

Student-Faculty Coalition Urges Black Recruitment

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Tuesday night's meeting of the Student-Faculty Coalition dealt primarily with actions to be initiated by faculty and students, in their respective environments, with the express purpose of eliciting University response in the form of Administrative re-affirmation to the commitment of last spring. This commitment was "to recruit more, admit more, and matriculate more black students."

The commitment had previously been given outside stimulus through the helping hand of the Rockefeller foundation. The Foundation extended \$80,000 a year on the premise these funds would be devoted to the recruitment of financially insecure Blacks from the Ghetto. This existed as a special fund outside the general scholarship fund. The scholarship fund is competitively available to all College applicants on the basis of academic achievement and financial need.

The special fund composed of the \$80,000 Rockefeller endowment, roughly \$24,000 in governmental funds, and \$16,000 of Emory appropriation (incidentally [[incidentally]], to support 10 students a year assuming \$3,000 for each) is used, rather, to give the University the initiative to delve into the Black Ghetto and subsequently to recruit the financially deprived on a basis of academic potential. This potential was to be hopefully realized in a summer program, prior to fall commencement, dedicated to boosting their academic performance to the level necessary to matriculate at Emory. The Rockefeller Fund has been curtailed though.

Faculty and students concerned about the program's future and the professed commitments of last spring, have waited patiently for some signal from the President and the Board of Trustees signifying a reaffirmative position to Emory's commitment on Black recruitment. With no word forthcoming, students and faculty alike felt an obligation to stimulate such response; thus the Student-Faculty Coalition.