

Faculty Senate backs proposal

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The Faculty Senate yesterday endorsed the adoption of the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) as a uniform measure of non-credit instruction.

The CEU is 10 contract hours of participation in an organized continuing educational experience. The contract hour is a typical fifty-minute classroom instruction session. CEU's are intended to measure only non-credit courses.

The Senate Committee on Continuing Education recommended the adoption of the CEU because it reduces confusion and fragmentation that exists among the many individualized recording systems in existence. It also provides a base for establishing data that can be compared with other institutions.

The CEU also assists individuals in validating their non-credit instruction so they can use the information with their employers, professional associations and other agencies. It provides the elements for a record system useful in

educational planning by institutions and adult students.

The Senate accepted a report pertaining to faculty organizations at the University. A survey of awards and scholarships was also accepted.

After lengthy debate the Senate postponed action on a recommendation by the Committee on Faculty Affairs that would require the evaluation of the teaching effectiveness of faculty members. The recommendation would be based on more than the student's evaluation of classroom performance.

The committee also suggested ten possible procedures to complement student questionnaires. Some of the suggestions included oral interviews of students and a follow-up of the student's more advanced work to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching in the lower-division or introductory courses.

The Senate also postponed action on a report from the Committee to Review Procedures of Academic Units for

Student Evaluation of Courses.

Action was postponed on the report of the University Task Force on Retention and Transfer of Students in Baccalaureate Program Majors. The report contains recommendations for changes in University transfer and retention policies and procedures.

A report on the use of part-time faculty was accepted by the Senate. The report, prepared by the Committee on Intra-University Relations, recommends the appropriate committees of the Senate investigate the use of part-time faculty.

The report states part-time faculty usage has approached 30 per cent of all resident instruction at some of the Commonwealth campuses; at others it is almost non-existent.

The original version of the report, submitted to the Senate before it was amended yesterday, called for a maximum of 15 per cent of all resident instruction sections to be taught by part-time faculty at all campuses.

ARHS holds installation of officers

Dave Roth (9th-math and Jeff Glazier (6th-liberal arts) took over as president and vice president of the Association of Residence Hall Students last night. Three additional appointments also were made at the meeting. Marina Murphy (3rd-architecture)

was appointed treasurer, Cindy Flannery (9th-foreign service) was appointed secretary, and the new Residence Hall Advisory Board chairperson Bob Costagliola (9th-general arts and sciences) was also sworn into office. ARHS approved a

request for a budget of \$3,432.79 for next year. This money, if received, will go towards all events sponsored by ARHS. Council approved a \$50 allocation to the Organization of Town Independent Students (OTIS) for Town Day, a program in

which students from different groups in the University get together with people from the State College area, has been held for the last four years.

It also was disclosed that \$96.66 was made on the book sale sponsored by ARHS during Winter Term.

Prisoner escapes

A prison inmate from the Rockview Correctional Institution, out on a work detail, forced a guard at gunpoint to drive him to Bellefonte last night.

According to state police, Alan Alberts Ammell, 31, of Cernegie, escaped at 6 p.m. armed with a .38 caliber revolver and extra am-

munition. He was described as a white male, five feet eight inches tall, 210 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, and clean shaven and balding. He was last seen wearing prison clothing and a blue denim suit jacket.

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