

for class

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Exhibit 1

TO: THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

FROM: STUDENT COMMISSION

DATE: May 23, 1969

RE: MOTION PASSED May 22, 1969 REGARDING B.S.C. DEMANDS

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The Student Commission feels that the BSO demands are legitimate, and their fulfillment necessary for the good of the college community.

We take this position because:

1. Kalamazoo College is a white racist institution since it is directed against the goals of black self-determination.
2. Black human dignity can be achieved only through black self-determination.
3. The BSO demands exemplify the purpose and spirit of the black self-determination movement.
4. The realization of black self-determination on campus portend redefinition of white student attitudes toward the black self-determination movement.
5. The realization of black self-determination on campus is a step toward endowing the college with an atmosphere conducive to the realization of human dignity for all members of the community.

The Student Commission also wishes to make clear to all students that if we are to find solutions to these and other problems which face us, we will find them only by discussion of them. These are highly emotional issues. Nonetheless if meaningful change is to be brought about, it must come from peaceful negotiation and participation. There is no place for disorderly acts. It must be implicit in these discussions that all parties must deal as equals. The entire basis for discussion is undermined if emotion turns into violent action. Should any student or group of students take any disorderly steps, the college has made it clear that it will take firm action to restore order, followed by disciplinary action against those students involved.