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University of San Francisco
Ethnic Studies Committee
Black Students Union

March 14, 1971

Agenda

I Recitation of Requisitions - Janice Cobb

II Introductions

III The Problems

- A.) 1968 - 1969 Joseph Marshall - Former Chairman U.S.F. B.S.U.
- B.) 1969- 1970 Harold Logwood - Former Chairman U.S.F. B.S.U.
- C.) 1970 - 1971 Gerald Norman - Present Chairman U.S.F. B.S.U.

1971

- 1.) Ethnic Studies Situation - Bill Riley-~~Adrienne Landry~~
- 2.) Athletic Dept. Situation
- 3.) Financial Aid Dept. Situation
- 4.) Admissions Office Situation

IV Discussion

Requisitions
(Revised)

1. We requisition the establishment of an Ethnic Studies Department by the Fall Semester of 1971, in the structure of which, the administration and faculty to consist of;
 - A.) Director of Ethnic Studies - Full Time
 - B.) Assistant Director of Ethnic Studies - Full Time
 - C.) Research Administrator - Full Time
 - D.) Secretary - Full Time
2. We requisition the adequate housing and facilitating of such a program.
3. We requisition the documented recognition of the present Ethnic Studies Committee as the official University committee and voice for the Ethnic Studies Department by the acting University President, Father Albert Jonsen S.J. Ph.d
4. We requisition the admittance of fifty (50) minority students for the Fall of 1971, entered in Freshman standing under the existing E.O.P. program. We further petition the individual counseling of each of these students by both;
 - 1.) A counselor of related Ethnic background
 - 2.) A counselor or department official in the particular field of study or, if undeclared, area of interest.
5. We requisition waivering of the twenty (20) dollar application fee for all students who, upon application, stipulate themselves as being of minority background.
6. We requisition sanitation and improvement of, dormitory and kitchen facilities and request menu planning with the tastes of students of varying ethnic backgrounds carefully considered.
7. We requisition the immediate hiring of minority professionals in the Athletic Department, to work towards improvement of the department and its many obvious failings.
8. We requisition minority representation on the staff of The Financial Aid Department
9. We requisition minority representation on the staff of the Admissions office
10. We requisition the completion and opening of the Bill Russel Room, a student lounge commemorating the University of San Franciscos' greatest basketball star by the Fall of 1971.
11. We requisition the immediate removal of Father Trainer S.J. from Room 214 of Gillison Hall girls dormitory, and placed in quarters designated for members of his own sex. We take direct insult from his recent placement on the only predominantly Black residence floor on campus and end the matter with the suggestion that his unusual office hours, " until 2 p.m. - after 11 p.m.", be looked into.

12. Being that it has been shown that today's high school student sees his counselor on an average of 45 minutes per year, we ask for a complete rewording of the Academic and Personal Evaluation sheets to be completed pending admission decision by,
- A. School Counselor
 - B. School Instructor
 - C. Dean of Men/Women or equivalent school official
- We base this on the obvious inability of arriving at an adequate conclusion in regards to a student's aptitudes.
13. We requisition the establishment of a program which could serve as a means of protection from faculty of such discriminatory an attitude as could be detrimental in the fair grading of a student of Ethnic background. Conceivably, this can be accomplished by way of Special Disciplinary Hearings, judged by a committee consisting of;
- A. Two students of minority background
 - B. Two Faculty members
 - C. Two members of Administration, one of minority background
- Following a format similar to that of the presently established Disciplinary Hearing Committee, the emphasis will be upon,
- 1.) Honest exposure of the problem
 - 2.) Maintenance of objectivity
 - 3.) Strides towards solutions
 - 4.) Follow-up on each case to insure student well-being
- A program of this nature could remain distinct, and yet work along with the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, the Student Courts, and the Disciplinary Hearing Committee.



March 14, 1971 - Meeting w/ Community

Present:

Ray Richardson I. Requisitions.

Mrs. Richardson Janice read the requisitions aloud, (revised requisitions.)

Mr. Cobb
Janice Cobb * - (Njisane) Suggestion Research Fellow instead of Research Assistant
M. Njisane * More full time faculty (ethnic)

Pat Hill II. Introduction

Jerry Norman + Harold explained purpose of this meeting

Joe Marshall + Janice read ext from University's Credo.

