

# BROOKLYN COLLEGE DEFENDS ACTIONS

## School Says It Is Already Meeting Student Demands

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Brooklyn College said yesterday it had already been moving to meet Negro and Puerto Rican requests in all three fields in which Negro and left-wing students have been insisting on action by next fall—student enrollment, faculty membership and courses.

The administration said it had compiled a list of 1,300 unsuccessful applicants for City University colleges from Brooklyn poverty areas that had been used to find new candidates for discretionary admission this fall.

The action is subject to Board of Higher Education approval of such a discretionary policy.

Sifting this list, the administration said, produced the names of 190 Negroes and Puerto Ricans whose test scores indicated they might be able to do college work with special help. Canvasses for others are being made through high-school teachers and counselors and the Veterans Administration.

Students among the 42 demonstrators arrested early Tuesday for criminal trespass when the police broke up a 16-hour sit-in at the registrar's office were being notified that they had until 4 P.M. Friday to file individual requests for hearings if they wished to appeal their expulsions from the school.

### Hearing Set for Monday

George A. Peck, dean of administration and acting chief executive officer, said a nine-member Faculty-Student Committee on Orientation and Counseling had set a special meeting for Monday for any hearings, and its action would be reported to the Faculty Council.

Michael Novick, Student Council president and member of the Students for a Democratic Society, one of those arrested, said the students would appeal. Thirty-five defendants in Brooklyn Criminal Court had described themselves as students.

Final examinations at the college start Wednesday and run through June 11, but Dean Peck said anyone winning reinstatement would be allowed to take make-up tests.

During a regular biweekly news conference for student publications, Dean Peck said he had urged a serious effort to recruit more Negro and Puerto Rican faculty members and was taking this up with the college committee on hiring and budget. Records indicated there were 24 Negroes at present among 767 full-time faculty members.

The Faculty Council, Dean Peck said, has directed departments to report by next Tuesday on new courses on African, Afro-American and Puerto Rican history and culture that might be instituted in September.

A course on the Negro in American history to be taught by Donald F. Gerardi, a specialist in social history, has already been approved by the faculty. The English department has developed plans for a course on Negro writing in America.

### Active Role Seen

Julius C. C. Edelstein, coordinator of urban studies for the City University, said Brooklyn College was the pioneer among the city's public senior colleges in seeking Board of Higher Education approval for discretionary admission of Negro and Puerto Rican students.

Both the demonstrators who staged the 16-hour sit-in at the registrar's office and the college's organized Negro student group, which did not take part in the sit-in, want 1,000 more Negro and Puerto Rican students brought in next fall.

The administration has estimated that only 200 more might be accommodated by a program that would include admission a month ahead of other freshmen, limitation of course load to 12 instead of 16 credits a semester and the acceptance of two or three extra students in their classes by faculty members who volunteer to take the extra students.

A City University tabulation of voluntary responses from students at Brooklyn College last fall counted 119 Negroes, 42 Puerto Ricans, 9,505 whites, 244 others and 98 nonrespondents among 10,003 matriculated students. Of a total of 30,522 students, including part-time students, 1,002 were Negroes and 204 were Puerto Ricans.

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