

Black Organization of Students Official Statement:

Although it appeared that an agreement had been reached between the Black Organization of Students and Mason Gross, Malcom Talbot and other representatives of the Rutgers University administration, recent developments have demonstrated the questionable integrity of certain members of the university community. Therefore, the Black Organization of Students, in conjunction with community organizations, has informed President Mason Gross, via telegram, of our inability to accept the validity of negotiated agreements.

Rutgers University has demonstrated its lack of integrity. There have been consistent discrepancies between university rhetoric and actions on various issues affecting Blacks. For example, while the university claims to be a progressive institution involved in attempts to bridge the gaps between Blacks and whites, it has deliberately reneged on its commitments to the Black students.

This action can only serve to substantiate Black youths' distrust of white adult leadership. Other injustices the university is committing against Black people in Newark are apparent.

This university is a tax-exempt university, located in the city of Newark. Yet the overwhelming majority of its students are non-Newark residents. ~~Further, the university is a tax-exempt institution.~~

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That the university systematically excludes Blacks can be determined on a number of points including a comment made by a white professor who stated that he had only taught three Black students in 23 years at Rutgers. It should also be noted that one student who was rejected for admission to Rutgers University was later accepted by Harvard. More than half of the students enrolled under a special admissions program for so-called "disadvantaged students" were white students. More importantly, if the university can accept endowments from such racists as Engelhart, this action can only be interpreted as a gross insult to the Black community. Unless the university immediately initiates compensatory measures to correct these injustices, drastic steps will be taken.