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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

Each institution has its own reason of existence within a particular context and when the reason of existence ceases to exist then that institution loses its powers of progress and begins to decline.

Robert Kolej Yüksek Okulu is faced with the same process for those who want to look at the problem realistically within the context of today's Turkey. The question lies in the adjustment of Robert Kolej Yüksek Okulu to today's needs in Turkey for the kind of education which will lead to a rapid economic and cultural development. And if Robert Kolej Yüksek Okulu insists on existing within the limited boundaries of an old-fashioned foreign institution (by Turkish, American and International standards) unable to expand in any direction academically and physically, then each day it will alienate itself even more from the changing organism of Turkey as a whole.

And we believe that under the present circumstances, the only solution to this problem lies within the change of the basic structure of Robert Kolej Yüksek Okulu: that is work towards the transition of this school from a confined foreign institution towards a modern and expanding Turkish University with truly international standards.

The present state of Robert Kolej Yüksek Okulu, vague and limited, lacking any kind of long term financial and academic plans, and unpromising for the increasing potential demands in Turkey, will lead itself to an inevitable and undesirable crisis in a very short time.

Therefore we would like to urge the faculty and the students of this school to give priority to this matter and without losing much time, plan and work towards this goal.

It is our wish that these important efforts should in no way over shadow our immediate needs for reform and change in the educational system of Robert Kolej Yüksek Okulu as stated in our second declaration.

We wish you a productive and successful academic year.

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