

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

Inter-Office Correspondence

TO: President Weimer K. Hicks
FROM: William G. Long, Dean of Student Affairs
Re: Our Response to the BSO Demands
Reply? _____

DATE: May 21, 1969

Yes No

I should like to comment on each of the points as follows:

1. We should revise our stance on this point after the faculty meeting today. It appears that new light may be shed at that time. However, our final response must be detailed and make one point clear -- we will not, in effect, establish two institutions under one roof.
2. I believe that we should state that we have decided to hire a black admissions counselor. It has just come to my attention that Rudy Booker, the black Western graduate student who has been doing good work for us in Crissey would be interested in applying for the admissions position. He would be a good candidate, in my opinion. I believe that we should hire a black admissions officer whether or not the BSO endorses him. We should make it clear that, while he will be sent primarily to predominately black schools, he will work with white as well as black students.
3. I have just been informed that the Student Commission has unanimously endorsed the BSO demands. This means that we are freed from the obligation to insist that the budget request be channeled through the Student Commission. We should now reach a conclusion on the amount requested and give our response.
4. On the matter of Westtab all I can add is that I believe that we have been too sketchy in outlining the actual situation. We need to expand our response.
5. We might once again point out to the BSO that it is conceivable that there will be Freshman space unoccupied in Harmon and that upperclass black men wishing to live in close proximity to Freshman black men would be permitted to do so upon individual request. Furthermore, I think we should tell them that when the Freshman black students reach the campus we will reassign any such Freshman students who request that we do so.
6. I think we should tell the BSO that we will add to the CLC one black student appointed by the BSO through the Student Commission, one black faculty member appointed through the Committee on Committees and one black administrator (if available) appointed by the President. We should state that the ratio will be kept at one to three in each of the three groupings.
7. I believe that we should say to the BSO that we will seek its advice with respect to any black applicants who may apply for positions as residence hall counselors. We should make it clear that we will also ask the advice of the Student Commission or other student group with respect to all other applicants.

Wm. G. Long