Harold Logwood

Will Logwood - Discussion.

Jelienne Landry

Pat Malendez - Dr. Njisane conveyed message to us from Sr. Smyth, he received
Peggy Avalos this morning. (Didn't want us to think the
Admin was ignoring us, apologized for not
being here. Will arrange a meeting at later date.)

Bob Wright

Bill Riley

Tom Wash (Berk Post)? Joe Marshall brought up point that Admin. never
Robert Marshall contacts the students - does not recognize us as
a group.

Com. Rep. West
Side Mental Health
2201 Sutter
563-7710

Chester Williams Harold Logwood suggested going out to High Schools, guaranteeing
this school.

Suggestion

* * Mrs. Richardson suggested getting lawyers to investigate
(1) money received at this school.

Tom Wash asked ~~how many~~ for break down
of minorities on campus.

Discussion of process of requisitions through 1968-1971 w/
Administration.

Suggestion

(2) Use exts from previous letters - follow up to letters +
promises from Administration



Discussion

Recruitment - ^{"trap"} can't find person w/ Doctorate in Ethnic Studies
Plus qualified people refuse to come here unless there is a Ethnic Studies Department.

Suggestions:

- ③ ~~***~~ Can we chronologically document all three yrs formally?
So we can document how admin. hasn't responded to us & get investigation going by lawyers etc. Give the data to the community & lawyers so they'll have better perspective on problems here & their progress up to this point.
- ④ - Also an inability for Pres to explain use of funds - ! Doesn't know how to use it!
- ⑤ * Send all mail certified from now on.
See if we can receive our mail directly.
- ⑥ * Send out reports from these meeting to rest of community & news releases!
- ⑦ Meetings be held off campus / ~~in preparation for funds~~ only under extreme circumstance.
~~at home~~ Hold meetings in Bill Russell Room.
- ⑧ Everything should be in writing !!
- ⑨ Regulations Be re-submitted to Administration + date of response to this or will be exposed to the community.
- ⑩ * Send letter to administration with signatures from community to show com. is watching & supporting
- ⑪ ?? * Person to research whole university: first black students, faculty, etc. - what changes etc !

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This is a summary of the meeting.

* = spec

Basic Issues:

Minor
spark
plugs:

1. Incident at USF (US) UOP Basketball Game
2. Intramural league games.
3. Dormitory living

Major Issues:

1. Ethnic Studies
2. EOP
3. Athletic Department
4. Faculty
5. Courses
6. Employees on campus
7. Black Cultural Week

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Discussion

EOP

How much voice?
What proportion
on committee?

- We should (the black students) have a voice in the hiring of Black teachers and director of EOP. Listen to our suggestions and state our opinions. ^{Although} We are interested in making it a successful program ~~but~~; also we understand the difficulties in developing EOP.

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* Main problem agreed to be → money and personnel

Black Faculty

What proportionate
of minority
faculty (Black, Brown,
Am. Ind.)

* emphasis should
be local,
nationwide w/o
raiding black colleges.

You explained how a teacher is hired - this is understood
You described how many black teachers are hired as of now
and why ~~then~~ it is difficult to (hire them) and find them

our question or suggestion →

- Why not recruit black teachers?

Your reply: admittance that they ought to be.

- Why not ask ~~our~~ our opinions of teachers hired or under consideration?

* Your reply: It hasn't been done before.

White Faculty

* We want the caliber of white teachers to be examined.

We are interested in all teachers at USF to be of quality to benefit all students.

list
of
teachers
to
be
submitted

Ethnic Studies

We question ~~why~~ it is a program but understand why you feel it should be a program rather than a department.

But we want progress on it as a program then.

We ~~don't want~~ it ~~isn't~~ stagnated by only promises.

We are willing to work on this to make it a beneficial program!

minor problems → Office Space

② guarantee of pay for part/time student secretary
* Njisane has requested need for one.

③ Office supplies are needed, especially paper (stationery), envelopes, postage

* We are interested in how much co-operation will be received from individual departments and department heads if it is to be a program.

