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CUNY bigs will slam teachers' hate rally

City University's chancellor and trustees will officially denounce the professors' union for sponsoring a teach-in that degenerated into an anti-American rally, a spokesman for the trustees said yesterday.

He said they will endorse a statement by Chancellor Matthew Goldstein saying there's "no sympathy for the voices ... who seek to justify or make lame excuses for the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with arguments based on ideological or historic circumstances."

One of the speakers at Tuesday's City College forum, a math teacher named Walter Daum, blamed the United States for the Twin Towers tragedy, saying, "The ultimate responsibility [for the attacks] lies with the rulers of this country."

Very few of the students and teachers present challenged his views.

Some of the trustees had drafted a resolution condemning the union for the "un-American" and "seditious" statements made by its members. But they instead decided to back Goldstein's strongly worded statement, said Jay Hershenson, vice chancellor for university relations.

The trustees will vote on endorsing the statement at their Oct. 22 meeting and drop consideration of the resolution, Hershenson said.

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