

NEGOTIATION TEAM  
Special Meeting

December 9, 1968 - 4:00 p.m.

Hotel Commodore  
Lexington Avenue and 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Present: Messrs: Albert Vann, Chairman  
Robert Carson  
Thomas R. Jones  
Jack L. Pannigan  
Herman Patterson  
Mrs. Ella Sease

This meeting was called prior to the Presidential Search Committee Meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Graduate Center, in order to decide upon the course of action to be taken by the Team in response to the news of receipt of a Ford Foundation grant by the City University of New York.

Request had been made earlier by telegram to cancel the interviews of Presidential Candidates which had been calendared, in view of the urgency of the matters to be discussed; accordingly, only one interview was on the Agenda. Team members were in agreement that although time was important, no disrespect toward our Black educators would be permitted on the part of either the Team or members of the Board of Higher Education.

Through discussion, it was allowed that the Chairman should lead with a series of questions put to the Presidential Search Committee, the Team, meanwhile, listing any points missed or in need of clarification to be included. The primary concern of the Negotiating Team is that a major step such as a proposal for a Ford Foundation grant, supposedly for the benefit of Community College Number Seven, could have been effected without prior knowledge or approval of the Coalition Negotiating Team.

First: Outline our position toward our community in terms of representing them.

Second: Face them with their maltrust and lack of respect in dealing with us by withholding information.

Third: Itemize the specific kinds of information we need

a) who will direct and supervise the administration of the Ford grant funds?

b) who developed the proposal for the grant?

c) ultimately, to be sure that our role in relationship to Community College Number Seven is defined, including the Ford grant.

All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned to the Presidential Search Committee Meeting at the Graduate Center at 5:45 p.m.

June Campbell  
Secretary

Albert Vann  
Chairman