

Memorandum

Physics Department

To: Black Students' Alliance

From: John M. Palms, Chairman, Physics Department

Date: October 6, 1970

Subject: Allocations for the Afro-American Reading Room for 1970-1971.

The Library Policy Committee, at its September 29 meeting, allocated \$300.00 for the purchase of books and renewal of subscriptions for the Afro-American Reading Room in the Asa Griggs Candler Library. This fund may be spent for material for this academic year. Please transmit the book requests through me to Mr. Guy R. Lyle. He will see to it that the books are ordered and catalogued for the Afro-American Reading Room.

I realize that this amount is deplorably low. However, this year the Committee has less than \$4,000 increase to divide among some twenty departments and in almost all cases this amount was needed to continue the already existing journal subscriptions. To the best of my knowledge, almost all departments therefore took considerable decreases in their book allocations. As an example, the Physics Department's book allocation was cut over \$1,200 this year.

I would also like to point out that much more than the \$300.00 mentioned above will actually be spent for the library needs associated with the Black Studies Program which was passed by the faculty last spring. Attached is a memo I recently sent out to all departments. Preliminary responses to this questionnaire indicate that several departments will be spending portions of their regular book fund allocation for needs pertaining to the Black Studies

Program. Thus far, six departments who are involved in the program indicated they will spend approximately \$4,000.00. Of course most of these purchases will be catalogued in the Woodruff Library, but nevertheless they will be available to all students.

I will continue to do everything in our power to obtain needed funds for the Black Studies' needs and would appreciate your communicating your specific needs to me as they arise.

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cc: Marvin Arrington

Judson C. Ward, Jr.

Guy R. Lyle

## Memorandum

To: All Departmental Chairmen

From: John M. Palms , Chairman, Physics Department

Date: September 17, 1970

Subject: Library Allocations Related to the Black Studies Program

As the President's designated liaison between the Black Student Alliance and the Library Policy Committee, I have been concerned for the past year with allocations for programs related to the Black Studies Program. Last fall at the meeting of the Library Policy Committee during which allocations for individual departments were decided, it was agreed to set aside \$1150 from departmental book funds for this purpose. To this amount, \$350 was added from the General Book Fund, making a total of \$1500. This entire amount was spent for additions to the Black Studies Room. All of these acquisitions were duplicates of items in the Woodruff Library. We understand, however, that substantial portions of the normally allocated departmental book funds were also spent on Black Study needs for the Woodruff Library. Last spring during the time in which the Black Studies Program was considered by the faculty, efforts were made to obtain new library allocations specifically for this program. Unfortunately, it was too late to put any desired funds into the budget for 1970-71 since the budget had already been approved by the President and the Board of Trustees. We therefore face the problem of having initiated a new program into the College without additional library funds being appropriated.

In order to guide the Library Policy Committee in allocating departmental library funds for this year, and also as an indication to the black students of Emory's involvement in and commitment to the Black Studies Program, I would appreciate an estimate as to how much of your appropriation was spent last

year, and how much you plan to spend this year, on items in any way relating to the Black Studies Program. We understand that it may be difficult to classify certain items and also that you may not have exact records. Please do the best you can. Your appropriation for last year is indicated below.

We appreciate your assistance and will be working diligently this year to increase the library allocation, not only for the Black Studies Program, but for all programs of the University.

Please return this section to: John M. Palms, Chairman  
Physics Department

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Total

Periodicals

Books

Total Estimate Estimate spent for Black Studies acquisitions

Estimate in per cent of amount from 1970-71 budget for Black Studies