To the University Community: Request for Comment on South Africa

The Trustees’ Committee on University Responsibility plans to submit a report to the meeting of the full board in January 1986 that will contain recommendations concerning Penn’s policy in relation to South Africa.

The Committee will start from the premise that the system of apartheid is morally wrong and must be changed, by peaceful means rather than nationwide bloodshed, if at all possible. The Committee does not need persuasion on that point.

It will, however, need to consider many factors in preparing its report. Certain basic questions should be addressed, and the Committee would welcome well-reasoned expressions of opinion on them from all segments of the University community—both from groups and individuals.

The questions are below. The Committee hopes to receive responses in written form, with reasons in support of the answers, by November 27, 1985.

1. Is the apartheid problem in South Africa directly related to Penn’s educational mission? Why or why not?
2. Under what circumstances should the University, as distinguished from members of the University community as individuals—take an institutional position on issues not directly related to its educational mission? If the University takes an institutional position, how can it avoid inhibiting the freedom of expression of those on campus who may hold different views?
3. Should apartheid be singled out as an issue calling for an institutional position, as compared to other social and political issues? If so, why?
4. The University’s 1972 Guidelines for Investment in Publicly Held Companies state that “the University should not retain in its portfolio the securities of any company whose activities, on balance, are unconscionable.” Recognizing that the companies in the portfolio that do business in South Africa do less than 1.5% of their business there, are their activities “on balance, unconscionable?” Is the presence of a company in South Africa an “unconscionable activity” regardless of its principles of operation? If so, does the fact that, as in all cases of University-held companies, less than 1.5% of the company’s revenues is derived from South African operations make its activities, “on balance, unconscionable?”
5. What is the purpose of divestment? Is the sale of stock from the University’s portfolio a useful way for the University to take a position opposing apartheid? Are there alternative or additional means of opposing apartheid that the University should pursue? Would it be more constructive for the University to find educational ways to help prepare South Africa for a stable democratic multiracial society?
6. If the University should choose to divest completely, should it sever other ties—including, for example, research relationships, receipt of gifts, purchases of products—with companies doing business in or making sales to South Africa?
7. Would the sale by this University, or a group of universities, of stocks of American companies doing business in South Africa have any influence on the companies’ conduct and, in particular, on their decision whether to stay in South Africa or withdraw?
8. Would the political and economic position of the black majority in South Africa be better or worse—in both the short run and the long run—if American companies withdraw from South Africa?
9. What would be the effect of divestment on the returns earned by endowment? If there is a risk that the effect would be significantly negative, would the University community be willing to have the Trustees compromise their fiduciary duties to earn maximum returns, consistent with risk, in support of the University’s educational mission, i.e., is the community willing to bear the financial burdens in terms of higher tuition, less financial aid, and smaller increases in salary for faculty and staff?

Responses should be sent to Shelley Z. Green, Esquire, General Counsel and administrative liaison to the Trustees’ Committee on University Responsibility, 110 College Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6303.

See page 2 for a related message from the President and Provost.

IN BRIEF

Affirmative Action: President Sheldon Hackney has announced that Harold J. Haskins has been appointed Acting Director of the Affirmative Action Office, vacant since Davida Hopkins’ marriage to former assistant professor Thomas Parham and the couple’s move to California.

Continuing his responsibilities as Director of the Tutoring Center, Mr. Haskins will spend approximately two days a week in the Affirmative Action Office to assure the conduct of business. Mr. Haskins came to Penn in 1974 as Assistant Dean of Students. The next year he was named director of Supportive Services, and Director of the Tutoring Center in 1980.

“We are pleased to have a person with Hal Haskins’ extensive knowledge of higher education and familiarity with the University assume this interim role,” said President Hackney. “The search for a permanent director is underway and a final selection should be made by the year’s end.”

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 Topics for the Fall Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate plenary meeting for the fall semester has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 1985 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in 200 College Hall. Although the exact agenda has not yet been finalized the expectation is that it will include five items of direct interest to the faculty. A discussion and action item will involve the report and recommendations of the Senate Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty. The Committee has been working on faculty salary recommendations and on the tuition benefits new changes. The signs indicate more difficult days ahead and for this reason it is of utmost importance that many members of the faculty are there to discuss the matter and lend their advice and support.

