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The Queens College faculty voted against amnesty for the thirty-nine persons arrested on the Flushing campus on April 1 following a five day sit-in in the Social Sciences building. In a referendum of the entire faculty the vote was two to one against dropping criminal charges (476-278).

A total of 800 faculty, both full-time and part-time, voted out of approximately 1,800 eligible to take part in the referendum.

The faculty also called upon President Joseph P. McMurray and Dean of the Faculty Robert W. Hartle "to enforce without delay existing laws and regulations against all, faculty and students, who violate established norms of conduct" (471-257).

At the faculty meeting in May, those present voted in favor of dropping criminal charges provided students ended their occupation of Academic II, an administration building. This ammended motion was reversed in the referendum by a vote of 436-240.

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The faculty referendum also endorsed a statement entitled "The University as a Sanctuary of Academic Freedom" originally subscribed to by more than 800 faculty members at Columbia University.

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Text and ballot counts attached.