

# RACISM REMAINS AT S.C.C.C.?!.

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after being given the shuffle and run around treatment by the executive board, (Drs. Moore, Baxter and Smith) the OSU was finally able to meet with them at 8 a.m. this morning; this coming about after having had three previous times cancelled. What the OSU received from the executive board consisted of three totally irrelevant hand-outs (concerning minority percentage figures, administrative breakdowns and a list of minority persons working in comm. college dist. 6) and an emphatic "NO" from Cr. Moore in the request for the hiring of Asian administrators.

The board of Trustees were not present (perhaps Asian students and their requests for equal representation aren't important enough for them) and the 'homework' the board promised to do since the last meeting was non-existent.

A few years ago, the board went on record to support the recruitment and hiring of minorities. Apparently, this mandate had been buried in everybodys mind and from the actions of the board, they would like to keep it that way.

As the OSU pointed out, there are no Asians in the 26 administrative posts at SCCC. The Asian students have waited patiently for three years for this situation to be corrected but it has not happened and from the actions of the powers that be, there is no intention of changing the status quo.

The question asked by Asian students and the community is WHY?

- 1) WHY has the board failed to fulfill their mandate?
- 2) WHY did the board not even bother to meet with the OSU today?
- 3) WHY did the board repeatedly try to shuffle meeting times with the OSU?

Racism is an ugly word, but so is the present situation at SCC Central.

OSU

Alan Sugiyama, Chairman

# ASIAN ADMINISTRATORS REJECTED BY SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

For the past few weeks, the Oriental Student Union at SCC has been meeting with the three College Presidents and Board of Trustees of Community College District VI regarding the immediate hiring of Asians to top Administrative posts at the Central Campus. Thus far, response from these administrators has been extremely negative. The action to date has included:

Jan 19. - A meeting with Dr. Moore soliciting his help. The response from Moore was very non-committal even though he did give us a letter of support.

Jan 21 - A meeting with Presidents Baxter and Smith (North and South) Campus Presidents, respectively, and the Board of Trustees. This meeting produced a lot of rhetoric from the Board about their "efforts" and how they are committed to minority recruiting and hiring. In the end however; it was revealed that their "efforts" were so minimal as to be ridiculous, that they would not commit themselves to anything at this point, but promised to show us some results of their efforts to find positions for Asians in about a week at another meeting.

Jan 29. - Another meeting was finally agreed upon after the Board changed the time on three occasions. In this meeting the Board of Trustees did not even show up! (Perhaps this act of neglect best reflects their attitude towards Asian students and their just request for representation on this campus.) OSU Chairman, Alan Sugiyama asked the three Campus presidents to present the "work" that they were to do for this meeting. They presented facts and figures concerning the percentage of minorities in the Student Body, and a listing of personnel throughout the administration. Nothing was presented to the OSU concerning the opening of positions for Asians. The three puppet presidents acted out their roles for the Board of Trustees "concerned and aware" of the problem but "Unable to do anything" because of the lack of funds, positions, and lack of response from Asians. What happened to their "recruiting" that they were supposedly committed to do? Were Asians in places as far away as St. Louis, Missouri, ever contacted for positions? (St. Louis is one of many places they went for other administrators, namely Dr. Moore and Dr. Baxter.)

There are a lot of questions in the minds of Asian students concerning this problem. Hopefully, the community will start asking questions of the power structure at SCC. We of the OSU need your support on this critical issue. Write letters to Dr. Moore demanding answers; write to the Board of Trustees asking why they haven't done their job; contact the OSU in regards to any support or suggestions you can give.

There is no time left for inaction and non-commitment. As Asians we must stand together and fight this and all forms of racism, no matter how well "covered" up it may be. We of the OSU are always available for any questions you might have. Please feel free to call our office at 587-6917 anytime between 9 am to 1 pm, and any of the members listed below after these hours:

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