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Special Faculty Meeting Minutes, May 13, 1970

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I. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. in Oelman Auditorium by the Vice President of the Faculty, Dr. Emil Kmetec.

II. Dr. Kmetec made it clear that this was a special meeting to discuss campus security and the regular Faculty meeting would be held on Monday, May 18, 1970.

III. Dr. Golding was introduced.

A. Dr. Golding explained the provisions made to deal with the present bomb threat situation. His comments were titled "Security on Campus". (See Attachment A)

B. Dr. Kmetec invited comments from the audience.

1. Dr. Sherwin Klein strongly urged to keep open the University.
2. Dr. Marvin Seiger asked if there had actually been any evidence of a bomb. Dr. Golding stated that, so far, no evidence had been found.
3. The faculty present voted unanimously to keep the University open as long as possible.
4. Dr. John Treacy questioned safe evacuation measures for handicapped students and staff.
5. Dr. Donald Pabst questioned the reliability of emergency equipment. Dr. Golding explained that measures were being taken to insure as much safety as possible, but it is impossible to guarantee 100% safety.
6. Dr. Harvey Hanson noted the similarity of the bell sounds between the alarm systems in the buildings and the alarm systems in the elevators.
7. Dr. Golding stated that he had received the suggestion to open the University to students whose universities have been closed. He felt that this might be hazardous.
8. Dr. James Uphoff wanted to know if all visitors were to be excluded from our campus. Dr. Golding remarked that this measure would be unwise, although strangers have been noticed on campus.
9. Dr. Rubin Battino suggested a special Academic Council meeting be called to discuss campus security measures. The voluntary stay or go nine bell system presents some serious legal ramifications regarding students under 21 years of age - are they able to make sound judgements? Dr. Golding commented that the legality of this issue is being checked. If the closing of the University is necessary, then an Academic Council meeting is necessary. He suggested that the Faculty Affairs Committee meet as a group for suggestions.
10. Dr. Sherwin Klein moved to set up a dialogue between the Faculty Affairs Committee and the University Community. Seconded by Dr. Robert Clark. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
Dr. Kmetec instructed the Secretary to issue a memo to the Steering Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee in reference to Dr. Klein's motion.

C. There were no other comments.

IV. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Walker M. Allen, Jr., Secretary