



Students' Committee

for Justice

7/2/79

Dear Dr. James Rosser:

We, the members of the Student Committee for Justice, at C.S.U.L.A. feel that it is imperative that you have a complete understanding of how we feel about the recent events which have transpired during the selection process of the new president of this university.

First of all, we assume that you are a sincere individual who has accomplished a great deal. We respect your qualifications. Surely you must be aware of the demographic composition of the state of California, of the city of Los Angeles, and in particular, of the area which immediately surrounds the C.S.U.L.A. campus. Are you? Surely you must agree that every ethnic minority has fought and continues to fight for the right to freedom, equal opportunity, and self-determination.

This is why we, as members of a university which is situated in the midst of the largest Mexican population, outside of Mexico City, feel that we desperately need a Mexican-American to be the president of this university. In the past we have been told that there were no Hispanics qualified for these positions. Now, we can no longer accept this argument. We have several top candidates, of which one of the most outstanding is Dr. Julian Nava.

The members of our committee have, on several occasions, supported oppressed groups, nomatter what their ethnic background. Injustice should not be tolerated by anyone. It is only through unity and

mutual support that we can ever hope to ameliorate the inequalities which minorities have suffered.

Many times, certain misguided individuals will find it strategically advantageous to pit one minority against the other, for the detriment of both. Also, one minority can be used as a "colonial administrator" to control another minority, so that those in power can avoid the accusation of guilt.

We must avoid these traps which are so subtle and so easily disguised. Let us be united in the far greater mission of obtaining self-determination, freedom, and justice for all people. The argument for "Affirmative Action" is very applicable to this situation, because of all the 19 universities in California, the L.A. campus is the one in most need of Mexican leadership. It is also the one campus where a Mexican president can do the most good.

It cannot be stressed enough that we strongly suspect a coercive effort to prevent a Hispanic from obtaining this position, as was evident by the several irregular events which occurred during the election. We have lawyers from MALDEF and from the Center for Law and Justice working on the filing of a class-action law suit against the Board of Trustees, which would invalidate the election. The point of "illegality" is for the courts to decide. But the evidence of injustice is apparent to all of us, and we cannot passively accept a decision which violates our rights!

With this in mind, we urge you not to accept the position of president at C.S.U.L.A.. This is a very difficult request we are making because we are fully cognizant of your outstanding abilities as an individual. Yet, we only hope you can extend your vision beyond individual horizons to the needs of the Hispanic community

which by 1990 will be the majority population of Los Angeles.

We want you to know that we respect you highly and are sure that you will give serious thought to our request.

Thank you for being you.

Respectfully yours,

Student Committee for Justice

Cal. State Univ. at Los Angeles



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To Committee of Chicano Rights

We are writing to individuals, groups, and organizations to inform them of our struggle which began with the protest of the recent selection of the new president of California State University at Los Angeles (C.S.U.L.A.) by the Board of Trustees. We strongly suspect a coercive effort to prevent a highly qualified Hispanic, such as Dr. Julian Nava, from obtaining the position of president. Apparently, a few people fear that a Hispanic leader at this strategically situated university might just be too effective in bringing about a more responsive administration which would better serve the needs of its students and its community. This struggle is but one example of our community's fight for equal opportunity through "Affirmative Action".

As a student committee, we are involved in a letter writing campaign to various persons and organizations to encourage them to also send letters of protest. Please study the enclosed materials, including a copy of the letter which our group has sent to Dr. James Rosser, for an example of a possible format to follow in a similar venture.

Many organizations and individuals have in some way given us their support. To those who have given donations, we give our most sincere thanks. Yet, as in most movements of this type, our expenses have been far greater than the donations received. Thus, we enclose a contribution form and hope that you will be able to donate whatever possible.

Of vital importance is the need for our community, and especially community groups and organizations, to be present at the next Board of Trustees meeting which will be held on Thursday, July 12, 1979, at 10:00 a.m., at 400 Golden Shore, in Long Beach, California. We are sponsoring a "Tardeada" on the Saturday prior to the rally, in order to solidify our plans and to raise additional funds which are so desperately needed.

Please encourage your members to attend both the Tardeada and the Rally, for we need to stand as a united community.

Sincerely,

Student Committee for Justice
C.S.U.L.A.

For further information call any of the following numbers:

Robert Cordoba Jr. 571-7458

David Saucedo 225-0548

Elsa L. Aguirre 289-4802

Alex Cervantes 281-5617

~ TARDEADA ~

You are cordially invited to a "Tardeada" which is being sponsored by the Students' Committee for Justice of Cal State Los Angeles for the purposes of raising funds, obtaining personal contact and solidarity, and preparing for the rally at the BOT. meeting.

The Tardeada will be on Saturday, July 7, from 4 to 9 p.m. at 5305 Borland Rd. in El Sereno. (Almost 3 blocks from the University.) There will be food, music, entertainment, etc. For further information or if you desire to help in any way (contribute a delicious Mexican entree, etc.) please call David Saucedo at 225-0548 or Elsa Aguirre at 289-4802.

Hope you can come!

S.C.J.

Los invitamos a una Tardeada de parte del Comité Para La Justicia Estudiantil de la Univ. Estatal de Cal. en Los Angeles. Los objetivos de esta Tardeada son para obtener fondos, hacer contacto personal y solidificar nuestra posición y para planear la reunión que se llevará a cabo en la siguiente junta de los regentes del sistema universitario del estado de California.

La tardeada será este próximo sábado el día 7 de julio de 1979, de las 4 a las 9 de la noche. La dirección es 5305 Borland Rd. en El Sereno. (Aproximadamente 3 cuabras de la universidad.) Habrá comida, música, y varias otras actividades. Para más información o si desea ayudar en algo (como en la preparación de un platillo Mexicano) por favor llame a David Saucedo al teléfono 225-0548 o a Elsa Aguirre al teléfono 289-4802.

¡Esperamos verlos!

Gracias

S.C.J.

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I am sending \$ _____ as a contribution to the Student Committee for Justice to help pay for costs incurred by the publication of the student tabloid, telephoning, stamps, envelopes, posters, flyers, record keeping materials, and other expenses.

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Estoy mandando una contribución de \$ _____ al "Student Committee for Justice" para ayudar en el pago de los varios gastos que se han tenido que hacer en la publicación del periódico estudiantil, en llamadas por teléfono, en estampillas, sobres, en letreros, y en los materiales necesarios para mantener la contabilidad, y en varias otras cosas.

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