

Point 7-Minnis-suggests that in order to learn the Rules of Procedure, we have to use them and all executive meetings use these rules. He also suggests that people have their motions written up and hand it to the secretary. Foreman-suggests rewording of Point 7 changed to Point 9 on new sheet. Minnis-whether we want the rule to specify that there must be a motion on the floor or have the chair bring up for discussion items on the agenda.

Point 7-Debate on a motion with respect to the agenda item. Rewrite it (#7) Ivanhoe, Ralph Featherstone, Minnis, Jim and Jack will rewrite.

Back to Point 3-Suggestion: Because of sickness or the person being in jail, an alternate should be elected, then if all are incapacitated, the program secretary should appoint someone from that district or that state. Then the program secretary should ask that this person be accepted by the executive committee.

The program secretary will look into other avenues of finding different areas for executive committee meetings.

Courtland Cox-on why I excludes them from the vote. If people in CC ought to be familiar with the rules by which the executive committee will operate.

Vote on Bylaws-"yes", Lee, Lafayette, Silas, Roy, Ben, Doug, John Buffington, and James Jones. Stokeley abstains on the grounds he wasn't in on the discussions. Chair agstains.

Chair is to be elected to preside over this meeting. Roy Shields nominated and declines. Stokeley also nominated and declines. Ben Greenish (Ark.) appointed as Chairman by John Lewis to preside over the meeting.

Cleve Sellers, Program Secretary, brings up for discussion whether or not the secretariat would automatically be on the executive committee and have equal powers. The chair would entertain a motion to deal with problem of whether Secretariat would be a part of the executive committee. Motion, move that all members of Secretariat be a part of the executive committee, seconded and all in favor. Unreadiness of executive committee to go on record with this and it would be put up to the C.C. for discussion. Foreman-suggests the motion of John's be withdrawn because of ambiguity of the discussion and this committee would discuss it at the next C.C.

Ivanhoe-suggests that the executive committee should be strong, set up it's procedures, present it to C.C., if they don't like it, it can be changed later.

Program Secretary should be on executive committee because of the work he has to do.

We should keep in mind that C.C. is able to change bylaws. Stokeley takes over John's motion. There is a consensus on this motion that 3 members have a voice and vote in Executive committee and be on the executive committee.

Chair rules we will discuss Selma Project. Lafayette -about march concerning SCLC and SNCC-3 day march to Montgomery-starting Sunday from Brown's and arrive in Montgomery on Wed. about 4:00 p.m. Questions about whether or not SNCC would participate in this march. Silas said SNCC would participate. Silas appointed Lafayette to work with SCLC on the march concerning money and necessities. Portable toilets-SCLC has these; tents; set up on Negro property-places for people to sleep-doctors and nurses said they would be glad to participate if SCLC and SNCC would send a telegram to them. Church in Montgomery for people to have mass meeting on Wed. morning. Mayor says city will provide protection. Mary Farela has walkie talkies. 500 blankets cost \$450 and cooking utensils cost \$140. Total cost is \$5000 Cleve and Love want to leave meeting for S.C. Cleve feels that he can help Love to make contacts in S. Carolina and that this is a convenient time. Cleve withdraws his request to leave.

Back to Selma-purpose of March-Silas-We SnCC agreed to set up communications, assignments and that the march is going to proceed, and Silas feels he has to go. 2 or 3 weeks ago at the staff meeting-purpose was to ask Wallace to void elections in the state. The meeting that took place the other night was a protest our not having the right to vote and against police brutality, and the state hasn't used their power to protect our rights. Blackwell wants to stress the above 3 points. The first reason seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle.

Cleve wants to know the reasons for our participation in this march and the objectives. Lafayette feels we need to let the people know we're with them. John Lewis-question of whether or not we give the \$2000. Jim (Ark.) People taking their own food and own blankets. Ivanhoe-feels that it is politically important that SNCC goes on the march and also decide on whether or not we should pull out of Alabama. Love- concerning the matter of SCLC-we should take this thing to King and not give the money and make our position clear in Selma. Also thinks that SCLC is bringing money in to buy out white stores as they go out of business because of the boycott. So people are going to be taken on a joyride in many ways.

