

Faculty Opposes Racial Courses

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The University of Wisconsin's Madison faculty Monday endorsed the principle that "race shall not be a criterion for the eligibility of any student in any course taught at this University."

Adoption of the statement came as the faculty approved a resolution offered by its Human Rights Committee aimed at answering black student demands made in February.

THE DOCUMENT terms racial discrimination as "an immense moral evil" and says that black students should have a significant voice in planning programs to meet their needs.

"But to permit black students to dictate final decisions in those (planning and staffing) matters would be unacceptable," the resolution adds.

Written during a February student strike attempt over the black student demands, the document also asserts that efforts to meet many of the black student demands are "impossible, save in a strong and functioning University and in a spirit of cooperation."

It also notes that "While the faculty respects the commitment and the symbolic importance of a strike, it expects that academic responsibilities will normally be met."

A RESOLUTION reaffirming "the traditional University policy that race, ethnic back-

ground, or religious convictions are not to be considered as qualifications or disqualifications for employment in any faculty, administrative, or staff position" was defeated by a voice vote.

Prof. Walter B. Raushenbush, a Human Rights Committee member, said the proposal would "be hostile to the thrust of what we've presented."

"We should now disavow an emphasis on saying the one black applicant is qualified but not as qualified as the eight or 10 white applicants," Raushenbush added.

ALSO DEFEATED was a resolution recommending that pro-

grams for the disadvantaged be "administered in a non-discriminatory manner and open to all qualified applicants regardless of race."

Raushenbush said the committee has taken the position that the disadvantaged shouldn't be "primarily black," but to redress past inequities "there must be some color consciousness here."

Prof. John Tolch, Student Financial Aids Committee chairman, noted that because of a recent Equal Opportunities Commission grant the picture for providing financial assistance to disadvantaged students next fall is "brighter."

HE SAID funds will be available for 175 special program continuing students and 200 additional students. Loans and work-study money also will be available for 300 others, he added.

In other action, the faculty voted to add two students and two faculty members to the Human Rights Committee, giving the faculty a 6-5 edge. Two students also were added to the Religious Activities Committee.

The student member of the Parking and Transportation Board was given a vote by the faculty, which also added another faculty member and two other non-voting members to the board.