PROPOSAL THAT A FACULTY-STUDENT COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED TO INQUIRE INTO MATTERS OF UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY, ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND DECISION MAKING

Be it moved that the following statement be transmitted to Chancellor J. Martin Klotsche, President Fred Harrington, Vice President Robert Cladius, and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin.

1. The Faculty of the UWM commends Chancellor J. Martin Klotsche for affirming the "right of students to protest peacefully and express their views freely" in his statement of November 22, 1967, and for indicating the UWM administration's intention to "appoint a joint faculty-student committee to review and make recommendations to the administration on the conduct of employment interviews and appropriate methods of dealing peacefully with protests attendant thereto."

2. The Faculty of the UWM commends that UWM Student Life and Interests Committee for its reaffirmation of the University of Wisconsin's "long-standing and consistent record of support for civil liberties" in its resolution of November 15, 1967; for its warning against disruptive actions which in effect limit both free speech and the proper functioning of the University; and for its insistence that a "graduated response" to disruption through prompt and fair administrative action and judicial process not give way to unnecessary use of coercion or to "the employment of brutal forces".

3. The Faculty commends those UWM students who have exerted leadership on behalf of nonviolent and nondisruptive demonstrations of their deeply held convictions concerning the war in Vietnam, and expresses its respect for the humane principles and authentic personal commitment motivating the great majority of UWM students involved in such protests.

4. The Faculty commends those within its own ranks, within the Administration, and within the student body who have devoted much time and effort to
developing and maintaining communication within the UWM community concerning the issues at hand.

5. However, the events to date, including the statements and actions referred to above, are symptomatic of more underlying, basic issues. We would be short-sighted if we did not now take this opportunity to examine the basic issues which have troubled the University community. There are four such basic issues:

a. The relationship of the University to critical public controversies.

b. The autonomy of the University.

c. Academic freedom and political action on campus.

d. The relationship between faculty and students in University decision-making.

6. Therefore, be it further moved that an adequately large joint Faculty-Student committee be established to conduct a full inquiry into these matters. This committee will create four sub-committees to address each of the four issues stated above. The committee will be charged with the establishment of a series of convocations at UWM in the spring as a means of reporting to the entire University community. Adequate resources shall be provided by the University for the work of the committee, including the convocations. It is the express intent of the Faculty that these steps lead to the further formulation of more adequate policies in these areas at the UWM.

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