Discussion concerning the appearance book-Prathia, Ivanhoe, Courtland and Silas

Ivanhoe suggests that a letter be drafted to King and SCLC about what part we will play in this march and that a meeting should be set up with King, Young and Abernathy. Harris, Forman, etc. should be at this meeting. Courtland Cox-we should not split with SCLC but continue with the fuzzy relationship we now have and go on about our work. Set up meetings, FDP and other programs should be discussed. Silas-we need people, cars to work in the counties. Nothing more, nothing less. Foreman-1. Is there any validity of organizing around the right to vote in Alabama? 2. Is organizing around the vote advancing the speed of the movement? 3. Having made the commitment, should we say we are not in agreement with this march on the right to vote? or continuing working with SCLC? 4. What kind of programs are we going to advance in Alabama? Who's going to carry out these programs? Silas-for a program in Alabama independent of SCLC. We ought to be working for the FDP. We have to get out and start talking with people. We need help with ward meetings. We need people coming in to work with students. We should organize ourselves into a unit.

Discussion of Foreman's 4 questions above. Organizing around the right to vote-some good can come out of this. We should take the fight to Washington. We are committed to the march because of our work in Selma and there have been verbal commitments. We don't have to send off staff on the march. If we only send two or three, they can represent SNCC. Other staff can go on about their work. Tactical advantages of being on the march-King's only going halfway but Lewis is going all the way. Long Range Plans*Program from here on out. We should go along on our programs without feeling apologetic just as SCLC does. They do not let us worry them so we should do the same. Regarding the march, we will give medical aid, include cars to those who want to participate. Silas cont'd-A letter drafted to SCLC about the way things have been happening in Selma, also have a meeting set up with them. People come to Ala. at 9:00 on Thursday. Motion passed. A friendly amendment-mandate the program secretary to move people into Alabama as swiftly as possible. Ay's included Doug Smith, Silas, Lee, Foreman, Jim Jones, Cleve, Buffington and James Jones. Abstaine included John Lewis, and Roy Shields because of not enough knowledge of the situation. Ivanhoe and Silas Norman will draft a letter to SCLC. It should be ready in the morning, Saturday March 6, 1965. Break.

9:30 Friday evening

Discussion of SNCC Programs for 1965. Courtland Cox discussed his program-"Student involvement in the Challenge". Courtland wants the executive committee to take his proposal back to the individual projects and to think over and discuss it. Then to reconsider it at the next executive meeting. Carmichael feels that certain parts of Cox's proposal are good and could possibly be incorporated into the '65 SNCC Programs. Cox feels that if we have students to lobby in Wash. for three weeks, it will cause a flood of individual freedom fighters to come into the South. He wants to avoid this.

Chair read "Plan of Operations" to the committee and staff present. This plan concerns SNCC's support of the Mississippi Challenge. Discussion on this subject was not forthcoming so a letter from Frank Smith was read, "Tell them what we want". Frank suggests we start discussions in ward meetings of local people writing their own voting bills. Foreman-feels that this letter is irrelevant to the discussion already in progress.

Motion proposed by Foreman- that Executive committee sanction Ralph Featherstone to go to D.C. to begin organizational work to implement this plan of operation. Consensus.

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Chairman: Ben Grinage
Secretary: Fay Bellamy

Discussion: Campus Travelers

Tom Brown and Stanley Wise present programs

Stanley Wise wants to know what the feeling of SNCC is towards the campus program. Tom Brown says that the campus program could be greater if they had help. He says he needs 10 people because they have 6 already to work the 7 states. He feels that the program shouldn't stop during the summer and could continue with the summer students. Stokely disagrees with this being carried through the summer since summer school only lasts 6 weeks and most of the summer students work and attend classes for half a day. He says they only need 3 people and the others could go into the field. Foreman says that campus travelers should leave the schools alone for the summer and go out into the field to work. Tom says students are asking for help, on their problems of how to organize etc. So far they have not been able to answer the questions of students because there was no solid program set up. Porter says Wallace wants to work in Virginia with students. Chair-what are we going to do about the campus program. Tom-needs new ideas concerning campus programs. Stokely and Foreman-feel that no one else can think up new programs for them. They have to get in and feel their way around, then work. Jim Jones (Arkansas) -the campus traveler programs and problems that could be solved by them should be done.

Discussion: Research Dept.

