

ASNMSU SENATE ACTION ON MAY 1, 1969

The ASNMSU Senate supports the ideas of the "demands" recently made by the Students for University Freedom. Specifically, the Senate is on record as having, in the past, supported:

1. abolishment of the doctrine of in loco parentis (I, 1 on the Students for University Freedom list)
2. abolishment of double jeopardy (I, 2)
3. codification of university regulations (I, 3)
4. not firing university faculty or employees or expelling students for their political beliefs or actions (I, 4)
5. abolishment of the speaker ban (II, 1)
6. abolishment of mandatory ROTC (III, 1)

In addition, the Senate supports the recognition of all student organizations through the Student Senate (III, 2); supports the idea of more balanced student-faculty membership of Faculty Senate committees though not specifically a 50% balance (II, 2); and supports a revision of the curriculum to include greater individual freedom in the planning of the students' curriculum, though not towards any specific major of their own desire (II, 3 except the third line). The Senate further agrees that the idea of student control of discipline procedure should be studied with the goal of establishing the maximum possible student authority (III, 3 revised) and that student opinion shall be sought before the firing of faculty members (III, 4, revised).

The ASNMSU Senate urges immediate action to put the above ideas into effect as soon as possible.

The Senate has already acted concerning the recent "demands" made by the Black Students' Organization, and therefore action on IV of the Students for University Freedom list is not appropriate (see Senate Opinion approved on April 30). The Senate urges immediate establishment of joint student-faculty-administration ad hoc committees to specifically study the "demands" of the Black Students Organization which the ASNMSU Senate has already deemed worthy of further consideration.

The ASNMSU Senate requests that this document appear on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board of Regents; and that it be distributed together with the written comments of the Board of Regents to the ASNMSU Senate and the faculty and administration of the University.

SUBMITTED BY THE STUDENTS FOR UNIVERSITY FREEDOM:

- I. Individual Freedoms
 1. abolishment of the doctrine of in loco parentis
 2. abolishment of double jeopardy
 3. codification of university regulations
 4. no faculty member, student, or employee of the university shall be fired as a result of his political activities or beliefs
- II. Academic Freedoms
 1. abolishment of the speaker ban
 2. 50% voting rights for students on all faculty senate committees
 3. curriculum revision to include greater freedoms in planning of students' curriculum
- III. University Freedoms
 1. abolishment of mandatory ROTC
 2. recognition of all student organizations will be through the student senate
 3. student control of all student judicial and disciplinary boards from the dormitory level up to and including those with powers of suspension and expulsion.
 4. students in an advisory capacity on all department committees which fire faculty
- IV. We support demands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 of the Black Student Organization.

ASNMSU SENATE OPINION

The following statements were approved by a vote of the Student Senate on April 30, 1969:

"Whereby we live in a country where constitutional laws state that every citizen of this country has the right of freedom of speech, freedom for peaceful demonstration, the ASNMSU Senate hereby condemns the actions of April 29, 1969 by one student who assaulted another who was perfectly in his rights under any law in this nation. Furthermore, we as students at New Mexico State University, should be responsible for locating whoever is guilty and be sure justice is done."

"The ASNMSU Senate supports the concept of peaceful assembly and condemns the action of an individual that attempts to deny this right.

"The ASNMSU Senate also condemns physical destruction of University property and the making of demands with an implied threat of force.

However, the Senate supports the ideas embodied in #1 of the Black Student Organization's proposals. Furthermore, the Senate rejects #2, 6, 10, 11 and 12; and, has recommended for further consideration, #3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9."