UCSC Students To Support Malcolm X College Plan

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Approximately 400 UCSC students and faculty members attended an open meeting Sunday night to discuss the direction of campus activities in the wake of recent turmoil.

The meeting, at Stevenson dining hall, was called by the Inter-College Board.

Students and faculty spoke out strongly in favor of the proposed Malcolm X College for the study of the "black experience."

Student speakers urged students "not to drop the ball" and to continue to press for the college and for support of the grape strike. Students discussed their actions in picketing Shoppers' Corner and Albertsons because the stores sell table grapes.

The students are trying to persuade local markets not to sell grapes. The action is taken in support of the striking United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO.

Speakers also questioned the recent action taken against Bill Moore, proponent of the Malcolm College. Moore was ordered to leave the campus during the October 17-18 meeting of the Board of Regents by Vice Chancellor Harold Hyde.

The action was taken under the Mulford Act which gives university officials authority to bar any non-students from coming on the campus if the officials believe that the university would be disrupted.

Chancellor Dean E. McHenry was invited to attend Sunday night's meeting to discuss the issues with the students, but he was not present.

A lawyer questioned the constitutionality of the Mulford Act, indicating that it may violate the "free speech clause" of the First Amendment.

Frank Andrews, a faculty member and chairman of the committee on educational policy (the committee that advises the chancellor), called for close cooperation between faculty and students and the chancellor.

Andrews indicated that there is solid support for the proposed college. He stressed that the college would be inter-racial. He spoke of the need to educate the chancellor and the Santa Cruz community to the revelance of the college. Said Andrews, "If more people would do their homework, they would not find the name, Malcolm X, objectionable. The focus of the college must not be on any one proposal. There will be compromises."

He indicated that the faculty committee, working with all interested parties, is currently formulating proposals for the college.