

Emory College

Office of the Dean

10 July 1969

Memorandum of Record Re. Sub-Committee on Black Studies

During the week of 17 June, I became concerned as to whether or not the Sub-Committee on Black Studies was meeting during the summer. On Monday, 23 June, I talked with Ed Ducree, and we agreed that a meeting could be held on Friday, 27 June, at 3:30 P.M. I undertook to secure a meeting place, and he agreed to call the members together. Miss Stevenson later called his office and confirmed that the meeting would be in Room 406 of the Administration Building.

June 27: Only Ed Ducree and I came to the meeting. He indicated that he thought that I was to notify faculty members and that he would notify students. He and I talked for about an hour. I emphasized that I wanted to see the work of the committee move along towards a specific proposals, and he agreed with this attitude. I said that I would be glad to arrange for consultants to confer with the committee. I stated that I would assist in arranging visits if I were given the names of persons with whom the committee would like to talk. We agreed on another meeting for Wednesday, 2 July, at 3:00 P.M. in room 405. I agreed to notify faculty, and he agreed to notify students.

July 2: The committee met as scheduled. Present were faculty members Henry Sharp and Philip Morgan along with Ed Ducree and me. Sheryl Jones was present also and Rena Price came in later. The meeting was spent in trying to set down some broad goals or objectives for the kind of program Emory might have in black studies. It was agreed that we would meet again on Wednesday, July 9. I sent notices to all committee members both faculty and students.

July 9: The committee met in Room 201 Bishops Hall at 3:00. Present were Philip Morgan, Henry Sharp, and Howard Rollins along with Ed Ducree and me. One student, Rob Payne, was present. No black students were present. The meeting lasted about two hours. There were many generalizations, but some progress appeared to be made on specifics. It was agreed that another meeting would be called, but the time and place were not specified before I left at 4:50 P.M. It was agreed that each member should work towards further refinement of the goals that had been set down at the previous meeting. No minutes were kept of the meeting.

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I learned last week from Henry Sharp that a meeting was called for 3:00 P.M., July 16, in Room 201 Bishops Hall.

When I arrived a few minutes before 3:00, Rob Payne (student) was the only person present. He told me that he had talked with Mr. Ducree on the telephone at about 11:50 A.M. this morning. Rob's statement was as follows: "I talked with Mr. Ducree about 10 till eleven this morning and he said there was some question as to whether there would be a meeting today. He said that he had received a memo from the (?), some (?) black students and that he needed to talk with the Dean (Dean Stevens?) and that there might not be a meeting today. I have no idea as to what the memo contains."

Shortly Professors Morgan and Sharp arrived, and at 3:20 Mr. Ducree came in. He told about the memo, actually a letter, mentioned by Rob Payne and promised to get a copy to me this afternoon. I in turn promised to get copies sent to all members of the committee.

Mr. Ducree indicated his perception that the failure of black students to attend committee meetings has been a partial boycott. They feel that the committee represents a kind of administrative hindrance to setting up a black-studies program. They may be getting together some specific suggestions.

I indicated that we would rely on Mr. Ducree to call the next meeting when he felt that something could be accomplished, I repeated my willingness to bring in consultants when the committee wished to talk with them. I also asked Ducree to give me a list of possible available candidates for a directorship of a black-studies

program. He had mentioned at an earlier meeting that he knew of such persons. Mr. Ducree at least twice indicated his wish to relinquish the pro-tem chairmanship of the committee. He also said that he thought the black students objected to the make-up of the committee, since there are persons on it who are not sympathetic to the black students' position. There was the suggestion that the committee might be enlarged to include such sympathetic persons. He repeated that the black students took the spring "commitments" very seriously.

No minutes were kept of the meeting.

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