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STANFORD —

President Richard W. Lyman of Stanford has proposed that Associate Professor H. Bruce Franklin of the English Department be suspended from all his professional duties, without pay, for one academic quarter [three months] if campus charges now pending against him are sustained.

"You have a right to a formal hearing on the charges before any penalty is assessed," President Lyman declared Tuesday, Jan. 26, in a letter shown newsmen by Professor Franklin Wednesday, Jan. 27. This hearing would come before the Advisory Board, a group of seven full professors elected by the Academic Council.

Professor Franklin had no immediate comment on the latest development in his case.

In a letter to him Jan. 18, President Lyman said: "You are charged with deliberately contributing to the disturbance which forced the cancellation of the speech scheduled to be given... Jan. 11 by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge."

In his initial letter, President Lyman said that discriminatory reduction in pay could be warranted for the offense, but added: "It seems obvious that if the Advisory Board finds participation in a disruption not so serious nor so grave as to warrant a salary reduction or dismissal, it can recommend a lesser penalty..."

In a reply three days later, Professor Franklin said: "I do not deny demanding that Lodge... answer to the massacre of the men, women, and children of My Lai, the fire bomb and herbicide raids on the countryside of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia... and the brutalization and murder of American men sent to die for the profits of the Lodges, the [David] Packards, and your other masters."

Professor Franklin added: "I would agree that whatever I and others did on Jan. 11 constitutes inappropriate behavior. The appropriate response to war criminals is not heckling, but what was done to them at Nuremberg: they should be locked up or executed."

In his response made public Wednesday, Jan. 27, President Lyman said the alleged offense "strikes at the University's obligation to maintain itself as an open forum. That is an obligation that overrides even the most strongly felt outrage by any part of the community.

"It is, to put the matter bluntly, an obligation that has bound me to support your freedom to speak out, even in the face of the outrage that your speech on occasion provokes."

President Lyman added: "On the facts alleged, I would propose that you be suspended from all of your professorial duties for the quarter next succeeding resolution of this matter (summer quarter excluded), such suspension to be without pay.

"In order to avoid acute financial hardship during the period of your suspension, I would propose that you may have your anticipated earnings for the 24 months following the beginning of your suspension prorated, with payments to begin with the period of suspension.

"Because this penalty, should it be imposed, includes a discriminatory reduction in your salary, it could only be assessed after opportunity for a hearing at the Advisory Board..."

"I intend, therefore, in due course to have formal charges drawn and submitted to the chairman of the Advisory Board," as provided in the University's tenure policy.

President Lyman said there was "no possibility" that Professor Franklin's case could be heard before the Stanford Judicial Council, a joint student-faculty tribunal which has scheduled hearings at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for eight students charged as a result of the Lodge incident. The SJC's charter limits its jurisdiction to "student disciplinary cases."

In his Jan. 21 letter, Professor Franklin demanded to be heard by the same group, adding: "In the end, we will all be judged not by an arm of the dinosaur of U.S. imperialism but by the peoples of the world, who will bury all such ghosts and monsters."

In a related development Wednesday, Jan. 27, *The Stanford Daily* reported that a University Library staff member has been informed by Library Director David Weber that he faces a three-month suspension from his job, starting Feb. 5, as a result of his alleged participation in the same incident. The employee, John Keilch, 24, has initiated University grievance proceedings.