Athletics

Football -

* the coach is definitely a problem

You heard personal accounts of Jerry, Leon, Harold etc of incidents that have happened to cause ~~at~~ damage to player/coach relationships.

~~He~~ It is felt by Black students he should be contacted by you + these feelings called to his attention.

Basketball -

You again heard feelings of the treatment received by past + present players. We are concerned because we want an ~~an~~ admirable Athletic Department here for ~~one~~ all.

* bad attitude toward recruitment of ~~athletes~~ athletes.

Intramural Games * We'll not allow anymore of these games played until justice is done in the form of

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for instance another game and better ~~referees~~ referees.
Baseball -

* Why are we playing Brigham Young University?

* Suggestion → * your commitment!

Have a meeting with Jonsen, Iringali and athletes and discuss issues. Also you said that if it can be proven that he is a racist you will fire him if the contract he is under will allow it without USF being sued.

Campus Employees

^{positions} It has been questioned why more minority members are not employed.

You explained that 28% are under hire in general and said Federal Government is investigating it. We would like to know the results of the investigation.

Deans

OK } We questioned the dean of women's ability to function in this capacity working with young people (in general).

* You admitted plans have already been taken.

Black Cultural Week

Play-sanctioned
Speaker-sanctioned

The money situation was thoroughly discussed. We ~~are~~ do appreciate the \$200 gift of Jr. Jonsen, office supplies from Jr. Harold and efforts in the past, made by Jr. Sunderland etc.

We hope you now understand what Black Cultural Week means to us. now...

your commitment

* SEC refused us aid, you said you would check into this.
* We want to know can you still underwrite us (preferred or give us a loan? [On the condition that we are ready to work to make it beneficial & successful.]

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~~commit~~

[your commitment]:

course → Negro History - is only 1/2 credit!

* You said it would be ~~not~~ possible to redesign this ~~negro~~ credit!

* Priorities - We understand that you are and have been "working on" these problems but many students want to see visual progress and constructive, in some terms they can understand.

Wednesday - April 21

Dick Gregory 8:00-10:00
Memorial Gym

Thursday - April 22

Plays - Richard Dant / Cal-State → Black Arts
Performing ~~Group~~ Troupe
Phelan dining Hall

Friday - April 23

Curtis Mayfield
Memorial Gym

Saturday - April 24

? Black Arts & Writers Workshop
→ Lone Mountain

BSU
- Party

Sunday - April 25

Tribute to Sisters
Fashion Show
African Dancers

Monday - April 26

Movies
- Dr. Njirane

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March 17, 1971

Miss Jancie Cobb
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Black Student Union Ethnic Studies
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Dear Miss Cobb:

Please forgive us for not being present Sunday but we misplaced your first letter with home phone number and didn't know what building or room the sunday meeting was being held in.

Your second letter with the information arrived Tuesday in the afternoon mail.

Since I'm interest in the problems of USF Would you explain what went down at the Sunday meeting and what plans are being made for the future and maybe I can bepresent to give whatever assistant possible to the BSM program if I feel it serves the total black community and its black students.

Await your reply.

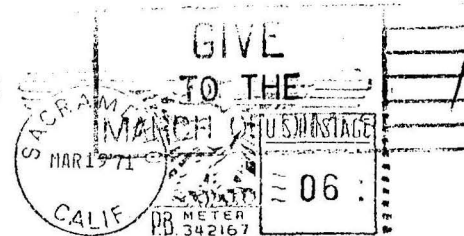
Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sam'.

Samuel J. Skinner Jr.
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March 19, 1971

Miss Janice Cobb
University of San Francisco
Black Students Union
Ethnic Studies Committee
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Cobb:

I have read your letter of February 26, 1971, with considerable concern and appreciate the efforts that your group is making to resolve the problems that you find at the University of San Francisco. It is not clear exactly what role I might play in assisting your group since the University of San Francisco does not come under my jurisdiction as Superintendent of Public Instruction or as a member of the Board of Regents of the University and the Trustees of the State Colleges. If you believe that my counsel regarding your problem would be helpful, I would be pleased to receive additional information from you.

Unfortunately, I could not arrange to join your group on March 14, as requested in your letter which was received in our office on March 12, 1971.

Sincerely,

Wilson Riles
WILSON RILES

WR:mbg