Faculty Permits Student Absenteeism

In a special meeting last night the W&L faculty passed a resolution which allows students, who feel morally obligated, to absent themselves for the remainder of this semester.

Under the faculty's resolution departing students can make up their uncompleted work any time from the date of leaving until September 30, 1970.

Seniors who expect to graduate in June may absent themselves, take their exams immediately upon arrangement with their professors, and then leave school. They will still graduate with their class and receive their diplomas.

Any student can make arrangements with his professor to take his exams at any time until September 30.

A student can absent himself by writing a letter stating his reasons for temporary withdrawal to the Faculty Executive Committee. Immediately on receipt of that letter by the Executive Committee, a student is considered to be absent.

This resolution stemmed from the one adopted by the Faculty Executive Committee prior to the student meeting in the University Center yesterday afternoon.

In passing this resolution the faculty recognized the "sense of immediate concern they (the students) feel about major national issues." The faculty resolution also stated that a student still will be considered as enrolled at W&L under the approved program. For those students who choose to stay on campus, the faculty endorsed a program whereby students will be able to study the present national situation.

The resolution also noted that "now notwithstanding the depth of this feeling of some students, the faculty does not believe that Washington and Lee classes should be suspended or its educational responsibility be abandoned."

The resolution was a result of three hours of deliberation by the faculty and takes effect immediately.

Cockpit Meeting Proposes Referendum For Students

In order for students on this campus who feel a moral obligation to do "something in the real world," an interested group of 75 students and faculty gathered in the University Center Cockpit Thursday afternoon to discuss the possibility of the University's allowing students to leave school for the rest of this semester.

"The purpose of this ad hoc committee," said Fran Lawrence, president-elect of the student body, "is to have an open discussion about what we want the faculty to do about suspension of classes."

Staman Ogilvie, junior EC member, informed the group that the faculty Executive Committee was in session at the time, and had called a special meeting of the faculty, which was held last night.

"At 6 p.m. the meeting in the Cockpit reconvened with senior Gates Shaw in charge. The principal business of the meeting was the drafting of a resolution, which appears elsewhere on this page."

The resolution was passed by the students assembled at the Cockpit and will be presented to the student body at large at 1:00 this afternoon.

A proposal by senior Paul Morrow expressing concern over the plight of students wishing to continue their classes was defeated.

Another motion to present the Faculty with the proposal soon after it was drafted last night was also defeated following Shaw's remark that "we don't want to inundate the faculty with demands which don't even come from the student body as a whole."
Student Body Assembly

Friday, May 8

1:00 p.m.

Front of Lee Chapel

This Meeting Is Called As Specified In The Constitution By The President of The Student Body