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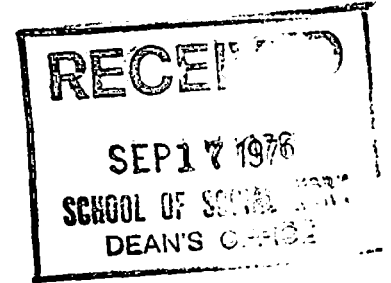
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student activities

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September 15, 1976



Ms. Marilyn L. Horne
Acting President, AASLF
University Center
Campus

Dear Marilyn:

I am taking this means to respond to your letter of August 12 in which you identified the need for space to be provided to the AASLF to accomodate the social program of the organization. The points of your letter and those made in the meeting with Dr. Aldmon and myself were well taken. I have shared them with members of my staff and we have arrived at a trial solution which I offer for your consideration.

1. The University Center will be made available to the AASLF for purposes of dances and socials on weekends as the schedule permits.
2. We will extend the hours until 1:00 am and we will waive the customary charges for extended hours.
3. We will also waive the standard fee levied for solicitation activities.

In so doing we will endeavor to arrange the staffing pattern to provide for supervisory and custodial personnel to complement both your and other activities scheduled in the building. In waiving the charges we have assumed that vandalism will not present a financial burden at the Center. If either of these assumptions prove erroneous we will need to reevaluate the arrangement with you.

We do require that you provide the services of a Security Officer for the duration of the events. Arrangements should be coordinated with the Center staff.

Both Dr. Aldmon and I were impressed with your willingness to volunteer the officers and advisers of the AASLF as persons who would positively contribute to the general decorum of the events. We are confident that under your able leadership we can minimize any difficulties that may arise.

You should know that I shared this solution with members of the Commission for Blacks at the Commission's last meeting. Those members present did not receive the proposal enthusiastically. The general feeling was that the risks involved in using the Center were too great to justify a trial. Members were particularly concerned about the attendance of non-students at the events and the vulnerability of art works displayed throughout the building and in the Gallery Concourse. I suggested that Commission members discuss their concerns with you directly. If they have not done so I suggest that you contact Professor Betty Cleckley, Chairperson of the Commission, before you respond either way to this correspondence.

Again, we are appreciative of your positive action in bringing this matter to our attention. We are anxious to work with the officers and members of your organization in that we share your concern for creating a positive campus environment for Black students.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,



Philip A. Scheurer
Dean of Student Activities

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cc: Dr. Howard Aldmon
Dr. Betty Cleckley ✓
Ms. Gail Clay