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STANFORD —

In the first case of its kind in Stanford history, President Richard W. Lyman has filed formal charges against Associate Prof. H. Bruce Franklin with the Advisory Board and announced the selection of Attorneys William Norris and Raymond Fisher of the Los Angeles law firm of Tuttle & Taylor, Inc., to represent Stanford in the hearing.

Professor Franklin, who was suspended with pay from his professorial duties by President Lyman Feb. 12, faces possible dismissal from the University. Under a preliminary injunction issued March 9, he is barred from campus until his suspension ends, except when appearing in judicial hearings or gathering evidence with the president's agreement.

In a letter received by President Lyman Monday, March 22, Professor Franklin called the charges against him "a shabby, hollow pretext."

Accepting an earlier offer from the president, he said: "Until receiving a fair opportunity to prepare my case, I will come on campus to gather evidence during the hours of 1 to 6 [p.m.] every day--when lunchtime conferences are impossible and while people needed to help are least available."

Professor Franklin noted that "when Henry Cabot Lodge faces the people's charges for his very real crimes, we won't find it necessary to banish him from Washington, New York, or Saigon and allow him to gather evidence there only during the five hours a day we figure we will be least helpful to him."

He formally requested that his suspension by the president be revoked "because my attorney advises that it is necessary to exhaust all possible administrative remedies before seeking civil remedy."

The Advisory Board, which consists of seven full professors elected by the faculty, may recommend whatever penalty they deem appropriate, if any, to the president. No date has been set for the hearing.

The formal statement of charges, sent Monday, March 22, to Prof. David M. Mason, Advisory Board chairman, declared that "Professor Franklin has conducted himself in ways which have threatened injury to persons and property, which have denied others their right of free speech and peaceful assembly, and which have significantly impaired the functions of this University."

The substance of the charges was disclosed after a copy was delivered to Professor Franklin's home.

They closely paralleled an earlier proposed statement of charges which he disclosed to the press.

Professor Franklin was charged with "significantly contributing . . . to the disruption which prevented Ambassador [Henry Cabot] Lodge from speaking and which forced cancellation of the program" Jan. 11.

The statement of charges also said that on Feb. 10 at a White Plaza rally "Professor Franklin intentionally urged and incited students and other persons present . . . to shut down a University computer facility known as the Computation Center," which was, in fact, occupied shortly afterward.

After police gave orders to clear an area around the Computation Center, the statement continued, "Professor Franklin significantly interfered with orderly dispersal by intentionally urging and inciting students and other persons present at the Computation Center to disregard or disobey such orders to disperse."

Later that evening, at an Old Union courtyard rally, it added, "Professor Franklin intentionally urged and incited students and other persons present to engage in conduct calculated to disrupt activities of the University and of members of the University community and which threatened injury to individuals and property. Shortly thereafter, students and other persons were assaulted by persons present at the rally, and later that evening other acts of violence occurred."

(In a KZSU news interview Feb. 15, Professor Franklin said it was "patently untrue" that he advocated particular acts of violence which subsequently happened Feb. 10.)

In his letter to Professor Mason, President Lyman noted that William A. Norris and Raymond C. Fisher of Tuttle & Taylor have been named the University's representatives in the case.

Norris received his law degree from Stanford in 1954, serving as executive editor of the *Law Review* and as a member of the Order of the Coif, a scholastic honorary. A former clerk for Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court, he served on the California State Board of Education from 1961-67, becoming its vice president. A member of the Coordinating Council for Higher Education during 1964-66, he has served with the State College Board of Trustees since 1967. He is a 1951 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Princeton.

Fisher graduated from Stanford Law School in 1966, serving as president of the *Law Review* and as a member of the Order of the Coif. A 1961 graduate of UC-Santa Barbara, he clerked for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1966-67 and for Associate Justice William J. Brennan Jr. of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967-68.