

## University Senate

The University Senate is the sole legislative body on all questions that pertain to the educational interests of the University. This year the senate has approximately two hundred and fifty members who are appointed or elected faculty or advisory personnel. The senate is principally composed of faculty members elected from each college.

The senate meets the first Tuesday of each month and studies the broad policies of the University and decides whether or not any of the policies should be changed or dropped. It decides such things as which course should be added, changed or deleted, the number of credits needed for graduation from the various colleges, and the time schedule of events on the University.

At the last meeting of the senate, November 7, the Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule was informed that the student body felt the time between classes exceeded the necessary time to move from one class to another. The student body felt that twenty minutes was in excess of the required time, but not long enough to accomplish much work. It therefore felt that fifteen minutes would be a more suitable period of time. Shortening the time between periods would enable the last class to end at approximately 4:30 P.M., instead of the present time of 5:00 P.M. (Editor's note: If any student on campus wishes to express his or her opinion on the above matter, Mr. Kochel or this paper would like to be informed of such reactions. Thank you.)

The following is the policy on Associate Degree Programs that was accepted at the last meeting of the senate.

As a result of its study of the associate degree problem, the Senate Committee on educational Policy makes the following policy recommendations:

1. The Pennsylvania State University offers two types of associate degree programs. Such associate degree programs may be occupational or terminal in nature, (Type I), or may represent an integrated preparation base for further education in college or university, (Type II). All such programs must originate with the colleges and must be specifically approved by the Senate as "associate degree" programs. They must be of at least six terms in duration and contain a minimum

of 60 semester credits, but no more than 75, and must meet the general education requirements previously passed by the Senate for associate degree programs. Credit load limits per term are the same as those for baccalaureate degree students; the minimum graduation average is 2.0.

(The Committee suggests that a candidate in a Type I associate degree program be designated Associate in some specialty (e.g. Electrical Technology, Hotel Administration, etc.). A candidate in a Type II associate degree program should be designated an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science as the case may be.)

2. The University remains primarily concerned, at the undergraduate level, with baccalaureate instruction and its admission policy should continue to reflect this emphasis. No candidates for the associate degree should be admitted to the University Park Campus when facilities exist elsewhere within the University. However, the admissions policy for associate degree programs of both types may be different than that for any baccalaureate degree program. Such an admissions policy should reflect the local circumstances involved, the needs of the community or student body to be served, and instructional resources available. Such an admissions policy should be independent of any baccalaureate admissions policy should permit a flexible standard of admissions to the various programs, and should be dependent only upon the ability of the University or its component parts to match available resources with student need and with competency to pass associate degree programs.

3. Transfer of a student from an associate degree program to a baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished at any time, under regulations governing change of curriculum, if the student meets all the admission requirements for the baccalaureate program. Other students may transfer only after completion of the associate degree and acceptance by the College of their choice. The term standing of a transfer student together with the credits and courses acceptable towards a baccalaureate degree will be determined by the Dean of the College in which the student enrolls. Any baccalaureate degree student, upon the interruption of his baccalaureate degree program, may apply for any associate degree for which he might qualify, with the approval of the Dean of his College.

## S. G. A. REPORT

ter five and on weekends the old paddles will be used.

Coat hangers for Turnbull Hall were discussed and, as there are not enough of these, new ones will be brought in.

Items to be discussed at the first meeting of the Student Affairs Committee were: Why athletic funds and equipment are not being provided for us by University Park; the lack of adequate health facilities on Behrend Campus; installation of coin changing machine in Erie Hall; higher charge for meals this year and showing of meal tickets at every meal; and the possibility of hav-

ing the cafeteria open fifteen minutes earlier on Wednesday mornings to avoid the rush. The Student Affairs Committee consists of Mr. Lane, Mr. Fryer, Al McAllister, and Dale Black. The items listed above were discussed and are presently being looked into.

It was decided that the \$88.00 collected for the class gift remain on the Behrend Campus instead of being sent to University Park.

The S. G. A. would like to remind you that all students are free to bring any problems or suggestions either to a member of the S. G. A. or to a S. G. A. meeting which is held weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:30 P.M.

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