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New Commission Will Seek Basis For Maintaining Campus Peace

A Commission to lead a study of means for maintaining peace on campus in the future will be established, according to an announcement by President Kenneth S. Pitzer.

He told a special meeting of the Academic Council last Friday that "... education at Stanford is in jeopardy" until ways of avoiding violence are found.

The President pointed out that "We must apply our resources of intelligence, of reflection, and of freedom to the search for answers that can command broad agreement and respect on the campus. We must do more than react to crisis. We must pursue the answers on a broader and more solid basis, in a forum that will ensure full and open inquiry."

President Pitzer named Dr. Herant Katchadourian, recently-appointed University Ombudsman, to make an interim study "to draw on the ideas and interests of the entire University—and perhaps beyond." They will report on the mandate and composition of the commission.

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Senate To Debate Violence Resolution, Termination of ROTC Credit

The Faculty Senate tomorrow (May 7) will consider two resolutions condemning violence on the campus and abroad, and a third proposal that would terminate academic credit for ROTC at the end of the current academic year.

The request for the resolutions came after three hours of discussion by members of the Academic Council, who met during emergency session last Friday. Although approximately 700 Council members attended the meeting, about 400 members were present when the votes were taken.

By a divided voice vote, the Council requested its Senate to consider a resolution condemning President Nixon's action in Cambodia as "unwise, immoral, and harmful."

In a second divided voice vote, the Council similarly asked the Senate to consider "without delay terminating academic credit for ROTC at the end of the current academic year."

Without dissent, it then asked the Senate to consider a resolution "condemning violence wherever it occurs, whether on campus or off, and dedicate itself to seeking out and solving the problems that trigger violence."

President Vows His Commitment To Preservation of University

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President Kenneth S. Pitzer has pledged his personal commitment to defend the University from a "systematic campaign of terror designed to bring the University to its knees."

He made the vow in a special meeting of the Academic Council last Friday during which he urged faculty and staff members to develop procedures for round-the-clock surveillance of campus buildings. Staff, faculty, and students began surveillance duty in a number of campus buildings over the weekend.

President Pitzer also authorized each University officer in charge of a building or space in his charge "if he has substantial evidence that it is threatened to call police directly, if possible through the University's own security officers."

(Full text of President Pitzer's Council talk appears at the end of this story.)

The majority of the faculty members, some of whom had been discouraged from gaining entrance to their offices and classrooms by striking students Friday morning, gave President Pitzer a standing ovation at the conclusion of his speech.

At the beginning of the Council meeting, President Pitzer received a petition signed by 2,200 faculty, students, and staff members expressing support for "whatever legal measures must be taken to preserve the integrity, the tranquility, and the academic viability of our University." The petition was circulated by the Coalition for an Academic Community.

The President declared in his Council speech that even more drastic measures are under consideration, although he hopes they will not have to be used.

The President spoke after two nights of campus violence
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(Texts of the proposals are published below.)

Under its constitution, the Council may only propose actions for consideration by the Senate.

Although the Senate did not propose during its Thursday meeting that ROTC credit be terminated at the end of this quarter, it was apparent that the military's status at Stanford may soon be changed materially.

Three resolutions were adopted by the Senate, with scattered dissent, relative to the continued presence of ROTC on the Stanford campus. (See Senate Report below.)

The resolutions came after President Pitzer's report to the Senate, in which he said he has taken these actions:

"1. I ask the Committee on Committees of this Senate and the student Committee on Nominations to promptly recommend candidates to fill vacancies on the Advisory Committee on ROTC.

"2. I ask this Advisory Committee on ROTC promptly to reconsider and, if they desire, to recommend renegotiation
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New Campus Peace Commission

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Dr. Katchadourian has asked Professor Anthony G. Amsterdam, law; Professor Wolfgang Panofsky, director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; and students Craig Schindler and John Grube to assist him in the interim study. Grube is a former member of the ASSU Council of Presidents.

The group will conduct four public hearings between May 11 and May 22 and submit a report by June 1. The Commission members then will be named.

The provisions of the President's message follow:

"The role of this Commission will be critical. In some ways it will be as important as the SFS. . . .

"Some aspects of the Commission's task are clear. It should gain from the experience of other campuses, but it should focus on the Stanford campus. It should learn from the past, but not sit in judgment on past actions. It should consider the appropriate limits of campus protest and the appropriate responses to actions that exceed these limits, but it should not impinge on the rule-making authority of bodies such as the Student Conduct Legislative Council. It should strive to reflect the conscience of Stanford, but it should not have operational responsibilities.

