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SUBJECT: Follow up report on what progress has been made on the issues discussed by the Black student and the Administration

The Administration ignores us?

To date there has not been any occasion, incident or enough administrative changes concerning Black students to demonstrate the degree to which communication lines are in the open.

Insufficient amounts of aid

As a way of providing better packages for students the following suggestions have been proposed:

The University rule of 36 hours per year for Financial Assistance will be adhered to except in special circumstances---the rationale is that it is better for a minority student to pass 6 (six) hours successfully rather than failing 10-12 hours. A Black student could not carry less than 6 hours a quarter and be eligible for further assistance financially. If below the minimum the student will be notified that his aid will be withdrawn. (The accumulated hours would be 18 for three quarters.)

In a recent meeting with the Minority Financial Advisory Board, it was decided that some guidelines be used for the disbursement of Outreach monies. The following recommendations will be presented to the Financial Aids Board:

1. The minority advisors will be provided with \$1,000 with which to use for student emergencies. (There will be a limit of \$100 a year per students.)
2. Either the advisor or an assistant would send a student with a card containing his signature and the amount.
3. Any figure over \$1000 will have to be decided by the Director of Financial Aids/The advisor.

Bad food in the cafeteria

I have not received any assurance that the food in the dining halls will be greatly improved, but I have received word from the director of

Food-Services that a student would not be obligated to purchase a meal ticket for seven-days, this then allows for a 5 day meal ticket as an option.

Part-time work pay is too low

Many of the Black students have been assigned work-study jobs as a part of their financial package. This year the amount has to be at least \$700.00 with the limit being \$1,000. There has not been any effort to my knowledge to assure that each student on work-study will be able to obtain the amount of money allotted him.

Life Style or Residence Halls

Brian O'Toole has indicated that he plans to use two approaches to counter-act this problem in the residence halls.

1. Random selection of occupants with the student select the floor of his choice.
2. The resource group, being headed and directed by Pete Grundfossen, will become involved in helping to train the residence halls staff.

Off-Campus Housing

The off-campus housing picture has not been dealt with at this time at least not sufficiently. The thrust has been in two directions.

1. A committee on Black students, community people and administration have been selected to tackle the housing issue.
2. The second direction has been provided by the director of housing and his staff. They have been contacting landlords who would be will to assist the university in providing housing for students. He has made the initial contact by letter. Now he plans to contact each person by telephone who has answered the questionnaire affirmative. He is hoping to secure a list of landlords who would be willing to hold vacated rooms for university students.

The suggestion that this university rent units has not been realized or spotted as a possibility.

University policy needs to be tightened around the issue of discrimination. There has been several suits filed by several Black faculty and students. What part the university has played in these suits is not known at this time.

Black secretary to replace Alice.

The three minority advisors all voted to retain Alice as the secretary for two good reasons.

1. She is a good efficient secretary
2. Who will decide if a new secretary would be Chicano, Black or Indian?

The advisors decided it would be better to have someone neutral in this position.

Black faculty reruitment

It is difficult to get an accurate list but I have been told that a total of ten Black faculty will be on campus. In a recent conversation with Norm Gibbons he informed me that arrangements are made to have Silas Pannell visit the campus sometime during the fall quarter.

General complaint about segregation on campus.

From my perception there has been less progress here than in any other area. I don't feel that the various departments are even willing to talk rational about this issue. My contacts with some departments have illustrated to me that they are not interested in this plight of minority students and that they are not willing to add minority students to their departments.

Progress in Black students cirriculum

There have been a number of proposals suggested for how a Black student's cirriculum could be incorporated into the existing university structure. The best thing at this point is to include copies of a report submitted by Dr. Monson, and an A.S.U.U. Ad-Hoc committee.