

COALITION REPORT

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BACKGROUND

During the week of March 17, the Special Committee on Budget Priorities (SCBP) was formed as authorized by the Advisory and Executive Committee of the Corporation. The four undergraduate members are Kathy ten Kate, Rick Zall, Joan Reede, and William Jackson. One graduate student representative is Wiley Wilson. Four faculty advisors to the Committee subsequently appointed by the Faculty Policy Group are William Crossgrove, Charles Nichols, William Risen, and Robert Scoles.

During the following two weeks the Committee and the administration were unable to come to terms about which information was "reasonable and necessary" for the formulation of recommendations for budgetary reallocations which would reflect student priorities. Basic controversy centered around release of print-outs of the 1974-75 budget including itemization of "other" categories, as well as release of monthly comptroller's statements. The administration agreed to give Committee members access to this information through meetings with Vice-President Maeder and other staff members. However, it was the belief of the Coalition Coordinating Committee that unless both Coalition research task force members and SCBP members had full access to this material it would be impossible for us to formulate recommendations for budgetary reallocations. Furthermore, having lost two weeks in discussion, it was felt that even given full release of all necessary materials the SCBP would not have enough time to draw up its recommendations. Accordingly, on March 27 the Coalition decided that unless full information was released by March 30, the SCBP would suspend its operations.

CHANGE OF TACTICS

Because of our failure to accomplish our goals through the SCBP, on April 1st a list of proposals was drawn up which calls for the formation of one budget which takes into account student priorities. As presented to the administration on April 2, this reads:

PROPOSALS OF THE COALITION

WE DEMAND:

- 1) that the administration's presently proposed budget for 1975-76 not be submitted to the Advisory and Executive Committee.
- 2) that one budget be submitted to the A&E Committee, a budget which meets our budgetary demands and reflects our priorities;
 - a) specific demands (in dollars) will be presented when the SCBP receives the requisite budgetary materials.
 - b) our priorities are: an increase in financial aid funding commensurate with the increase in student costs; the prevention of disproportionate reductions in Student Services' budgets when no suitable alternatives are provided; the protection of faculty teaching time in the instructional budget; implementation of the demands of OUAP.