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President Joel P. Smith of Denison University announced this morning that he had conducted a series of nine special meetings with the entire faculty in small groups of 15-20 over the weekend.

At these meetings President Smith discussed the rights and responsibilities of faculty and students, and there was extensive and open discussion of the substantive issues raised by the Black Student Union demands.

In addition, President Smith announced that "there was a recognition of need for a meeting at which student views could be expressed to members of the Board of Trustees." He said it was agreed that John E.F. Wood, chairman of the Board; Richard Bodorff, president of the Denison Campus Government Association; and he would work out the format for such a meeting to be held Thursday, April 9, on campus.

Mr. Wood and Dr. William Bowen, a Board member, were in Granville Sunday for consultation and discussion. At the request of Mr. Wood and Dr. Bowen, they reviewed the current situation with the President, members of the faculty, and elected student leaders.

Late Friday the Executive Committee issued a statement urging faculty and students to resume the regular class schedules today.

The President also reopened the Administration Building, which had been closed since last Thursday, this morning.

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