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Be it resolved that the Academic Senate of Northern Michigan University expresses its strong support of President John X. Jamrich's actions in the recent events involving the activities of the Black Students Association. In particular it commends him for his dedication to the rational process in decision making which he demonstrated repeatedly by his determination to act only when he became fully aware of all the pertinent information. The Academic Senate also commends him for his openness to consideration of a variety of solutions and his ability to select a course of action which maintained feelings of trust on all sides, demonstrated his responsible concern for the safety of the students and evidenced his concern for the protection of public property.

In addition it is noteworthy that the President was scrupulously careful to act within the pre-determined procedures for resolving such issues. He avoided the strong pressure to intervene arbitrarily in a way which would have seriously impaired the future integrity of such procedures and instead used his good offices to hasten the effective working of due process.

Finally the President showed imagination and initiative in avoiding the indiscriminate use of police power and in seeking resolution through the court system and especially the instrument of an injunction.

For these specific acts and for his general openness and sensitivity to the interests of the university and the broader community the Academic Senate wishes to record its support and approval.