

Blacks present demands to Pres. Emery

A group of 13 blacks presented a list of demands to University President Alfred C. Emery Thursday about 3 p.m. in the president's office in the Park Bldg.

The list, as outlined by a public relations spokesman for the University, dealt with creating a black studies curriculum with black students acting in key roles to select instructors and courses to be taught. Other demands included total waiver of tuition and fees for students below a certain income level (although the level was not specified) and the University taking a definitive position on minority student "rights" applying to minorities both on and off campus.

According to the spokesman, the group indicated the demands were "non-negotiable and if not accepted within five days action will be taken." Identification of individuals within the group could not be made, nor did the University administration indicate whether the group was composed entirely of students.

According to Dean of Students Michael Patton, who spoke for the president, the group entered the president's office at 2:45 p.m. and asked to see him. He was home at the time and returned to the University to meet with them.

An original copy of the list of demands could not be obtained. "They were their demands, they're not mine to release; they are not my demands. If they want to give them out, that's fine," said President Emery after the group had left his office.

The only other thing President Emery would say was, "A group came in to meet with me and gave me a list of demands." Dean Patton said the administration had made no decision on accepting or rejecting the list. "No response will be made tonight," he said, "although the

administration plans to meet tomorrow to discuss it."

Dean Patton said the group represented an organization called Revolutionary Afro-American Forces (RAAF). The group is not an ASUU-recognized student group, although it is allegedly a splinter-group of the Black Student Union. A group called Revolutionary Afro-Americans for Freedom was recognized two weeks ago by Student Affairs.

"The group was basically well-behaved, a very moderate group. There was no destruction of property," said Dean Patton. The meeting between the blacks and President Emery lasted approximately 15 minutes, he said.

Grover Thompson, ASUU president, and

Tallie Cavaness, Organizations Board chairman, met with the group and several other blacks after the incident, although both refused to comment on the content of the meeting.

Charles Kelley, who said he was a spokesman for the group that met with President Emery, said he had no comment to make Thursday night, although he said the group would probably issue a statement Friday.

Mr. Thompson said, however, he had known about the demands in advance.

Carl Mason, black students adviser, said Thursday night that he had "no comment" and that the black students had asked him to stay uninvolved.

Eugene Orr, director of Marriott Library Duplication Department, spoke earlier Thursday on "What It's Like to be Black." Mr. Orr spoke at 1:15 p.m. A group of black students had left his speech abruptly after asking him how he could be both a black and a member of the LDS Church.

He told them, "I chose to work within the system and try to change institutions."

Later, he said, "There's more than one way to skin a cat. Some blacks choose militant methods. I choose to work within the system."

"Violent measures just hurt you, and hurt others," he said. Mr. Orr said none of the blacks had contacted him personally concerning the meeting between the group and President Emery.