

Resolutions passed at the meeting which began at 11.30 a.m. on Monday 13th May 1968

"This meeting deplores the action of the Vice-Chancellor in suspending three students for their participation in Tuesday's demonstration and resolves to take steps to obtain their reinstatement. This meeting further deplores the refusal of the Vice-Chancellor to attend this meeting and explain his action to members of the University. We demand that the Vice-Chancellor make arrangements to address all members of the University immediately."

(Resolution passed overwhelmingly by a meeting of 1,000 staff and students)

"Resolved that we accept the Vice-Chancellor's invitation to send a delegation of six to meet him this afternoon. That this delegation should report to the Vice-Chancellor the motions passed at this meeting and carry back his replies after discussion, to a meeting to be held at 6.30 today in L. T. B. 6 & 7."

13.5.68. (Morning)

Resolved:

"That this meeting delegate power to take legal opinion with a view to instructing counsel in order that the excluded students be reinstated by process of law.

"That this depend on the result of any meeting with the Vice-Chancellor that may take place today.

"That this action (with above action) is taken only after the proposals outlined by Paul Thompson be put into effect".

Paul Thompson's proposals:

That a committee of inquiry should be set up to investigate the conflicting accounts of the events of Tuesday, May 7th; to consider how responsibility might properly be assigned for what happened; and to discuss how the principle of freedom of speech is to be interpreted in this case. The committee should on the basis of its investigation present a full report and recommendations for action to the Vice-Chancellor and Senate.

In order that the membership of the committee should be representative and that it should be acceptable to all sides, we recommend that the committee of inquiry should consist of equal numbers of staff and students. We suggest that its members should be selected by asking the staff-student liaison committees in each department to meet this week and to elect one member of staff and one student to serve on the committee.

Finally we ask that, pending the completion of the committee's inquiry, the three expelled students be allowed to attend classes, and to take their examinations at the University.

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