"In its concern to define the proper boundaries of protest, the Commission should try to understand the roots and causes of protest at Stanford in recent months and years. It should consider protest in the context of the University's institutions for decision-making, and it should be free to inquire whether those institutions allow adequate opportunity for the expression and consideration of student views, whether the opportunities have been adequately used, and whether they can be improved.

"Other matters concerning the Commission are less clear. What should be its precise mandate? How should it proceed? What is the best way to ensure broadly-based Commission membership? Should it include members from outside Stanford? Is it possible to avoid the factionalism that has plagued some University committees in the past?

"The entire Stanford community, perhaps an even broader group, should be involved in answering these initial and most important questions. There must be maximum participation from the very start."

Senate Votes on ROTC, Violence

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of the Army contract. I shall explain to the Army the exceptional circumstances that justify this reconsideration.

"3. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on ROTC with respect to any ROTC unit will be presented to the Senate for its consideration before I make final agreements on behalf of the University."

It was at the Senate meeting that President Pitzer also announced that Vice Provost E. Howard Brooks has come into serious consideration for an executive position in the Department of the Air Force.

Dr. Brooks was involved in the negotiations with the Army last Fall concerning ROTC at Stanford. However, the President pointed out that Dr. Brooks stepped aside from the involvement when he was approached about the Air Force position.

Some members of the Senate expressed the opinion that

it was unfortunate that there was a time linkage between the Brooks announcement and the latest ROTC issue.

However, the President emphasized that he has "complete confidence that Dr. Brooks represented Stanford in those ROTC matters assigned to him with the greatest integrity."

Following is the text of President Pitzer's statement to the Senate relative to Dr. Brooks:

"During the past 15 months Dr. Howard Brooks has been considered for several positions in the federal government in several different departments. Very recently, in fact in very late March, he has come into serious consideration for an executive position in the Department of the Air Force. Ordinarily nothing would be said of this prospect until the Government made its announcement, but in view of the sensitivity of the situation on the campus, I talked this noon with the Secretary of the Air Force and indicated that I felt I must release this information at once.

"Let me emphasize at once that Dr. Brooks has kept me informed of all of these discussions about possible positions in Washington and where necessary his University assignments have been varied accordingly. In particular he was not in discussion of any government position during the fall of 1969 when he was negotiating with the Army concerning ROTC at Stanford. Furthermore, he stepped aside from his involvement with ROTC promptly when he was approached about the Air Force position. I promptly notified Professor Keith Mann, chairman of the Advisory Committee on ROTC, of this development and instructed him to deal directly with me on all matters that might otherwise have been handled by Dr. Brooks. I have complete confidence that Dr. Brooks represented Stanford in those ROTC matters assigned to him with the greatest integrity."

The Senate also adopted, without dissent, a resolution that a University delegation composed of the President, the Provost, and others, meet with Congressmen, Senators, and representatives of President Nixon.

Purpose of the meetings would be to ". . . convey the growing sense of crisis that we all feel and try to elicit constructive responses to our national emergency."

Following are the approximate texts of the proposals which the Academic Council requested the Senate to consider:

CAMBODIA

WHEREAS, the decision of President Nixon on April 30, 1970, to commit American ground combat forces to action on Cambodian territory:

1. was taken without consultation of Congress, thus violating the spirit if not the letter of the Constitution; and
2. will probably result in widening and complicating a cruel and immoral war that we wish to see liquidated; and
3. will further undermine the confidence of other nations in the morality and credibility of the U.S. Government; and
4. is deeply exacerbating the distrust of Stanford students and faculty in the U.S. government;

NOW THEREFORE, the Academic Council of Stanford University, in convocation assembled, asks its Senate to consider the following propositions:

1. condemn President Nixon's action as unwise, immoral, and harmful; and

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2. urge members of Congress to use every legal means to resist the implementation of this decision.

ROTC

The Academic Council requests the Senate to consider without delay terminating academic credit for ROTC at the end of the current academic year.

VIOLENCE

The Academic Council requests the Senate to consider a resolution condemning violence wherever it occurs, whether on campus or off, and requests the Senate to dedicate itself to seeking out and solving the problems that trigger violence.

