

Fight Is On Over Director of Afro-American Center

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The disagreement between University of Wisconsin black students and Dean Stephen Kleene of the College of Letters and Sciences is whether black people can decide who they want as director of the Afro-American and Race Relations Center, Sam Salter, contender for the post said Thursday.

"The name Sam Salter is incidental," he said. What is being questioned is whether black people can make decisions about things that affect them, he added.

THE BLACK students feel that Dean Kleene has been ill-

advised in delaying the selection of a director for the center, he said. Although the students sympathize with Kleene's position they feel that "he should at least know that in order to make a correct decision you should go to the people who are affected by it."

Both the black students and the student faculty Search and Screen Committee have recommended Salter for immediate appointment.

Wednesday night at a meeting at the center, 935 University Ave., attended by more than 400 black students, the six-month-old search committee resigned. Committee members said they felt insulted that Kleene could not accept their recommendation.

ACCORDING TO Salter, the center has been liberated, meaning "control by the people, of the people, and for the people. If necessary the people will attempt and succeed in maintaining the center as a functioning enterprise regardless of outside help."

"This is the first time I have felt at home since the center has opened," said Cleo Fluker, a student from Meridian, Miss.

The center is functioning normally except for the absence of Acting Director Eugene Parks and Associate Director Horace Harris, who both resigned Wednesday.

Kleene announced late Thursday that he has invited concerned black faculty members and members of the advisory committee of the Afro-American and Race Relations Center to a meeting this afternoon to discuss the selection of a center director.