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Committee on Privilege and Tenure (CPT) hears eighty-one cases of non-signers, recommending to Sproul that six be dismissed.

Sproul recommends to the Regents that 157 academic and non-academic employees be terminated for being non-signers or for related reasons, and that sixty-two of seventy-five non-signers be retained, as recommended by CPT. The Regents unanimously approve the first recommendation but are split on the second.

Thirty-one of the non-signers form the Group for Academic Freedom to promote their cause and provide financial assistance.

Regents vote 10-9 to support Sproul’s recommendation to retain thirty-nine non-signing faculty favorably reviewed by CPT.

Regents vote 12-10 to dismiss the non-signers, reversing their previous vote. Faculty members dismissed included Warner Brown, UC Berkeley psychology; John Caughey, UCLA history; Hubert Coffey, UC Berkeley psychology; Hans Lewy, UC Berkeley mathematics; Anthony P. Morse, UC Berkeley mathematics; and Edward Tolman, UC Berkeley psychology.