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VIEWS ON THE FACULTY SENATE

The following excerpts are from remarks made by Wendell C. Black, President, Los Angeles Harbor College, in a recent faculty institute at that college. Mr. Black is a member of the CTA Commission on Higher Education.

"I see in the faculty senate a chance to do something positive about making available to the college the judgment of the faculty. I pay tribute to this group for serious purpose, for willingness to approach college improvement in a positive spirit, and for open and frank discussion of topics. I anticipate many significant improvements will come from their deliberations.

"The administrative faculty must remember that the senate is a creative body and protect it from the nagging problems

of discipline. The teaching faculty must remember it is a means of 'making operative a majority opinion of the faculty' and not permit it to become the tool of an eager, energetic, enthusiastic, or discontented few.

"Democracy demands the participation of all. I am confident the senate will improve the conversation among the various segments of our college population. I see no conflict between administering and teaching; I visualize no contest, no maneuvering, no trickery, no play for power. We are all, I hope, moving in the same direction. If our objectives are worthy, we should find no significant disagreement about them. Our task is to achieve them. For that the concentrated effort of all is required.

"These then are the problems facing us:

- to give status to vocational-technical education and to sell its appropriateness,
- to gain status and understanding for the junior college as a unique institution in higher education,
- to maintain the open door and at the same time high standards of achievement and meet the needs of all students,
- to offer quality education without pricing ourselves off the market,
- to stimulate our students to accept more responsibility for their educational growth and their activities,
- to make effective use of the judgment and creativity of the teaching faculty in building the junior college."



MERRITT COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE

Pictured seated left to right are Jacquelyn Wilson, Dayton Axtell, Betty Ellet, Raymond Barnett, Cecil Enlow, Mrs. Elsa Bogosian, Glenand Spencer, Mrs. Edith Jenkins, Douglas Baugh. First row standing left to right are Irwin Mayers, Mary Greer, Ernest Spirakis, Robert Seward, Dr. Marian Reeve, Gilbert Callies, Mrs. Virginia Morton, Alexander Pappas, Mrs. Jean Chapman, Dr. John Summersette, Eve S. Wallenstein. Second row standing left to right, Leon Key, Jack Woodard, Lloyd Baysdorfer Peter Jowise, Wayne Welch, Douglas Kyle, Ronald Eberhart, Norbert Bischof, John A. Paul, Thomas Trent.