

This resolution expresses the sense of a meeting attended by nine faculty and nine students. It will be considered at a meeting of graduate students to be held at 560 Alvarado, 6:30, May 6th and a faculty meeting at noon May 7th.

The psychology department believes that the war in Vietnam and Cambodia has focused the attention of the nation and this university on a present political and moral crisis. To an unprecedented degree our activities and obligations as members of an academic community must be examined in the light of our greater obligations as members of a larger community. In these circumstances we must adopt a course of action which promotes effective involvement in both communities.

Specifically all members of this department must be able to participate in the political and social actions of their choice, free from the pressures of usual academic demands. To affect these ends we have joined with others in creating and coordinating many groups committed to expressing their concern through positive action. The interruption of the normal academic program and the need to avoid penalizing students who will be devoting their time and efforts to political activity has created a situation in which the use of letter grades is inappropriate. We will terminate the present grading system and instead each person will receive a pass grade on evidence of participation in the class to date. The specific needs pertinent to all special undergraduate and graduate requirements will be considered on an individual basis. The faculty remain responsible for fulfilling their contractual obligations to all students.

We believe that this course of action will be responsive to the needs and wishes of all concerned and are appropriate in the extraordinary circumstances which confront us. We further believe that this redirection of our activities in the coming weeks and months is necessary regardless of the impending decisions of the academic senate, administration or student groups.