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ROTC Advisory Committee Holds First Hearing; Poll Is Scheduled

The President's Advisory Committee on ROTC will schedule additional public hearings, and a student poll will be taken next week for the group's report that must be submitted by June 1 relative to the future of military training on the Stanford campus.

Seven witnesses appeared at the committee's first hearing last Monday and testified regarding the so-called punitive clauses in ROTC contracts.

The number of hearings will depend upon the response of the campus community, according to J. Keith Mann, law chairman of the study group.

Those interested in testifying should write to the committee at P.O. Box 2329, Stanford.

Although the mechanics have been set in motion relative to the future of ROTC on the Stanford campus, it is probable

that the Army and Navy will follow the Air Force and leave of their own volition.

The Air Force ROTC has announced that it will discontinue its program with Stanford by June 30, 1971, and Army and Navy ROTC commanders express personal doubts that their units could continue at the University without academic credit.

The credit issue was resolved last Thursday when the Faculty Senate adopted a resolution terminating academic credit for ROTC courses effective August 31. The Senate also requested the President's Advisory Committee on ROTC Affairs to accomplish these tasks:

1— "...to study and make recommendations for the fair and equitable implementation of this decision (termination of credit), including any transitional arrangements needed for credit by those students presently enrolled in ROTC programs.

2— "...to report as soon as possible, and not later than June 1, 1970, its recommendations as to the termination or retention and, if retained, the future conduct of any ROTC programs at Stanford, including in particular such objectionable features as the punitive clauses presently employed."

In the case of the Air Force ROTC, declining enrollment in its program is given as the major reason for disassociation with the University.

President Kenneth S. Pitzer was apprised of the action in a telegram from Brigadier General Benjamin B. Cassidy, who said a review of the number of officers commissioned "indicates the program is not viable."

The Air Force action was not unexpected. It had been predicted by President Pitzer in a report to the Faculty Senate April 2.

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DOD-Supported Research Relationship to Stanford Is Outlined

W. F. Miller, Vice President for Research, has provided some factual data concerning research at the University, and more particularly, research sponsored by the Department of Defense, for the purpose of "affording an overview of the relationship of the DOD-supported research program to the overall research program at Stanford." Details of his presentation were given to the Faculty Senate recently.

During the University fiscal year which ended August 31, 1969, DOD awards amounted to approximately 16 percent of the total awards received from the Federal Government (\$9.8 million out of \$53.7 million); the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare provided 46 percent of the total sponsored projects received by the University (\$25 million out of \$53.7 million).

On the expenditure side, DOD represented approximately 29 percent of the Federal dollar expended in our fiscal year 1969 (\$15.5 million out of \$52.3 million); HEW was 46 percent (\$23.1 million out of \$52.3 million). During the first six months of the University fiscal year 1970 (September through February), expenditures on DOD research grants and con-

tracts were down an additional 15 percent as compared with the same time period in the previous year. Complete tables of these statistics are available in the office of the Vice President for Research.

There are 134 DOD contracts and grants at the University, distributed as follows: Engineering, 64, or 48 percent of the total; Physical Sciences, 54, or 40 percent; and Social and Medical Sciences, 16 contracts and grants, or 12 percent. It currently is estimated that the University has the following numbers of Stanford participants: faculty acting as principal investigators and associates—242; students being supported in part or fully by DOD contracts—approximately 300; staff personnel on a full-time equivalent basis—approximately 260.

"We must recognize that these numbers are not very specific and are minimums," Dr. Miller says. "For example, many students and faculty use the equipment, laboratories, computers, and materials provided by these projects in addition to those who derive direct assistantship and dissertation sup-

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Advisory Committee Hearings

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"Recent recruiting efforts which would result in production (of officers) for the year 1972 are falling far short," General Cassidy said.

The Stanford Air Force unit has averaged 11 commissioned officers annually in recent years. Fewer than seven are expected for this year and next.

President Pitzer, who had requested an Air Force position in relation to the Stanford Army ROTC proposal in a letter written April 8, wired the Air Force ROTC commandant:

"I concur in your judgment that both present and prospective enrollments are too small to justify continuation of the unit here. Consequently I accept your proposal that the unit be disestablished not later than June 30, 1971.

"Colonel Heine assures me that all commitments to presently enrolled students can be fulfilled by that time, and possibly earlier, in which case the disestablishment date could be advanced."

Lieutenant Colonel Leon S. Heine is commanding officer of the Stanford Air Force ROTC unit.

Marine Colonel Robert L. Thomas, head of the Navy ROTC unit, said his supposition as an individual is that without credit "the Navy program may have to be phased out."

During the Senate's discussion last week, Colonel Stanley Ramey, head of Army ROTC, made these observations:

"I thought we had worked out an agreement which would be viable. It was similar to a mosaic. To pull out one piece invalidates the whole.

"If ROTC is to continue here, it has to continue as an integral part of University life, but I don't think it will be workable."

Colonel Ramey's comment regarding an "agreement" referred to the Academic Council's approval on March 30 of an Army ROTC proposal which would permit courses to qualify

for limited academic credit on a one-year trial basis.

Sustained, sometimes violent protests ensued, blossoming into a campus strike May 4 following American involvement in Cambodia.

The Council, at its May 1 meeting, asked the Senate to consider the resolution terminating academic credit for ROTC at the end of the current academic year. The proposal was adopted by the Senate last Thursday night in a 36-8 vote with four abstentions.

The Senate referred the issue of retention or termination of the ROTC program to the President's committee.

SECOND SENATE REPORT NO. 18

At the regular meeting of the Senate of the Academic Council on May 7, 1970, the following actions were taken:

1. After receiving a statement from President Pitzer (see page 6) urging that the remainder of Spring Quarter be a "period of extra commitment," the essential features of which would include "fulfillment of our basic educational responsibilities together with special opportunities and flexibility for students and faculty to deal with the current crisis," the Senate, on a voice vote, adopted the following resolution, without dissent:

The Senate enthusiastically supports the policy of President Pitzer to encourage broad options for special activities, outside of the regular course of study, during the remainder of the Spring Quarter. The Senate also vigorously approves of the initiative and resourcefulness with which individual schools and departments have already begun constructive projects and studies relating to the issues of the present emergency. The course of study must operate intact for students who wish to follow it on a regular basis, but extensions of time and alternative ways of fulfilling course requirements, and scheduling flexibility, should be made available. The Senate affirms its readiness to allow the latitude necessary for such innovative responses to the central issues now current.

2. Pursuant to a resolution of reference from the Academic Council, the Senate adopted the following resolution by a vote of 40 to 7:

The Senate sympathetically receives the Resolution on Cambodia passed by the Academic Council on May 1, 1970, and is instructed by it.

Traditionally, the Senate of the Academic Council does not, as a corporate body, express its views or adopt resolutions on matters of national politics. Our proper concerns are with the academic, educational, and research activities of this institution; and we respect the distinction between Senate Representatives as morally concerned individuals and as officers concerned with the governance of the University. Recognizing that some Representatives do not believe that the Senate should take corporate positions on such issues, we call the attention of the Senate to an additional statement which may be signed by members of the Senate as individuals.

Without challenging the view that the proper role of the Senate is to deal with academic issues, we must today address ourselves to a national and international issue which has brought devastating repercussions to our campus.

The extension of the Asian war into Cambodia has had an enormous shock-effect on students and faculty alike—far exceeding the widespread outrage over the Vietnam War. We share the pain and the despair of our students and join in their search for constructive responses. This intensified war has shattered the hopes aroused during the past year that an early end to the fighting was in sight, and that we could at last turn our

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