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## Stanford may lift ban on research

Decisions made last spring to abolish secret research and the undergraduate foreign language requirement at Stanford University will be reconsidered Friday by the all-faculty Academic Council.

Eighty-five professors petitioned for review of the new research policy guidelines banning secret "classified" research at Stanford.

The new policy was adopted April 24 by the Academic Senate, the 53-member legislative body elected from Academic Council.

The petition, noting the "grave consequences for the university" in adopting the ban, calls for a mail ballot of the faculty on whether the ban should be lifted.

The secrecy ban was a dominant campus issue during the winter and spring of 1969. The decision to halt further classified research was announced April 24, one week after radical students ended a nine-day occupation at the Applied Electronics Laboratory (AEL), then a center of secret research at Stanford.

Fifty-one professors also have asked for a review of the Academic Senate's action on May 8 rejecting a revised foreign language requirement for undergraduates.

There is now no undergraduate foreign language requirement.

The petition asks that the entire faculty now vote on the proposed foreign language proposed requirement.

Any decision of the Academic Senate is subject to a review by the near 1,000-member Academic Council upon a petition from 50 professors.

All faculty members of assistant professor or above are members of the Academic Council.