SECOND SENATE REPORT NO. 17

At the regular meeting of the Senate of the Academic Council on April 30, 1970, the following actions were taken after the receipt of a report from President Pitzer relating to recent events on the campus and recent developments with respect to the American entry into Cambodia and to ROTC:

1. On voice votes taken seriatim, the following resolution was adopted, Paragraph 2 without dissent and the remainder of the resolution on divided votes:

Several recent developments call for further consideration of ROTC negotiations, here and elsewhere: (1) President Nixon's recommendations to Congress for major changes in draft deferment patterns; (2) the recent student referendum at Stanford on the continuance of ROTC and credit for ROTC; and (3) the American entry into Cambodia. Therefore:

1. The Senate of the Academic Council wishes to associate itself with President Pitzer in his proposals to return the ROTC question to the Advisory Committee on ROTC for further consideration in the light of the above developments.

2. The Senate asks President Pitzer to attempt to act in concert with the Presidents of other Universities with respect to ROTC and related issues, and to keep the Committee apprised of the views and actions of other Universities.

3. All decisions by the Committee on Undergraduate Studies regarding course credit for ROTC shall be postponed pending the report to the Senate from the Advisory Committee on ROTC.

2. On a voice vote, with scattered dissent, the following resolution was adopted:

We who have worked, and will continue to work, to keep tensions from erupting violently on our campus know that our success or failure rests only to a limited extent on our own efforts. The issues giving rise to confrontation at Stanford and other campuses are largely the local manifestations of unresolved problems which face us on the national level—Vietnam and now Cambodia,

racial tensions, and mounting problems in our cities. Increasingly, the decision-making machinery within our nation is ceasing to appear legitimate and voices raised in urgent appeal seem to be unheard. It is crucial, not only for the continued functioning of universities, but for the unity of the country as a whole that the urgency with which the University community views these unresolved and festering problems be conveyed to our representatives in Washington.

Because of the gravity of the present situation we recommend an extraordinary action. We propose that a University delegation composed, in so far as possible, of the President or Provost, the Vice President for Financial Affairs, representatives invited from the Board of Trustees, and from the past and present Council of Presidents of ASSU, up to five additional students to be selected through the student Senate Committee on Nominations, and approximately twenty members of the faculty Senate (half invited by lot, half by the Committee on Committees) meet with Congressmen, Senators, and representatives of the President of the United States. Funds for the trip of this delegation shall be raised by voluntary contributions. They (the delegation) should convey the growing sense of crisis that we all feel and try to elicit constructive responses to our national emergency.

In addition, reports were received on the following matters on which no action was recommended or taken:

1. A revised schedule calling for weekly Senate meetings for the remainder of Spring Quarter.

2. The attendance at a student Senate meeting by representatives of the Steering Committee of the faculty Senate.

3. From the Dean of the Law School, a report of recent developments in the program of the School.

4. From the University Committee on Public Events, a report dealing mainly with use of University facilities for benefit performances and the solicitation of contributions at public programs in such facilities.

5. From President Pitzer, an announcement of the appointment of a task force to assist him in the formation of a Commission to study the roots of violence on the campus and define the proper boundaries of protest.

Respectfully submitted,

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Academic Secretary

**Dissent by President, Provost
On U.S. Involvement in Cambodia**

President Kenneth S. Pitzer and Provost Richard W. Lyman, acting independently and as individual citizens, wired President Nixon their strong dissent with the expansion of United States involvement into Cambodia last week.

The President also wired Senator William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a copy of his telegram to President Nixon, and urged the Senator "to call immediate hearings on the impact of his action on our colleges and universities and to invite students, faculty, and administration to testify."

The text of President Pitzer's telegram follows:

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President Nixon:

Last night I issued the following statement which I urgently commend to your attention because of the extremely serious consequences of the action which you are reported to be taking:

"In fairness I think we should wait until the President's statement before we make a final judgment. However, if he

REVISED SENATE SCHEDULE

In view of the extent of unfinished Senate business and foreseen future agenda, the Steering Committee, at its meeting on April 24, revised the meeting schedule for the remainder of Spring Quarter to call for a regular meeting of the Second Senate each Thursday, except for May 21, which is reserved as the time for the organization meeting of the Third Senate.

Meetings will continue to be held in Room gsb75 beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday. The specific dates in the revised schedule are as follows:

May 7, May 14, May 21 (Third Senate, Organization Meeting); May 28, June 4, and June 11.