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At the March 19 meeting the Board of Regents endorsed a goal of 10 percent black enrollment by 1973-74. At that time they guaranteed the necessary funds to support a 7 percent enrollment without modification of the present budgets of the schools and colleges. It was recognized that the balance of the funds necessary to support a 10 percent enrollment level would have to be found elsewhere.

Since the time of that meeting the faculty Assembly has, by unanimous resolution, urged the faculties of the various schools and colleges to support the commitment of the necessary additional funds to fund the 10 percent level of enrollment. Some faculties have already acted to respond affirmatively to the Assembly request. Others are to meet shortly. In a parallel action, the deans of the schools and colleges have now advised the Executive Officers that they will utilize their budgetary processes and the allocation of resources under their control to achieve 10 percent enrollment in the University by 1973-74. Therefore, the funding for a 10 percent enrollment of blacks by 1973-74 is now assured.

Coupled with their commitment of the necessary funds for support of the 10 percent enrollment level, the deans have expressed a unanimous view that the disruption on campus must cease, and that protection must be provided where the rights of individuals are being interfered with on campus. The disruption of the last few days is utterly intolerable, and has been countenanced only with great restraint on the part of all.