

August 11, 1969

Notes of meeting with University officials responsible for fulfilling requests from Black students. Black students present were: John C. Latimer, Sanford Bishop, James Gavin, Julius Williams, Barbara Woods, Jacquelyn Brown, and Rena Price, Chairman. University officials present were: Winston R. Carroll and John Hinton, Admissions Office; Dean Don Jones and Dean Fernandez, Student Affairs; John Outler, Personnel; Mrs. Carolyn Moore, Housing; Paul Cousins, Library; and Charles Haynes, President S.G.A.

1. Report from Dean Jones concerning Black Administrators:

Dean Jones stated that he has recently been in touch with one gentleman from Wisconsin, who might be interested in a position as an administrator. Prior to this meeting, Dean Jones has set up interviews with two applicants. One, Mr. Robert Harvey, was rejected by the Black students. The other, Mr. Ronald Reed, was interviewed last week, and a decision is forthcoming from the students as well as from Mr. Reed. The Chairman attempted to clarify for Dean Jones the final list submitted to the President, which stated the need for not just one administrator who would simply float from one job to another, but rather that several persons are needed to work each in admissions, personnel, student affairs, development, religious life, etc.

2. Report from Winston R. Carroll concerning enrollment of Black students:

Carroll reiterated what information had already been supplied to the Black students in previous correspondence. He outlined what the general policies of the admissions office were, and that a consortium of schools (Duke, Tulane, Vanderbilt and Emory) were planning to hire an admissions recruiter to serve the four schools. Carroll further outlined what procedures were used in reviewing Black applications, particularly from Upward Bound. Even considering that Emory hosts an Upward Bound

program composed of students with special problems, Carroll said that Emory would make no special commitments to students in the program. The Chairman attempted to explain that perhaps Emory really does not believe in the program, which appears to be a contradiction on the part of the university to even host the program.

Carroll explained that in the area of financial resources, once the above-mentioned universities established the consortium, perhaps foundations could be more willing to donate funds. (However, nothing was said concerning other possible avenues of providing Black students with assistance in the interim, nor any long-range plans for establishing special programs for support, on the part of the university.)

3. Report from John Outler concerning workers rights:

An attached report from James Gavin outlines conversations with Outlar and summarizes what was reported by Outler at the meeting. Nothing substantial has occurred in this area, and workers are still waiting to receive the grievance code from Outler.

4. Mrs. Carolyn Moore reported on the status of furnishings for the house. As furniture becomes available, it will be delivered. Mrs. Moore suggested that perhaps the Emory Women's Club could be contacted for other furnishings. Julius Williams, Treasurer BSA, reported that there were several initial repairs and paint jobs needed on the house before it could be occupied, and Dean Jones said that Maintenance should be able to handle those routine matters.

5. Report from Paul Cousins, Librarian, re library resources:

Cousins has simply handed the area of Afro-American resources to the Library Policy Committee of the University Senate. Two black periodicals have been added to the library. No contact with museums for loan of artifacts has been made, neither have

any schools been contacted for possible part-time or full-time librarians in the area of Afro-American resources.

6. Charles Haynes reported on the areas of budget relations with SGA and interrelations with all students. He stated that the students were indeed committed to eradication of racism here at Emory, and that they were a kit which would include books and other materials on the institutions of racism which whites have created from their prejudices. Recognizing that Black student needs have been overlooked for so long, Haynes further stated that the budget from the BSA would be given top priority by the student government.

7. Dean Fernandez spoke for a few minutes on the changes which he has noticed since he was here sixteen months ago. He felt that more persons in the university community were beginning to realize the problems raised by the Black students, and that he would also be doing everything in his power to make the needed changes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rena Price

Assistant Chairman

Black Student Alliance

Progress in other areas:

1. Dr. J. Knopf will be contacted by the Black students concerning psychiatrists who are in the Atlanta area who might be interested in filling this position.

2. Dean Stephens has made no contact with the Black student concerning cooperation with Atlanta University, except in answer to a letter requesting a progress report of his plans in the area, which he refused to submit.

3. Discussions in the Afro-American Sub-committee have been discontinued. Black students feel that since the university and faculty are committed [[committed]] to such a program, what is now needed is selection of faculty, students and other persons who will comprise that body of the university which will function with powers to implement the program.

4. Dr. Harvey Young, Chairman Ad Hoc Committee, was requested by the Black students to structure an orientation of faculty to the needs of Black students during faculty retreat. No response received from Dr. Young.