

# Movement Demands Open Meeting; Pitzer Warns Against Interference

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President Kenneth Pitzer warned the April 3rd Movement on Friday that he will cancel the Trustees' hearing on SRI April 30 unless the Movement promises that it will not disrupt the "order and decorum of the meeting."

Pitzer set a 2 p.m. deadline tomorrow for a satisfactory reply.

In response, the Movement's coordinating committee released a letter last night to Pitzer which repeated the Movement's demand for an open meeting of the Board of Trustees April 10, and denied that the Movement had planned any disruption of the hearing.

(The texts of both letters appear on this page.)

## Hearing Scheduled

The latest cycle of events began Thursday night, when Pitzer issued a statement announcing that the long-delayed hearing would take place April 30, in an undisclosed location. Five trustees are to hear testimony from elected SRI employees and Stanford students, faculty and staff. The hearing will be broadcast on KZSU radio.

At a noon meeting Friday in the AEL courtyard, attended by more than 400 persons, the April 3rd Movement voted to demand that the closed hearing be replaced by an open meeting of all 13 Trustees, so that members of the community could exchange information with the Board on the SRI issue. The

Movement asked that Pitzer respond to the demand before Tuesday night, and scheduled a community meeting at noon Wednesday in the Old Union courtyard to consider his response.

Later Friday afternoon, Pitzer issued his statement to the Movement, claiming that "The tone and substance of your meeting this noon suggest that the hearing may be disrupted unless your demands are accepted." Pitzer went on to demand a guarantee that no disruption would take place.

Friday night, Board president W. Parmer Fuller III said that the Movement demand was "unacceptable."

## Pitzer's Original Position

The Movement's reply to Pitzer, written Sunday night, states that Pitzer himself has favored the idea of an open meeting of the Board in April. "We hope that you would not precipitously cancel the hearing," says the Movement, "but rather that you would address yourself to the needs and demands of this community."

The Movement has also circulated a petition in support of the demand for an open meeting. As of Sunday night, more than 1,600 signatures had been collected. The Movement planned to set up tables at Tresidder Union and elsewhere to circulate the petition.

In other developments, the Movement's coordinating committee voted last night to invite Trustee John Gardner to an open forum Tuesday at noon in White Plaza.

## Trustee Recommendations

Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and currently head of the Urban Coalition, is chairman of a Trustee committee to draw up recommendations for changes in the composition and duties of the Board of Trustees. Gardner will be on campus today and tomorrow to discuss university governance with various faculty, student and staff groups.

He had made no arrangements to speak with members of the April 3rd Movement.

In other organizing activities, the Movement will send speakers to most

the Trustees' meeting and the SRI question.

Members of the Movement are also preparing a detailed letter on SRI to be sent to members of the Academic Senate. The Senate will meet tomorrow afternoon to continue its deliberations on the SRI Study Committee report.

## • Pitzer's Letter

Members of the April 3rd Movement:

As the Stanford Daily of Friday, April 25, reported, I assured the Board of Trustees that order and decorum would be maintained at the April 30th hearing on the relationship between Stanford and SRI. I also recommended that the hearing should not be held unless we were confident that those conditions would be observed.

The tone and the substance of your meeting this noon suggest that the hearing may be disrupted unless your demands are accepted. I must now insist that you assure me, not later than 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, that you will refrain from interfering with the order and decorum of the hearing. Unless I have your assurance by that hour, I shall recommend that the hearing be cancelled.

K. S. Pitzer

## • Movement's Reply

President Pitzer:

In your letter of April 25th, you state that you plan to recommend the cancellation of the scheduled Trustees' hearing of April 30th unless the April 3rd Movement "assures" you by 2 p.m. Tuesday that it will "refrain from interfering with the order and decorum of the hearing."

We received your letter after our Friday noon rally, at which we reaffirmed our demand for an open hearing with all the Trustees on the SRI question. We restated that demand in the wake of intense community interest

the March 11th meeting and subsequent events.

We wish to remind you of your promise in Dinkelspiel on April 9th to work for such a meeting of the Trustees on this most important issue, and we note with regret your current silence on this question.

We have asked for a reply to our reasonable demands concerning the hearings by 5 p.m. Tuesday, and have planned a community meeting for Wednesday noon to consider your reply. Apparently, you have assumed that such requests constitute a threat to "order and decorum."

Our last community meeting entertained no motion regarding the disruption of the Wednesday hearings; it focused on the nature of those proceedings—that they be held in a suitably large auditorium, that they be open to the community, and that all Trustees be present.

We ask that you too focus on the nature of those hearings, and commit yourself to working toward an open and decorous hearing which would benefit us all. We hope that you would not precipitously cancel the hearing, but rather that you would address yourself to the needs and demands of the community.

April 3rd Movement  
Coordinating Committee