

[*for your information and files*]

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Hank Ambrose

President

Emory Black Student Alliance

Emory University

Dear Members of the Emory Black Student Alliance:

The Legislature passed bill 2 SL 10 asking me to set up a committee to investigate institutionalized racism at Emory. I do not want to set up another committee which will do nothing. Therefore, before I select people for this committee I think it would be good if we could have some idea of what such a committee should accomplish and what its structure should be.

I would appreciate the BSA's opinions and advice on these proceedings. If you could select three people to meet with myself and Rusty Redriguez, the sponsor of the bill, we could take up this question. The sooner we take action on this matter the better it would be, I think, for Emory University.

Enclosed is a copy of the bill.

Respectfully,

Steve Abbott

President, SGA

cc: Dean Zeller

Dean Jones

Text of 2 SL 10

Be it enacted by the Student legislature of Emory University that

(1) the Executive Branch of the SGA appoint a "blue-ribbon" commission of students, faculty, administrators, and citizens in the local community, to study, in all of its facets, the institutional racism which now exists as an impediment to the fulfillment of the University purpose for many of the University community - students, faculty, and staff, and

(2) this committee will not only investigate present conditions, but also recommend to the SGA, University Senate and Board of Trustees of the University such measures which they feel will best serve to permanently eliminate this condition in the shortest course of time.