

Trustees pick Education dean

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At its first public meeting Friday, the University Board of Trustees approved a new dean for the College of Education. Henry J. Hermanowicz was named to the post left vacant by the retirement of Abram VanderMeer. Hermanowicz, who is the dean of the College of Education at Illinois State University, will begin work at Penn State on Dec. 1.

The college has been looking for a new dean since VanderMeer announced his retirement 18 months ago. A special committee was set up last March to screen applicants.

In announcing the committee's selection, Russell Larson, University provost, told the board Hermanowicz was one of 125 applicants and 6 finalists, all deans at other universities.

Edwin Herr, professor of education and acting assistant dean for graduate studies will serve as dean until Hermanowicz arrives.

The Hermanowicz appointment caused one of the few minor controversies at the meeting.

Told that there are no women or minority deans at the University but only assistant and associate deans, Trustee Helen Davies called the situation "rather disappointing." Davies voted for the Hermanowicz appointment.

The Board also approved a set of rules to govern its public meetings.

The rules do not allow time for the public to address the Board, and prohibit the use of cameras during meetings.

Under the rules, the Board can only call executive sessions in two circumstances: when considering dismissal or discipline of a University employe or agent; and when considering action on labor negotiations.

The only dissenting vote on an item before the Board was made by Jesse Arnette. Arnette said he voted "no" on a new multi-purpose building for the Capital Campus because he

didn't like the building's design.

The Board approved plans for a number of new buildings, including the sketch plans for the new Faculty Club.

The club is to be built along Park Avenue near the Nittany Lion Inn.

Other building plans for University Park approved by the Board included:

- a new business services building to be located behind Parking lot 83. Business Services must be moved from its present quarters to make room for the new environmental sciences building.
- an addition to the Eisenhower Chapel, and
- interior renovations to the Nittany Lion Inn.

The Board also approved a new masters degree program in Energy Resources and Utilization. The program is to be run by the Colleges of Earth and Mineral Sciences and Engineering.

Kissinger to take on UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) - Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger brings his personal diplomacy back to the United Nations today, where a year ago he launched new dialogues with the Arab and Latin American countries.

Kissinger first addresses the General Assembly and then plunges into a series of face-to-face talks, lunches, receptions and dinners with world statesmen gathered for the annual U.N. general debate.

U.S. sources said they assumed Kissinger would discuss the deadlocked Cyprus situation in separate talks Tuesday with Greek Foreign Minister George Mavros and Turkish Foreign Minister Turan Guner, both in New York.

With Mavros, he will try to restore U.S.-Greek relations that slipped following collapse of the U.S.-backed Greek military government and the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Many Greeks felt the United States could have halted the Turks.

Board's secret: Boredom

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The secret is out. The University Board of Trustees held its first open meeting Friday, and now everyone knows what the most powerful body at Penn State does and how it does it.

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Nothing thrilling happened at the meeting. In fact, it was tedious - even boring. Each item was brought up for action, voted on and set aside with almost mechanical smoothness. There was little discussion and even less argument.

The first question that came to mind after watching the proceedings was, "why did they bother having closed

meetings, if that is all they do?"

Apparently, this was a normal meeting for the Board, despite it being the first for the public. Board President Michael Baker, Jr., said that while the meeting was a little more formal than before, it was not conducted any differently.

Other trustees said much the same thing. The Board seems to operate in the same way as the Congress or any other governing body. Its members work out problems and make compromises in the standing committees. By the time an item reaches the whole Board, there is little left to do but pass it.

Committee meetings are only working sessions and not open to the public.

The whole operation had a feeling of inevitability about it. As each item came up for action, members of the press were handed a press release explaining the subject.

The releases were labeled "background information on..." But, they were really the body of the press releases that would be handed out by University Public Information after the meeting, minus the first paragraph confirming the Board's approval.

To add to this sense of things being pre-ordained, at the press conference following the meeting, each reporter was handed a packet containing the press releases - complete with first paragraphs.

The public will learn very little about the Board, even though the "Sunshine Law" has opened its doors.

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