

PROPOSED MORATORIUM ON DISCUSSION OF OTHER ISSUES UNTIL PEACE-ON-CAMPUS ISSUE IS RESOLVED. (1 May 1970)

The undersigned believe that a community dedicated to intellectual integrity is obligated to avoid even a superficial appearance that coercion by force influences its logic. We believe that the preeminent issue that should be discussed by the Council at this time is peace on the campus. Our position is that intellectual objectivity requires that discussion of vital national issues must not occur in a climate of illegal coercive force. We believe that for rational discourse to warrant credibility a prerequisite is peace on campus.

We propose a moratorium on administratively organized discussion of all other substantive issues prior to the establishment of peace on campus.

Accordingly, we shall seek signatures for a petition to propose review of the Senate's resolutions of 30 April 1970 and propose the following resolution as a substitute:

WHEREAS, during the last few years decisions by this academic community on matters of national policy have been associated with the existence of illegal coercive force, and

WHEREAS, whether this association is causal or coincidental, it conveys the undesirable impression, especially to immature but intelligent and idealistic minds, that force is an appropriate academic argument, and

WHEREAS, resolutions were passed by the Senate on 30 April 1970 during a period of violence on the campus

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Administration initiate the employment of means that have proven successful on other campuses to eliminate illegal coercive force and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a moratorium prevail on formal discussions by the Academic Council and Senate, leading to position statements on national issues, until peace-on-campus is assured.

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