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## Trustees to Join Students In Campus Forum on Tuesday

Six students and five trustees will participate in a university forum from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday (MARCH 11) in Memorial Auditorium, Stanford President Kenneth S. Pitzer announced Friday (MARCH 7).

The forum has been arranged in response to a request from student members of the University Advisory Committee. Trustee participants will come from the same group, except that William Hewlett will substitute for Robert M. Brown.

Formation of the 16-man Advisory Committee was approved last month by the trustees as a means of improving communication between the board, students, and faculty. It includes five members chosen by each of these three groups, with President Pitzer as chairman.

The committee met for the first time last week. In requesting the forum in a letter to Trustee President W. Parmer Fuller III Thursday (MARCH 6), four student members said: "We were greatly impressed with the interest of trustee members in furthering understanding of their role in the University.

"At the same time, many concerned students want to listen to the trustees and pose questions to them. We believe an informal dialogue between students and trustees can be of great service to the University at this time."

Noting that Students for a Democratic Society had requested an "open community meeting" for the same date in a March 4 letter to the trustees, Fuller wrote Pitzer that "since one of the purposes of establishing the Advisory Committee was to facilitate communication among students, faculty, and trustees, and since members of this committee are chosen by their respective constituencies, I believe it would be appropriate to accept (their) invitation in preference to one from a single special interest group."

Fuller also noted that plans for holding some kind of forum or meeting between students and trustees were discussed at the Advisory Committee's initial session Feb. 27.

Under arrangements suggested by student members of the Committee, six students "invited by us on the basis of their ability to engage in a rational, stimulating discussion" will share the platform with trustees.

Ground rules for the discussion and audience participation will be set by a chairman invited by students on the committee.

"It would be understood that trustees would be speaking as

individuals and not making official statements for the Board," their request noted.

In accepting the invitation, Fuller noted that all members of the Advisory Committee and the deans of Stanford's seven schools have been invited to attend the Board of Trustees regular meeting on campus Tuesday (MARCH 11). This continues and extends a pattern of broader student and faculty attendance at board meetings, which are private.

In a statement to the Stanford community, released Thursday afternoon (MARCH 6), President Pitzer noted that there have been "substantial" efforts to facilitate communication among students, faculty and trustees, including informal after dinner discussions, broadened participation in trustee committee meeting on invitation, and formation of the Advisory Committee. (See text.)

## President Describes Channels To Trustees and Administration

President Kenneth S. Pitzer issued the statement that follows on March 6.

### TO MEMBERS OF THE STANFORD COMMUNITY:

In view of the recent decision of the Stanford Judicial Council, together with other recent events, it is important that I make explicit the various means of communication with the Board of Trustees, as well as with administrative officers.

Efforts to facilitate communication in recent months have been substantial. Student and faculty representatives have been invited to many Trustee committee meetings. Trustees have accepted invitations to join student groups, usually for dinner and discussion thereafter.

I have met with students frequently in my office as well as in living groups and elsewhere and have received and acted upon many letters and occasional petitions. But we can always try to do better, and I can certainly state explicitly the channels for communication.

1. Communications to either the Board of Trustees or the President may be sent in writing to the Office of the

President. My office is responsible for preparation of the agenda of the Trustee meetings and for distribution of the agenda and other formal communications to the Trustees. If the requested action does not require consideration by the Trustees, I will point this out and indicate the committee or officer having jurisdiction.

2. One of the principal functions of the newly established University Advisory Committee is communication among students, faculty, and trustees. This committee, through its own meetings, is a means of communication, and matters of interest or concern may be called to the attention of any member of the committee. Furthermore, this committee is considering as part of its business additional means of communication with trustees and the need to correct misinformation about the role of the trustees.

Members of the University Advisory Committee are: *Students*—Mr. Denis Hayes, Mr. Patrick Shea, Mr. Roulette Smith, Mr. Albert Spector, Mr. Michael Sweeney. *Faculty*—Prof. William F. Baxter, Prof. Sanford M. Dornbusch, Prof. David A. Hamburg, Prof. S. Dale Harris, Prof. Leonard I. Schiff. *Trustees*—Mr. Robert M. Brown, Mrs. Allan E. Charles, Mr. Ben. C. Duniway, Mr. Charles E. Ducommun, Mr. W. P. Fuller III.

These students and faculty have been invited to the March meeting of the Board of Trustees. Members of the Committee serve as individuals representative of a variety of viewpoints but not as delegates of other organizations. The trustees are fully committed to this committee as a major means of communication, and it is important that students and faculty make full use of it.

3. I am sure that trustees will continue to accept invitations to meet informally for discussion with student groups.

Also, special forums or other meetings may be arranged from time to time to discuss particular subjects of interest.

4. I will continue to welcome discussion with students, either individually or in small groups, at my office. The pressure of various duties usually requires that this be by an appointment which my secretary will be glad to make, but in many cases it has been possible to visit at least briefly without advance arrangement. I will continue to participate in discussions at student living groups and in forums and other appropriate meetings.

K. S. Pitzer  
President

## Senate Commends Dr. Pitzer For Action on SJC Decision

The Senate of the Academic Council has commended President Kenneth S. Pitzer for his "prompt and effective" implementation of the Stanford Judicial Council's decision in the case of the 29 students who disrupted a Board of Trustees meeting January 14.

The resolution, approved 26-1 at the Senate meeting Thursday, March 6, follows:

"Resolved that the Senate of the Academic Council commends President Pitzer for his prompt and effective implementing of the Stanford Judicial Council's decision of February 27, and urges the entire academic community to support the President on this matter."

The Judicial Council unanimously recommended suspended suspensions and fines totalling \$1,900 for the students, who have since announced at a White Plaza rally that they will not pay. In accord with the Council's recommendation, those who fail to pay at least half of the fine by March 31 will not be permitted to enroll for Spring Quarter classes.