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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.