Jack Minnis reports problem of not getting black people to work in the Research Dept. Doesn't understand why. Jack says Research Dept. is not used to its full capabilities. Jack-a number of things we are prepared to do is not acceptable by a lot of people in the dept. because most of them are middle class whites, I (Jack) am not and therefore, need blacks who aren't so that we can get our programs off the ground. Jack- need more people. Jack-people who have been hired for the Research Dept. and decide suddenly that they don't like this department move out and float everywhere. Cox (Alabama) - Sat. and Sun. they have meetings to discuss this area, what has been done and why. How it can be changed, etc. It would be a type of education and there would be more interest, because you work there. Foreman-feels that Cox's idea is good and should be instigated in every project. Foreman suggests going to a university and getting a Research Dept. Minnis-needs people full-time to file, clip newspapers. Minnis-we have stuff lying around from last summer which needs filing. Cox-doesn't like the use of graduate students because their ideas aren't like ours. Minnis-Betty Gorman is working on trying to get books for the Research Library. Lee-suggests that people in the field be sent ideas on how to do research, etc. to build up interest in the field and in this way try to recruit these people. Foreman- Communications Dept. has grown out of proportion to the organization. Need more than 2 people, also have people to perform duties as writers only. Need these people badly. People stopping in Atlanta should be put to work. Minnis-everyone in Research Dept. wants to write but can't and that we would run into problems if people came in to work for a week or three days. Tom Brown- we've asked professors in Southern schools to have their students write term papers or research in their areas and after they've been graded, SNCC is to be sent a copy. Fay-why can SNCC hire, but can't fire. Why is it that Minnis asks for help and we can't even answer yes or no but only offer suggestions. Of what use is the Personnel Committee, etc?

Communications: Julian Bond

Bond-the Dept. consists of two people Wilson Brown and Clifford Robinson. The other two, Bond and Suckle put out press releases and the Student Voice. They plan to have Student Voice out every 2 weeks. Need Marion Berry, should be in in March. Jack and Eric Morton are coming in. Jack will handle all layouts. Eric can take some of the pressure off Mark. Need to have office open from 9 to 1:00 a.m. each day.

Minnis-Demuth has been very successful in getting an average of 2 dozen articles in magazines.

Bond-will need a secretary when press arrives.

Photography Dept:

Bob Fletcher, Mary King, Joffrey, Cliff Vaughs is leaving, Doug Harris is on his way down, Casey Haden. Need people to man the darkroom at all times. Bond-Mary and Casey plan to bring people into Atlanta to teach people how to use photography equipment. Bond was asked where Francis Mitchell is. He doesn't know-no one seems to know. E.C.*wants to know why he is not available without having to be looked for. Equipment-Mitchell had his equipment busted in Selma. He was given a loan of about \$1000 and his equipment is now insured. Cliff Vaughs refuses to turn in his equipment now in possession which belongs to SNCC.

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Foreman-was at Harvard-couple of people there want to set up a press to publish a paper for the Delta. Jim says he suggested that they should get in touch with Bond. Bond should write to college papers, and see how we can encompass them in with the Student Voice, so that credit will be given where credit is due. Also suggests that Bond travel to different projects to see what can be done.

Chair: Discussion should be turned to listening to letter posted to SCLC on Selma. C.Cox disagrees with letter. Feels key to our dispute is one of ideology. Majority of persons present disagreed with this. Selma SNCC should write up a compilation of events in Selma with SCLC so that entire staff will know the wheres and whyfores of our arguments. Foreman-couple sentences should be reworded and also state ideology summary of being in Selma, our differences. C.Cox-history of SNCC, organizational differences to avoid ingroup fighting. Annie Pearl-feels letter should be more specific and state such things as night marches, discuss compromises with local people. Bond-disagrees with letter as it is and changes stated by Foreman-just tell them that where we can work together we will and vice versa. Foreman-we should have a meeting to discuss leadership, structure and "techniques of working." Key to our differences with SCLC is about techniques of working. Letter adopted, with revisi

