PETITION FOR OPEN MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Throughout the current crisis over war-related research, the Board of Trustees has steadfastly ignored requests by large segments of the Stanford community that the Board hold an open meeting on campus to discuss the issues.

In a token gesture, the Board has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday afternoon, at which five of the 23 trustees will hear remarks by a few pre-selected speakers. There are strong indications that this "open" hearing will be held in a small room.

We, the undersigned members of the Stanford community, consider that such a hearing is not an adequate forum for public exchange of opinion. We strongly urge that the Board of Trustees make Wednesday's meeting an open meeting of the entire Board, and that the meeting be held in Memorial Auditorium, Frost Amphitheater, or Maples Pavillion.

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