

# SC Letters Recommend Action, Urge Joint APC, SASS Report

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Student Council met twice this week to come to grips with the current Black admission crisis. As a result, two open letters were distributed to the College community as well as a collection of correspondence between Council and the Admissions Committee. Council also agreed to support a "Dialogue for Truth and Understanding."

The second open letter, distributed Thursday, congratulated the faculty on Tuesday's actions and reiterated Council's desire for a joint committee made up of the Admissions Policy Committee, members of SASS, and other students. As stated, this group would study the "long-range philosophy governing Black admission policy" and "work out the details of implementation of faculty decisions."

The letter concluded by demanding "immediate action" and declaring that "steps must be taken to insure student participation in the faculty making processes of Swarthmore College."

After the letter was unanimously passed, discussion began about the need for a history of the conflict. Despite two resolutions and one legislative rule, it was decided Wednesday night to publish all correspondence between Council and the Admissions Committee this fall, including the much delayed letter from Dean Frederick Rörgebein to Council.

## EXPLORE FEELINGS

It was requested that each letter would present a history of current events. It would help serve as an explanation of SASS's feelings and actions. A motion to put copies of the letters on General Reserves was voted down, and they were distributed Thursday. It appeared immediately with a history of the crisis put out by SASS.

The first Council letter pointed out similarities in the reports of the Admissions Policy Committee and of SASS and urged the faculty to act as a mediator of action on these issues. In addition, Council called for the formation of the joint admissions committee.

Within a few minutes Monday night, the night arrived when the

minutes within the Council and a recommendation written by student members of the Student Affairs Committee calling for a definite agenda of collaboration of the two reports.

It was proposed from the floor at the Monday meeting that Council show itself directly in support of the Black students, regardless of ideological differences. This would serve to protect the chances of future student demands. This suggestion did not come to a vote.

There appeared to be support with the Council for SAGE demands an disagreement with factors. Rather than be bogged down in argument on specific questions, Council decide to write the letter containing general recommendations of a course action, delivered to the entire College Community Monday morning. The letter was aimed primarily at the faculty before their meeting, the afternoon.

Clinton Edwards, President a SAGE, asked Council to co-sponsor: "Dialogue for Truth and Understanding" in Commons Tuesday at 11:00 Open to all students, the time attempted to present the black point of view, and to offer a chance to discussion. Council agreed to co-sponsor the Dialogue, helping with publicity but leaving the organization to SAGE and Ellen Schell. Coun