

APRIL 18, 1969

TO THE FACULTY:

IF YOU DON'T READ
THIS
DON'T COMPLAIN
ABOUT ANYTHING
THAT HAPPENS
AT QUEENS COLLEGE

On Thursday, April 17, twelve unaffiliated faculty members prepared four suggestions that were later presented to President McMurray and the College Personnel and Budget Committee:

(1) We suggest that President McMurray seriously consider the use of a court restraining order to halt disruptive acts, while protecting the right of peaceful dissent.

(2) We wish President McMurray to join us in noting that the present atmosphere virtually precludes the possibility of harmonious negotiations. Faculty, administration, and students cannot negotiate in an atmosphere of disruption and threats, a climate that has distracted all of us from our primary tasks on this campus.

(3) We wish the President to use the mass media to give his assurance that the rights of all students to enter the campus and buildings will be protected.

(4) We believe that the President should conduct a referendum to determine the actual position of the faculty. Such a referendum, difficult though it would be to conduct, would give all faculty members a chance to be heard.

We told the President and his advisors of our belief that a majority of the faculty did not find their views represented by proposals set forth by numerous "ad hoc" groups. We suggested that most faculty members believe that the demonstrators' tactics established dangerous precedents and that these tactics were disproportionate to the grievances.

Our claim to represent most of the faculty might well be true. But others must step forth. We wish to show the President that we do represent the majority of the faculty.

We wish to meet next week to consider (1) the preservation of our college's academic integrity and (2) a fair and just solution to present problems, a solution that will make this campus a place where good will and trust replace fear, intimidation, and disturbing rumor.

If you wish to be counted, please sign below and return this sheet AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to Box 12, English Department Office, in Temporary Building II, Room 25. All who sign will be invited to our next meeting.

*R. Dierlam
E. Fichtner
S. Friedman
W. Green

*M. Horowitz
D. Jones
R. Kieser
S. Lewis

*R. Long
P. Lysek
E. Withington
P. Y. Wu

Sign here: _____

Department _____

*These colleagues have not had an opportunity to examine this text, but they are in essential agreement with our views.