

Statement of Policy by Faculty of Texas Christian University

The Administration and Faculty of Texas Christian University deem it timely to express their attitudes and policies with reference to the present emergency.

We are heartily, unanimously, and courageously devoted to the ideals of the American Way of life, and specifically to those principles expressed in the Roosevelt-Churchill agreement and by Secretary Hull in his message to Japan. We stand ready to do our part on the program which shall be worked out by our responsible leaders in America. We have full confidence that the same can be said for the students.

It is our conviction that the regular processes of education should continue as normally as possible, so that well educated leaders may not be lacking in the days of stress or in the period of reconstruction that shall follow war. Especially should students in preparation along technical lines be continued in training, as a part of their contribution to the needs of the country, in many cases the best contribution they could make.

We counsel students in general to continue faithfully in school, training themselves to the utmost, without interruption, and with as little distraction as possible, until such time as the orderly processes of the government shall determine where each may be most needed. Undue emotional excitement, hasty decisions, unguided plans might lessen the value of any one in the crisis. Jobs in industry, even defense industry, will be announced as the government needs men and women, and should not be sought by students hastily. It is possible that continued educational training will be a better contribution.

Men students who are, or who will become eligible for draft, or who volunteer, should most assuredly follow the call, under the plans

and regulations of the government. They should continue faithfully their education so long as practicable under these plans, so as to be the more capable of service when called. This is the recommendation of many leaders in defense affairs.

If the government should deem it wise to arrange military training for young men while they are in college, similar to the S.A.T.C. plan, we would be ready to adjust our campus program to include this.

All teachers and students stand ready to do their share in home defense through the Civilian Defense, Red Cross and such other agencies as the responsible leaders provide.

In the meanwhile, teachers and students are counseled to keep a thoughtful control in the midst of their anxiety or emotion. Let unusual diligence and accomplishment characterize the task we are on at the present moment, along with a ready spirit to undertake the task assigned next.

It will be the policy of the University, in general, to grant degrees to Seniors who lack only a fraction of a semester when called, and to aid every student who is called to conserve his partially completed credits. These adjustments will be made on an individual basis only to students whose quality of work justifies it.

The administration and faculty of Texas Christian University pledge the institution and its facilities to the needs of the present emergency. We dedicate ourselves as individuals and as leaders of youth to the defense of America.