COFO-fits in with People's conference-coalition of Civil Rights groups at first. We have had 4 or 5 COFO meetings since July. Wilkins has made statements that NAACP is withdrawing from COFO and that he didn't know anything about Freedom Schools. "I urged that Henry, Guyot and Moses call a meeting to discuss what is COFO?" Foreman, Mrs. Devine, Bill Higgs, Marion, Kinoy etc. at meeting to discuss some definition of COFO. Prathia asked question to make clearer if the NAACP pulls away from COFO what do they pull away from? Do they pull away from people's convention or civil rights groups. Lee Bankhead (Mississippi) we have been bothered with NAACP shit for a long time. We don't have to worry about NAACP watering down COFO since they have never worked with anybody but a certain class of people. Cobb-most of their NAACP's efforts are concentrated in the urban areas. Sandy Lee-doesn't feel that the NAACP, if it does pull out of COFO, will not be missed in Mississippi. Doug Smith-NAACP has messed up in too many cases. People are very upset about their actions in Miss. and feels they will catch hell on Sunday at the COFO meeting and Dr. Henry could never leave his store on Saturday for the meetings of COFO. Emma Belle-we should decide if we're going to support NAACP Summer Project because this question is going to come up in the COFO meeting. Lee Bankhead-support for NAACP is ridiculous we, the local people, are sick of them asking for money. They should become aware of what is going on around us and them. It has been all money and no action. Emma Belle - How many more people in Miss. feel as you do about the NAACP. I know of people who would rather die than let the NAACP walk. Sandy Lee-I do not believe that the local people will be afraid to speak to Wilkins and others about their predicaments. Foreman-we voted at C.C. that we would have People's Conferences in several states. Should COFO be a convention organization? What does SNCC feel, how do they feel COFO should be defined? We have been a part of those meetings with COFO and it is important that we discuss what might take place at their meeting. There is confusion in my mind about what is COFO. Cobb-COFO is a Federated Organization of Civil Rights groups. In Miss. it is the people in the communities who meet and talk about the problems. Some of these people who make decisions in COFO and they are also on our staff. Ivanhoe-COFO is a people's organization. Tom Brown-COFO is a coalition of confusion. Foreman- I feel it is important that we know what COFO is and its functions. My problem is that there are these many definitions. We should try to have a definition. Doug Smith-I'd like to know what COFO is so that I could explain it to others. Lee-COFO was a group of people interested in Civil Rights in Miss. this included SCLC, CORE, SNCC, and NAACP. Now, that is the meaning, what it has developed into is another thing. Courtland-COFO is a thing in being. Foreman-COFO should be a convention type organ. Political programs should be left to FDP. Miss. citizens should go to that convention and formulate programs. SNCC should not participate in the convention, but can implement programs they would like to see come out of this convention.

Chair: feels that we should move on to discuss People's Conference.

Porter-says it will be very hard to have a state conference of people in Georgia.

Reason- 1. Georgia Voter's League, 2. ? 3. 2nd district where they all work in different ways-this would make it hard. Cobb-Is there a time limit on the People's Conferences? Ivanhoe-is there is a hidden deadline? Cobb-this can still be dealt with if a precinct has 5 people who wish to participate, just use those 5 and go from there. Chair-we are also (Ark.) having difficulty in getting people to People's Conferences. We don't know the limitations of SNCC, etc. Foreman- we should work towards getting a good cross-section of people from all over each state whether its 5 or 6 from one place and 6 or 7 from another. I don't expect 5,000 people but we should get as many as we can for the conference.

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Foreman-on Summer Volunteers and Summer Project. There are a lot of people interested in coming South. What do we plan to do? There are many people from the North that worked on the summer project's and they will never be the same again and therefore, they are not interested in working in their own communities.

Back to the People's Conference-

Roy Shields wants to know what you do about Mrs. Daniels in Dodson, Georgia when SNCC pulled out and left her alone. Ivanhoe-we should establish ties in other parts of the state so that she will not feel left alone. In other words, to put her in contact with people in motion. Porter- we made a commitment to raise funds when Mrs. Daniel's house was bombed and other such commitments. Foreman- haven't we sent her money? Unanswered. Well, maybe you, Roy, should bring her to the next executive committee meeting, establish new lines of contact with her. She could also bring 4 or 5 local people with her.

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Discussion on Tavel Team for Staff Education on FDP etc. - Judy Walborn
Judy-Staff should have two people go around to projects and discuss FDP program and challenge so there will be a better understanding of these things.
Foreman- feels that this program would take too long. Jim (Ark.) someone from FDP should go around to explain it. Ivanhoe-proposal shows there is a need for a staff oriented program about SNCC, FDP etc. because staff doesn't usually read materials sent to them. A program should be implemented. Foreman- we should ask Judy Walborn, Ivanhoe, Carol Merritt to draw up a prospectus or specific plan of operation for an in-staff training program in the new offices, taking into consideration the new class rooms we will have there. Roy-we should pool staff to see what they want to know and a program could be built around this. Chair; suggests leaving.
Stokely- doesn't agree, because Personnel hasn't been discussed. Foreman- understand Ar. staff wants to leave and Miss. staff also, but feels this Personnel Discussion would be important to all of us. Doug Smith-moves that we adjourn until the next executive committee meeting-seconded.

* insert above-Discussion on Residential Freedom School- Judy Richardson
Judy-one of the schools should be in the South and the other one in the North so that they could see problems of each other. Proposal accepted. Foreman- should contact Mrs. Montgomery for support with money.