

## Chancellor McGill announces reappointment of Marcuse.

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Statement by Chancellor William J. McGill

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The University of California, San Diego, today announced its intention to reappoint Dr. Herbert Marcuse as Professor of Philosophy for the academic year 1969-70.

A very careful review of the academic merit of Dr. Marcuse's reappointment was concluded on February 10 after five months of investigation.

The substance of the review dealt with the Professor's recent writings, his standing among scholars, his teaching and his service to the University. The investigation was carried out by a secret Ad Hoc committee of five senior members of the UCSD faculty. Eminent scholars were contacted at universities in the United States and Western Europe. Written opinions were obtained from 24 such individuals. Universities contacted included Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, Stanford, Toronto, McGill University, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Essex and others.

In the course of five months, a sizeable file of documentation was built up. This was digested by the faculty Ad Hoc committee and analyzed. A report and recommendations were then forwarded to the UCSD administration. The report delineates and documents Professor Marcuse's eminence as a scholar. He is clearly one of the leading philosophers in the world today and a teacher of remarkable ability.

Professor Marcuse's reappointment extends for one year.

The campus feels that many of its difficulties in the Marcuse case arose from the lack of a clear policy on post-retirement appointments.

We are now in grave difficulties due to the systematic curtailment of resources over a period of years. On the other hand, UCSD has made a substantial number of post-retirement appointments. These senior figures are represented more heavily on this campus than on any other campus of the University.

It is the view of the UCSD administration that some order must be put into an increasingly difficult problem relating to post-retirement appointments.

Accordingly, we have decided to terminate all existing commitments to over-age professors as of June, 1970, and to replace these with a policy of expected retirement at a specified age.

Faculty advice will be sought in determining the age questions and in dealing with cases of particular hardship. These decisions will be made during the Spring of the current academic year.