

PROPOSAL FOR THE DUTIES OF SNCC AFFILIATE GROUPS ON
SOUTHERN COLLEGE CAMPUSES

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Recently some controversy has been raised over the specific duties and obligations of SNCC affiliates on Southern campuses to SNCC. The primary question of concern seemed to have been centered around the obligations of such groups to the SNCC staff instead of to SNCC proper (Atlanta office). It was implied by some staff personnel on several occasions that the affiliates should be somewhat at the disposal of the SNCC staff at almost anytime the staff deemed it necessary.

Some of us who are members of affiliate groups disagree, primarily because our academic obligations as students, whether we wish it to be this way or not, takes precedence over our civil rights involvement to a large degree. Also because our programs within the affiliate group require much time and involvement.

Since these duties don't seem to be clearly defined, I would like to make several proposals on the topic under discussion.

- (1) That all college groups desirous of affiliating with SNCC be required to file application (sent out by the Atlanta office).
- (2) That the affiliate groups send in written reports to the Southern Campus Coordinator at least twice each month.
- (3) That the affiliate groups be an autonomous unit, setting it's own policies and planning it's own programs so long as such do not conflict with the policies and programs of national SNCC.
- (4) That SNCC affiliates give assistance to SNCC staff and local protest groups whenever time can be afforded and when affiliate considers project to be one in which he can be effective.
- (5) That affiliate groups always identify themselves with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.
- (6) That the Southern Campus Coordinator take trips to the campus of the affiliate groups as frequent as possible in order to bring about a closer relationship between the larger number of members in the group and national SNCC.
- (7) That the Southern Campus Coordinator, along with representatives of affiliate groups, organize a massive recruitment program for Southern students both white and black for our summer program and on long range terms.