

To: President Weimer K. Hicks
and the college community

On May 21 a petition was circulated which states:

"We, the undersigned, are concerned about the direction this college is taking regarding the recent B.S.O. demands. We feel the Administration's response to the demands was inadequate and consequently unacceptable at this time. The issue at stake is one of self-determination; an issue which concerns black and white students alike. The black students at Kalamazoo College must be allowed to become autonomous and self-determining in order to reverse the effects of over 300 years of white control, and they must become so within the realm of the college community. Therefore, we deem the B.S.O. demands to be legitimate and necessary."

219 Kalamazoo students signed.
Because this issue is urgent the petition was only circulated for one day. This large number of supporters was the result. This group of people represents a general consensus rather than a specific organized group.