NU black students make demands of university

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Northwestern black students have presented administration officials with a list of grievances that must be answered by 5 p.m. today, the Daily Northwestern learned yesterday.

The list demands that the university:

- Deplore "the viciousness of ‘white racism’" and move to eliminate "all conscious or unconscious racist policies, practices and institutions" on campus. The list demands that the university "go to any extent" to achieve this goal.
- Guarantee the gradual expansion of the black student body to "a more realistic level which we (the black students) shall decide." The grievances also demand that at least one-half of all black students admitted each year come from inner-city school systems.
- Make jobs now required as part of scholarships optional and provide funds for black students who want or need to attend summer school.
- "Provide a living unit(s) for those black students who want to live together" and end the system that allows white girls to object to black roommates after room assignments have been made.
- Add a program of studies in black literature, history and art to the curriculum and grant black students the "ultimate decision in the choice of professors to be hired to teach these courses."
- Create a black Student Union and offices for black student organizations.
- Desegregate all NU real estate holdings and present evidence, in the form of a monthly report to the president of For Members Only, that "Northwestern is doing more than taking ‘a stand on Open Occupancy.’"

The Daily obtained the text of the grievances from a source outside the administration and the black student community. A black student spokesman had sought to withhold the text from publication because negotiations, he said, now are at a crucial stage.

THE LIST of grievances was sent to 12 members of the administration Monday afternoon, Kathryn Ogletree, an FMO spokesman, said.

Miss Ogletree said 75 percent of Northwestern’s 120 black students attended a two-hour meeting with Vice-President and Dean of Students Roland J. Hinz and Director of Admissions William I. Ihlandfelt Wednesday night.

James Turner, a spokesman for the Afro-American Student Union, said "some of the issues were resolved (at the meeting) but some of the very important issues are still awaiting decision."

The list of grievances was drafted by the executive board of FMO. FMO is a campus black student organization that claims 80 of 120 Northwestern black students as paying members. However, FMO speaks for the whole Northwestern black community, Miss Ogletree said.

The list of grievances states that "the university either responds to our demands or we have no other alternative but to respond to its lack of response."

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Miss Ogletree said black students considered one week sufficient time for the university to respond. That time expires at 5 p.m. today.

HINZ IS EXPECTED to issue an official response sometime today. Miss Ogletree said black students will meet at 5 p.m. to consider the university’s response.

“We don’t intend to keep cool” if the university’s response is unsatisfactory, Miss Ogletree said.

Eva Jefferson, Class of ’71 senator, had arranged to present the list of grievances to Student Senate last night. She withdrew the list about 5 p.m. yesterday.

Miss Jefferson and Miss Ogletree declined to say why the list of grievances was not sent to senate.