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STANFORD -- At a special meeting Wednesday morning, the Faculty Senate of the Stanford School of Medicine unanimously pledged their support to "constructive efforts to resolve our present difficulties" and said all constituencies of the Medical Center should join together "to work toward equitable solutions under the continuing leadership of Dr. John L. Wilson."

Of the 29 Senate members present on campus, 23 attended the meeting. The Senate has 36 members.

The Senate resolution urged "the prompt review of current policies and adoption, if not already available, of effective, impartial, formal procedures for the resolution of current and future grievances."

"We reaffirm that the University policy on campus disruption applies to the Stanford Medical School and Hospital as an integral part of the University community," the Senate said.

"As physicians and teachers of medicine whose concern is the care of patients, and as individuals who wish to preserve the opportunity for peaceful expressions of dissent, we endorse the view that the use of force and threats of force cannot be tolerated in any hospital," the Senate said.

Text of the Senate resolution follows: "The Faculty Senate of the Stanford University School of Medicine expresses deep concern when circumstances exist wherein grievances of Hospital and Medical School workers are not peaceably resolved. It is tragic when an unresolved conflict results in violent confrontation, and we deplore the fact that recent events escalated beyond control of the internal Stanford community and resulted in the use of police force.

"We reaffirm that the University Policy on Campus Disruption applies to the Stanford Medical School and Hospital as an integral part of the University community. As physicians and teachers of medicine whose concern is the care of patients, and as individuals who wish to preserve the opportunity for peaceful expressions of dissent, we endorse the view that the use of force and threats of force can not be tolerated in any hospital.

"We urge the prompt review of current policies and the adoption if not already available, of effective, impartial formal procedures for the resolution of current and future grievances.

"We pledge ourselves to the support of constructive efforts to resolve our present difficulties and urge all the constituents of the Medical Center to join together to work toward equitable solutions under the continuing leadership of Dr. John L. Wilson."

Dr. Merton R. Bernfield, Senate chairman, said the special meeting was called to discuss recent events at the Medical Center and to designate a Senate representative to serve on the dean ad hoc committee on the Center's current problems.

Every Senate member available was contacted prior to the meeting. Those attending were: Robert S. Turner (Anatomy); Grant Fletcher (Anesthesia); David S. Hogness (Biochemistry); Byron W. Brown (Community & Preventive Medicine); Alvin J. Cox (Dermatology); Elliott C. Levinthal (Genetics); Leonard Hayflick (Medical Microbiology); Robert J. Roantree (Medical Microbiology); Allen B. Barbour (Medicine); Kao L. Chow (Neurology); Mary Herman (Pathology); David Korn (Pathology); Merton R. Bernfield (Pediatrics); Wm. van B. Robertson (Pediatrics); Sumner M. Kalman (Pharmacology); Ronald Grant (Physiology); George D. Gulevich (Psychiatry); P. Herbert Leiderman (Psychiatry); Norman Blank (Radiology); Robert F. Kallman (Radiology); William H. Northway, Jr. (Radiology); Lawrence G. Crowley (Surgery); James B. D. Mark (Surgery). ###

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