The Task Force on R.O.T.C. Policies, appointed by the University Committee on January 12, 1983, met on February 4, February 18, March 4, and April 22, 1983. It reviewed State statutes, Army regulations, UW System policies, and UWM regulations.

Despite the recent opinion from the Attorney General, Task Force members agreed that the issue we had been asked to study related only to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee regulations and policy.

The Task Force makes the following recommendations:

Recommendation #1. In light of discrimination by the U.S. Army and/or the Department of Military Science (ROTC), that the University Committee recommend that the Faculty Senate communicate the following to the Department of Defense:

It has been called to our attention that U.S. Army Regulation 40-501 paragraph 2-34a (2), disqualifies homosexuals from military service and therefore prevents students with a homosexual orientation from achieving cadet status and from securing any financial assistance.

Since 1956 the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has maintained a voluntary contract with the U.S. Army, thereby agreeing to maintain a Reserve Officer Training Corps program (R.O.T.C.) on our campus.

In 1978 the University instituted a non-discrimination policy in relation to sexual preference. The policy stated:

"The words 'sexual preference' be added to its' (US-Milwaukee) current non-discrimination policy."

We feel it is imperative that our university keep every door open to all interested students. The discrimination against homosexual students by the U.S. Army and subsequently by the UW-Milwaukee Department of Military Science casts a cloud over our policy of non-discrimination. We therefore request that you review your policy of discriminating against homosexuals and repeal it.

Recommendation #2. That the University Committee recommend that the Chancellor's office review the 1965 contract between UWM and the Department of Defense, bringing that instrument's language up to present adding "sexual preference" to Point E (1), after "national origin".

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