faculty, Staff, and Students - 2

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courses, and faculty groups are and will be working on additional items of this sort; we have, during these two years, added substantially to the library holdings as indicated in the list of requests, realizing that our library holdings in all areas of study need improvement. This university has literally scoured the country in its recruitment effort for black faculty and staff. (We have interviewed several black candidates during the last two months.)

I must re-emphasize my response, namely, that the commitment which the Board, I, and the faculty have made regarding the needs of all students coming to Northern Michigan University will be given the most careful consideration, and we shall provide for them within the available resources of this university at the earliest possible time.

Specifically, this University's general philosophy of providing an educational opportunity for all students is clear evidence that the question of percentages of black student enrollments is an artificial one. Let's simply bring to this University those students who wish to attend and who are recommended by their high school teachers and counselors, and we see no problem in admission. After all, it was one of the black students who told a group of black high school students visiting us that she would not recommend their considering attending Northern. Personally, I would recommend that they plan to attend, and I sincerely hope that they will attend.

The slanderous attacks on me as president are malicious, untrue, and unfounded. My commitments and my actions of the past two years and the commitments of this University are an open book which will clearly demonstrate the full commitment of Northern to providing the best possible education for all who come here with a desire to be educated.

I call on all of our students and faculty to meditate on these matters carefully. We shall continue to operate as an institution of higher education for the citizens of this state.

There is an educational task to be completed by the end of this semester; let us turn our attention and energies to it now.

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