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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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17 March 1970

To: The Steering Committee of SASS  
Assistant Dean William Cline  
Assistant Dean David Closson

If, as I trust, we have agreed on the desirability of a Steering Committee to point the Black Cultural Center in the best possible direction, and to coordinate its activities with the requisites of the law and of the College, then I think we should move promptly to complete the designation of the Committee.

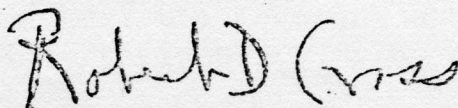
We have already agreed on having the Steering Committee of SASS;  
Dean Cline (until he leaves for Colorado);  
Dean Closson.

I assume that when Professor Cottingham arrives, he will constitute a member of the Committee; in the meantime, I assume the spirit of our agreement to mean that his "position" - like the other two faculty-administration-staff positions - should be filled by black people. Names that have occurred to me include:

Mr. Harold Hoffman;  
Mr. Edward Collins;  
Mrs. Kathryn Morgan;  
Mr. Asmarom Legesse;  
Mr. J. Deotis Roberts.

Would you let me know how you would like to proceed on specifying the additional members?

Yours sincerely,



Robert D. Cross,  
President

# SASS

*Swarthmore Afro-American Students' Society*

Swarthmore College

Swarthmore, Pennsylvania 19081

3 April 1970

To: William Cline  
David Closson ✓  
Harold Hoffman  
Kathryn Morgan  
J. Deotis Roberts  
RE: Steering Committee for Black Cultural Center

SASS and the Administration are mutually responsible for the creation of a Steering Committee for the Black Cultural Center. In lieu of this, SASS has recommended to President Cross that the above persons be designated as faculty-administration representatives of the Center's governing and decision-making committee, according to criteria set forth in President Cross' memorandum dated 14 March 1970, which reads:

"... Therefore we are creating a steering committee for the Cultural Center, which operating within the framework of the law in setting policy and regulations will be responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing matters of program and of access to the center, and will be responsible for developing a capital and operating budget. This committee shall consist of a joint group of students, faculty, and officers of the College: five black administrators, including the counselor for black students, the admissions officer for black admissions, the Director of Black Studies, and two other members of the black college community mutually acceptable to SASS and to the College; and the five-person steering committee of SASS. The general arrangements discussed here are compatible with the arrangements worked out last year for the appointment of black officers of the College to work with black students."

It is our hope that each of you will decide to accept membership. Assuming that such is the case, a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 7 April 1970 at 7:00 p.m., in Lodge 4, to begin discussion on the relevant matters concerning the Center. If this time is at all inconvenient please inform any member of the Steering Committee of SASS.

Respectfully yours,  
SASS



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10 April 1970

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Steering Committee of SASS  
Dean William Cline  
Dean David Closson  
Mr. Harold Hoffman  
Mrs. Kathryn Morgan  
Professor J. Deotis Roberts

FROM: Robert D. Cross

Thank you for your letter of 2 April concerning a steering committee for the Cultural Center. I especially appreciate the willingness of faculty, staff, and administration to help with this important set of responsibilities. I think the steering committee notion makes it possible to accomplish two highly desirable objectives:

first, the ability of the black community in Swarthmore to give shape to a center responsive to their interests;

second, the ability to relate the planning for and activities of the Center to the requirements of federal, state, and borough law; general College provisions; most effective use of College facilities and the financial abilities of the College.

I am sure that the better planning we do this spring, the greater the likelihood that the Center will be the unqualified success that it should be.

I'd like to suggest, therefore, that the Steering Committee maintain liaison with me, as plans are developed. On some questions, it may be desirable to consult with Alan Hunt, who has served as sort of deputy "Counsel" to the College, and is of the law firm of Duane, Morris and Heckscher in Philadelphia; with Deans Barr and Townsend about College provisions; and with Vice-President Cratsley on financial and facilities questions.

Robert D. Cross,  
President