Say Goodbye to Ebbie, Gang

Hunsberger Expected To Address Faculty Today

The controversial Dean announced last night he will take a position at the U. of Oklahoma

MEANWHILE...

Students continue their day-old sit-in and press for tenure reform

Council demands Benezet order an investigation of faculty members' charges

Benezet spurs student demands at Wednesday's public meeting
Benezet Rejects Most Student Demands

by Dan Meyer

Several student demands were dropped last night in the final phase of the administration's hearings into student demands. The students had previously presented their demands to the University Senate. Mr. Benezet, the University President, had announced last week that he would accept any demands that were "reasonable" and that he would accept no demands that would "jeopardize the university system." The students had presented their demands in a series of meetings with the University Senate and other administrators, and the President had indicated that he would consider the demands carefully before making a decision.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dean Moyer Hunsberger of the College of Arts and Sciences has informed President Louis T. Benezet that he has accepted appointment as Provost of the University of Oklahoma. The following is Dean Hunsberger's statement:

"I extend my best wishes for success to all of you on this campus."

President Benezet has responded to Dean Hunsberger as follows:

"I offer my congratulations to Dean Moyer Hunsberger upon his appointment as Provost of the University of Oklahoma. The University of Oklahoma is a highly-recognized institution. The opportunity for Dean Hunsberger to serve as the principal academic officer of that University is an educational leader."

I should like to express our appreciation to Dean Hunsberger for the significant contribution he has made to this University during his deanship. My sincerest wishes for success go to him in his new post."

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Benezet's Public Response to Student Demands

The following is the rest of a statement issued by President Louis Benezet at Wednesday's open meeting:

A group of students visited my office Monday, May 7 to present a list of demands concerning the process of awarding promotion and tenure. They insisted that decisions on our campus are being affected by attitudes toward personal and political factors in individual cases. They raised questions about the role of the Dean of Arts and Sciences in this regard. They asked that the circumstances of his decision be reviewed and the President suspend the Dean "pending an investigation by a committee."

A revised set of demands was presented to me of the afternoon of May 8. To its items it is my responsibility now to reply. I start with the general observation that what is being held in question by the students involved is an entire system engaging the participation of very many faculty, students, and administrators: systematic student evaluation; departmental action; the chairman's recommendation; the action and recommendation of the Council on Promotion and Continuing Appointments; and the ultimate approval or disapproval by the President. (1) The lists for faculty whose appointments the last of June or the last of August 1973 have either been committed to new faculty or have or are being used for recruiting replacements. Some of the faculty not the being renewed have found employment in other parts of the University; others have not.

The exact number of lines we may grant, as you know, is specified by the Division of the Budget. Faculty whose appointments are due to end in June or August 1974 will of course retain those lines until the end of the year.

The President's Discourtesy Fund is a small SUNY Foundation account for special purposes. Its total at the end of the academic year is $5,000 or less. The Research Foundation of SUNY stipulates that no campus foundation funds may be used toward the salaries of State University staff members.

The appointment of an officer is an action which could take place only after an official hearing had been held to determine whether there is reasonable evidence to support suspicion and trial. I have no such evidence and do not intend to call for a hearing, much less an suspension. Any such grant action should come before the Senate and the University Council before it is seriously contemplated. The designation of committees with actors of recommendations of an administrative officer may forely be expressed on this campus. That is not the meaning in accusing the officer of malfeasance in office. I respect Dean Benezet's commitment to his duties and find no reasons to challenge the integrity of his performance.

It is our job to find and retain the best people the university has for effective teaching and scholarship...