Report of Black Affairs Committee, March 10, 1971

The Black Affairs Committee met last week to assess last month's visit of Dr. Sam Anzalone and Dr. Van Allen of the Southern Regional Education Board. The committee felt the round of talks held over the campus was successful and was pleased with the cooperation of faculty, administrators, and students with their aims of the visit. The material that follows summarizes some of the discussions that were thought to be of particular interest to the Senate.

1. CAMPUS SECURITY--The need for special training for campus security members in dealing with problems specifically related to black students was brought out; Chief Popernik was receptive to such a suggestion.

2. FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS--A program of visiting black scholars and a faculty exchange with schools, such as Rust College and Mississippi Valley State College, were suggested as a means of increasing the number of black faculty members on campus. Atlanta University was mentioned as a possible source in recruiting blacks with graduate degrees. It was emphasized that efforts should be made to bring blacks into administrative positions.

3. ADMISSIONS AND RECRUITMENT--Suggestions were made that the University embark on a systematic recruitment of black students by hiring a Negro recruiter and by setting up a quota system, such as an initial goal of a student body enrollment which would be ten percent black. A waiver of graduate tuition fees for blacks was advanced as a means of increasing the number of black graduate students.

4. STUDENT RELATIONS AND CONCERNS--The black students expressed a desire for more black faculty members, for more black courses, for