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Faculty meetings yesterday in response to campus anti-war activities indicate deep faculty concern about their involvement, leadership and stance on local protests and escalation of the Vietnam war.

Directions faculty participation should take have been widely debated issues, but some concrete actions have been taken. The Faculty Senate sent two representatives, Faculty Association President Dan Welty and Scott Shrewsbury, political science professor, to Washington, D.C. this morning to talk with Senators Walter Mondale and Hubert Humphrey and Representative Archer H. Nelson.

THEY WILL ALERT the congressional delegation to the gravity of the situation in the MSC campus and urge them to take all possible action to reverse Nixon’s May 8 policy decision and seek an immediate end to the Southeast Asian war.

The meeting was being financed by faculty senators who sponsored it at yesterday’s meeting and by other interested faculty. Senator Mondale, a delegate to Washington, in Faculty Senate chairman Charles Mundale’s words, results from a need of the faculty “to do something on our own.”

"WE WANT TO show people that we care enough to do more than just talk about the problem,” said Mundale.

Among three groups of faculty gathering for separate meetings yesterday, 236 faculty at the first of two emergency meetings passed four resolutions regarding faculty response to campus protests.

The resolutions, drawn up by a group of administrators, faculty and students yesterday morning, follow:

1. That the faculty be resolute against violent acts in this community, and deplore those which have occurred.
2. That it be respected for the individual choices of all members of the college community to participate or not to participate in peaceful demonstrations.
3. That the students choosing to participate in peaceful demonstrations not be penalized for missing academic work, including tests.
4. That the Faculty Senate consider, as soon as possible, further institutional response to the current crisis.

THE RESOLUTIONS were drawn up due to the substantial number of concerned students frustrated to the point where some kind of outlet is necessary, said Dr. Charles Mundale, Faculty Senate Chairman who helped draft the resolutions.

THE FACULTY SENATE yesterday put aside its regular agenda to discuss the role of the faculty and institution in the campus-wide protest situation. “Our basic responsibility is to maintain the college’s programs and keep classes open,” said senator Kenneth Brown. “We should express this to the people around us and to the community.”

SENIOR Tecla Karpen expressed concern that protesting students were looking for outlets for frustrated feelings. “I wish there were some way for us to provide some way for them to get a feeling of involvement. They need some kind of catharsis for frustrations that are just boiling.”

“...but, as faculty, we’re afraid to get involved,” said Karpen.

School of Arts and Sciences Dean Elwood Ehrle said any effective protest among faculty must be symbolic. “We need to say we care about the war, our college and our town. The only way to do it is to get a few hundred of us together for something,” said Ehrle.

AS A START for Faculty Senate action, a motion was proposed to refer the problem of institutional response to the protests to a committee, which would make recommendations by this morning. Senate Majority leader, faculty assemblyman, let a more immediate, concrete action, the motion failed. “...we don’t have the luxury to give the matter over to a committee,” said senator Dr. David Janovy.

A FACULTY SENATE brainstorming session for concrete ideas produced several possibilities for faculty action in addition to the move to send a delegation to Washington.

Ideas included placing a full-page advertisement in the Mankato Free Press expressing faculty viewpoint on the war, a faculty rally, and continuous phone calls to the White House switchboard opposing Nixon’s policy.

Faculty senators are continuing to meet to provide ideas for alternatives protest outlets for students.

BEFORE DISMISSING its afternoon meeting the senate decided to reconvene in another emergency meeting with other faculty at 9 p.m. last night.

In the meeting attended by about 300 faculty, President James Nickerson spoke on constructive protest outlets on campus for students.

I am committing $50 from my pocket to help finance three or four busses of students to go to Washington, D.C. to do whatever is appropriate there,” said Nickerson.

HE ALSO mentioned presenting something symbolic “like maybe a roll of toilet paper with 7,000 signatures” this was said in jest to Governor Anderson by way of squad of student couriers.

“We need to assist students in saying something productive to a wider audience—than just Mankato,” said Nickerson.

THE COMMUNITY is upright, he said. “They seem to be ready for a counter-counter reaction and that scares me.”

Two attempts to pass a faculty resolution failed. The first, introduced by Narciso Tenerio, condemned the blockade of North Vietnam, bombing and bomb threats and blockading traffic.

Another resolution presented by Dr. Harry Fitterer urged faculty to work in all (continued on page 11)

Law Center blasts
FBI may investigate

“Totally damaged,” was the description given by Mankato Police Captain Harvey Blanishan, in reference to the basement of the new Law Enforcement Center, following one and possibly two explosive blasts that occurred there last night, or early this morning.

Authorities said between 20 and 30 pounds of dynamite appeared to have been placed in a corridor on the northwest side of the building in the basement, adjacent a concrete wall.

Officials have estimated the damage at between $50,000 and $500,000. However, those figures were cited as estimates and could fluctuate depending upon damage that occurred to elevator shafts, electrical wiring and structure supports of the $1.2 million building.

When asked who might have been responsible for the blast, Blanishan replied that it must have been someone who was “mentally deranged.”

Block walls, curtains, room dividers and the ceiling area were blown away by the blast. It has not been finally determined yet whether there were two or only one blast. Officials have commented that one blast may have occurred by 9:30 p.m. Monday with another occurring at about 4 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Because of the tie-in with federal fund- ing, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, may be called in to assist the investigation.

Yesterday was not the first time the center had been threatened. Nearly 10 days ago, three windows were damaged and paint was thrown on the exterior of the building.

It was reported around noon that six molotov cocktails were found by workmen in the new union area and that Mankato Police Chief C.D. Alexander had been notified and his office was investigating the incident.

Councilman Herbert Mocel has created a fund to discover who was responsible for the blast. Mocel contributed the first $100.