

1,372 Faculty Members Back UW Strike Stand

Two-Thirds Sign Petition of Support

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A petition signed by 1,372 faculty members supporting the University of Wisconsin administration's hard line against student strikers was presented to Madison Chancellor Edwin Young Saturday.

The petition rejected "surrender to mob pressures and lawless force."

The 1,372 signatures represented about 67 per cent of the 2,050-member faculty. Teaching assistants are not counted as faculty.

Young called the faculty support "heartening."

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David Fellman, one of the four professors who brought the petition to Young's office, said it is "the largest expression of faculty support in the history of the University."

The two-paragraph petition said in part "that we support the administration of the University in its refusal to surrender to mob pressures and lawless force, in its determination to continue normal educational activities, in its efforts to deal with problems, including those involving the disadvantaged members of society, through rational methods."

The petition was drafted by 15 professors and was circulated Thursday and Friday, Fellman said.

YOUNG SAID he considered the petition not only an endorsement of the administration's firm position against strikers, but an endorsement of the University's program for black students.

"I want it to be clear that I take this to mean that the faculty wants us to keep on doing a

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lot for black students," he said.

The petition also endorses the right to protest and demonstrate.

Meanwhile, Horace Harris, a black graduate student, charged the University "only uses rational methods of communication when it aids its own ends."

HE BLAMED disorders on the failure of the University to communicate. "A typical example of the failure of the University to use channels is Oshkosh," said Harris.

One of the 13 demands of black students is that 90 black students expelled from Oshkosh following disorders Nov. 21 be admitted to the University of Wisconsin. Some students charge that the blacks were not admitted to the University because of a political deal between University Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington and state legislators.

Harrington has denied that any deal was involved.

Chancellor Young and the University Faculty Committee have called a special faculty meeting for Wednesday to review the school's black programs.

REPORTS AT Wednesday's meeting will be made by Samuel D. Proctor, dean of special projects; Prof. Lloyd F. Bitzer, of the Human Rights Committee; and Prof. Robert J. Miller, of the Afro-American and Race Relations Center.

Special reports will also be made by Dean Wilson B. Thiede, Vice-Chancellor F. Chandler Young, and Michael Lipsky on the proposed black studies program, campus race relations, and financial aid to black students.

The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Memorial Union Theater. According to Vice-Chancellor James W. Cleary any overflow crowd will be served by a closed circuit television to the Wisconsin Center.



FACULTY SUPPORTS UW — Chancellor Edwin Young, right, received a petition Saturday which registered faculty support of the University of Wisconsin Administration in the current campus disturbances.

The presentation was made by Reid Bryson, professor of meteorology, on behalf of a group of 15 independent faculty members who distributed the petition and obtained 1,372 signatures.

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