

Senate Creates Academic Policy

The University Senate, composed of representatives of the faculty and the administration, legislates the University's educational policies, matters which eventually affect every student.

Some of the questions handled by Senate concern courses of study, curriculums, admission and graduation requirements, approval of candidates for degrees, scholarships and honors, and student regulations.

Students Take Academic Woes To DIR Office

The Division of Intermediate Registration is a service department for students experiencing academic difficulties.

A popular belief always circulating among freshmen every year says that one has to have a low all-university average to revert to DIR. However, many students enroll in the program to take advantage of the counseling service it provides, to transfer to other colleges.

Most students enter DIR under the 1.50 rule. If their grade point average falls below 1.50, out of 4.00, at the end of their second or third semester, they are not permitted to continue in any college of the University, but are referred to DIR.

Students referred to DIR may be accepted for enrollment with a view toward later transfer to a college. Otherwise, they are dismissed from the University.

Students admitted to DIR remain enrolled there for one semester. With approval of the director, enrollment may be continued for a second semester. If, after being in DIR, the student meets the qualifications for admittance into one of the nine colleges, he may transfer.

Cork Scholarship Awarded to Dye

Thomas Dye, junior in labor-management relations from Pittsburgh, has been awarded the Armstrong Cork Co. scholarship at the University.

The scholarship covers the cost of all required fees and books for the academic year up to a maximum of \$1100.

The award was established by the Board of Trustees. Dye is the first recipient of the award at the University.

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Standing Committees
The standing committees are admissions, athletics, student affairs, educational policy, academic standards, courses of study, military instruction, committees, rules, and scholarships and awards.

The committees recommend legislation and make a report to Senate at the end of the academic year. Each committee may have subcommittees to help in studying proposals.

Senate meets on the first Thursday of each month. President Milton S. Eisenhower is chairman, and C. O. Williams, dean of admissions, serves as secretary.

Faculty Representative
In addition, the Senate is composed of eight faculty representatives elected from each of the colleges, the dean of each college, the assistant dean of each college if he is in charge of resident instruction, the head of each department of resident instruction, the head of each military unit, the director of summer sessions, and the University examiner.

Of the eight faculty representatives from each college, four are elected every other year, so the terms are staggered. Each representative is elected for two years.

Other Senate members include the dean of men, the dean of women, the director of the University Health Service, the librarian, the comptroller, the provost, the director of extension, and the director of student affairs.

Since there is no judicial body to interpret Senate legislation, Article II, Section 2 of the Senate constitution states that Senate shall interpret its own legislation.

Section 3 of the same article states, "In case of question of jurisdiction, the power of decision shall rest with the President of the University."

Seeking Information? HUB Has It

The Hetzel Union desk, located on the main floor of the Hetzel Union Building, is the place to go if you're looking for information—any information.

The man behind the Hetzel Union desk will give you information on out-of-town train and bus schedules, addresses and telephone numbers. He will sell you tickets to Players' and Thespians' shows, tickets for dances, banquets, proms, tickets for almost any campus activity.

The desk is also a lost and found department, collecting a menagerie of scarves, fountain pens, galoshes, and slide rules.

The Hetzel Union desk supplies ping pong paddles for the tables in the game room, records for the listening booths, or magazines and books for the reading room.

This group compiles the Student Union Directory, a booklet of organizations on campus, as well as being a distribution center for graduation announcements and invitations. LaVie, the senior class yearbook, was formerly distributed at the Hetzel Union desk, but because of the confusion involved, the yearbook is now dispersed in the HUB game room. Campus publications such as the Daily Collegian, Froth, Pivot, and the Penn State Engineer are also distributed at the desk.

African City Presents Tray

The city of Pretoria, South Africa, celebrating its Centennial this year, has presented an engraved tray to the University in recognition of its Centennial.

The tray is inscribed: "Presented to the Pennsylvania State University by the city council of Pretoria, South Africa, on the occasion of our joint centennaries—March, 1955."

A shield and spears design is engraved on the tray surrounded by color pictures of many animals found in Africa.

The Centennial gift idea was conceived by Emile Raats, of Pretoria, a graduate student in fuel technology at the University.

He arranged for President Milton S. Eisenhower to end a miniature Nittany Lion and a personal letter to the mayor of Pretoria. In return, the mayor sent the tray, a copy of Pretoria's personal history, and a message from the mayor.

Trustees Board No In Second Century

The University's Board of Trustees is currently celebrating its 100th year as a chartered state institution.

For the first four years after its chartering in 1855, the board handled all school affairs until the first president was named in 1859.

The Board of Trustees meets twice a year, in January and June, to consider University policy concerning development and maintenance of the physical plant and the management of the University in accordance with its charter and the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

During the passing years the board grew from seven to 32 members, including five ex-officio members headed by the governor. Other ex-officio members of the board today are the University president, State superintendent of public instruction and State secretaries of agriculture and mines.

Alumni Choose 9
Nine trustees are chosen by the Alumni and 12 are elected by the county agricultural and industrial societies. Six are appointed by the governor. All serve three-year terms.

Between meetings of the entire board, the executive committee meets and transacts business in the name of the board. This group meets at least seven times each year.

Under the executive committee are several sub-committees which aid in the work.

These standing sub-committees are architecture, buildings and grounds, finance, educational matters, student and staff welfare, and extension. Other special committees are appointed when needed.

Displays Record of Service
The Board of Trustees has displayed a record of earnest service and active direction of University affairs. The trustees' generosity to the University and its students has been exemplified in the many gifts for new buildings, scholarship awards, and trust funds.

Two of the University's most famous benefactors are Andrew Carnegie and Charles M. Schwab. Carnegie, a trustee from 1886 to 1916, presented a gift of \$155,000 for a new auditorium in 1903, and Carnegie financed the \$150,000 Carnegie Hall, which was built as a library in 1904.

Can Boast of Record
The board's members can boast of an unusual record of length of service as trustees. J. Franklin Shields, of Philadelphia, holds the longest record of 42 years as a trustee—from 1905 to 1947. He was

Two Functions Of MI Council Serve Students

Mineral Industries Student Council's twofold purpose is to establish better relationships between the students and faculty of the college, and to coordinate MI student activities with those of the other colleges.

Heading the council this year is Edwin Tocker, ceramics major from Baltimore, Md. Other officers are Donald Fleck, mechanical engineering major from Star Lake, vice president, and James Shay, geology and mineralogy major from Kenmore, N.Y., retary-treasurer.

Members of the council have a 2.0 All-University average and are elected in the spring, with the exception of the two men elected each fall. Council members remain on the council from the time they are elected until graduation, unless they fail to maintain a 2.0 All-University average. By this system two representatives from each class are elected each year, resulting in a constant membership of 20.

The council meets twice a month to discuss problems and projects concerning the college. Activities of the council include a mixer for the students in college which is held in the dining hall. The council also sponsors a number of hours to better acquaint the faculty and students. Members of the council assist the College Mineral Industries with the annual open house held in the spring, and with various banquets held by the college. Mineral Industries societies and honor societies also get assistance from the council in their various activities.

George H. Dieke, also of Pittsburgh, was president of the board from 1946 to 1946.

Judge James A. Milhollan of Pittsburgh, who was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees, is second in seniority on the board's present vice president George H. Dieke, also of Pittsburgh.

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