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MEETING

Thurs. 7:30-1 LeConte

A PROPOSAL FOR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE
SUBMITTED TO
THE COMMITTEE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY

The inescapable fact of recent weeks is that the University does not have institutions in which resolution of conflict and meaningful reform can be openly considered apart from confrontation.

Conflict resolution and reform can only be achieved by those within the University community who are willing to come together to establish an open dialogue on the issues which concern and divide them.

In recognition of this need for open dialogue and the advisability of representative decision making among all campus elements, we recommend the creation of a Berkeley Campus Council. Such a body could generate the moral and persuasive force needed to bring about change on the campus.

The membership should include all campus elements: Students, Faculty, Administration, Employees, and Alumni.

Student representation could be determined by a simple one-man, one-vote principle and be special interests. We recommend selection of representatives from cohesive bases wherever possible, for example from living groups, academic departments, and from interest groupings such as the ASUC, the TA union, and the CCO.

We recommend faculty representatives from each of the five major disciplines, representatives chosen on the basis of their expressed interest, supplemented by the Chairman of the Academic Senate, chairmen of pertinent Senate committees, and representatives of the Research Faculty.

We recommend representatives from the Chancellors Office, the Dean of Students office, and the Public Information Office.

We recommend several employee representatives, with no interest or occupation group having more than one representative at any given time.

We also believe that the President and the Executive Manager of the California Alumni Association should be members.

The Council could operate in the following manner. It could receive proposals for its agenda from its representatives, from other Berkeley Campus affiliated persons or organizations, or by non-members of the campus community if the body is willing to allow that person or organization to speak before it.

Proposals and problems would be given in-depth discussion with final recommendations being sent to the appropriate body or official charged with execution. For example, recommendations could be made to the Academic Senate on matters of educational reform.

The Council could also have referral powers to the appropriate campus official for professional evaluation and analysis of any proposal before the Council.

Other special considerations would enhance the persuasive force of this body. Council meetings could be held regularly in a large and formal setting, for example the Lipman Room in Barrows Hall. Meetings could be open to the community with attendance facilitated by the use of closed circuit television if necessary. The campus and other news media could be invited to attend and report on Council meetings. The agenda of Council meetings could be published in the Daily Californian prior to each meeting and an account of its disposition published subsequent to each meeting. A record of all votes could be presented so that the community could examine the decisions of its representatives.

In summary, the visibility of this Council, its method of representation, its force for communication between and commitment from all Campus elements, its opportunity to examine and obtain information from campus officials would enable it to exert a considerable moral and persuasive voice for change on the Berkeley Campus.

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