The second topic is the change to the Faculty Senate recommended by the Senate Committee on Administration. The changes involve the level of representation the Senate Executive Committee manifests, the presence or absence of at-large members in SEC, the way the Senate leadership is chosen, and whether or not elections will be the rule or the exception in the future of the Senate. There can hardly be a more pertinent and more crucial topic. And yet we still have more! The Faculty Senate will most probably discuss the matter of sexual harassment on campus and how things can improve in a balanced, effective way. Then the Senate will most probably discuss some aspects of the current trends in institutions of higher learning towards South Africa developments. Again the advice and guidance of the membership is vitally needed. Finally, we should also discuss aspects of consultation as practiced on campus, the role of the faculty and some trends in resource allocation on campus. In addition there will be a report from the Committee on the Faculty and a requested action on Practice Professorships at the Graduate School of Fine Arts, as well as reports from other committees of the Faculty Senate.

Need to say more? Let us all schedule the afternoon of November 20 for this important meeting.

To: Members of the Faculty Senate
From: Anthony R. Tomazinis, Chairman
Subject: Rules of the Faculty Senate

Alternative resolutions submitted by various faculty members concerning proposed changes of Senate rules, submitted by the Senate Committee on Administration for consideration during the November 20, 1985 plenary meeting of the Faculty Senate:

1. That the At-large membership of the Senate Executive Committee be maintained exactly as is, while the Constituency representation be changed as recommended by the Committee on Administration.

2. That the Senate Nominating Committee be maintained exactly as is in its composition and manner of election.

3. That the Senate Nominating Committee be instructed annually by the Chair of the Faculty Senate to nominate two candidates for every vacancy of the position of Chair-elect, Secretary-elect, four members of At-large membership of SEC, three members of the Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty and three members of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility.

DEATHS

Thomas A. Zwicker, a graduate student in the department of anthropology, was killed in a motorcycle accident October 29, outside the city of Ahmedabad, India, at the age of 28. He had been on field work in India since the fall of 1984. He took his B.A. in 1978 from the College; matriculated in anthropology in 1980, and received his M.A. in 1984. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beda Zwicker. A memorial service will be held November 7, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 39th and Locust Walk, at 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Service for Mr. Aukerlund

A memorial service in memory of Albin M. Aukerlund will be held November 11 at 4:30 p.m. in Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center. Mr. Aukerlund, technical director at the Center, died October 21 at the age of 56 (Almanac, October 29). In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Philadelphia Community Health Alternative and should be specified for medical research. Address to: Philadelphia Community Health Alternative, P.O. 7259, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

United Way/Donor Option Update

As a Pacesetter organization, Penn is leading the educational institutions of the Delaware Valley with 1,300 faculty and staff who have already pledged $134,238. This represents 63 percent of the University's goal of $215,000. Thus far, six departments have achieved 100 percent participation: Alumni Relations, Corporate Relations (Development), LRSM, Planned Giving (Development), Recreation, and Research Administration. Five others have more than 70 percent participation as of October 31.

A Matching Grant has been established to triple the impact of increased contributions by employees of colleges and universities such as Penn. For every dollar contributed by Penn's faculty and staff an additional two dollars will be contributed for programs serving people in Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery and Chester counties. The campaign coordinators are aiming to wrap up the drive before Thanksgiving. Those intending to contribute should contact their department's coordinator.

From College Hall

South Africa

At the Trustees last meeting, the Committee on University Responsibility developed a set of procedural arrangements to elicit campus views on issues relating to South Africa. We do not know how the Trustees will resolve those issues in January, though we do know that the Trustees are conscientiously grappling with what they see as an important and very complicated problem of University policy. In our best judgment, many if not most Trustees are undecided. We are clear, however, that the views of faculty, students, staff, and alumni can be an important influence if, only if, those views are made in the form of fully reasoned arguments rather than assertions.

Time and again in recent weeks we have read in the pages of the Daily Pennsylvanian and elsewhere exhortations that are too often unaccompanied by critical examination of the issues. If you seriously wish the Trustees to listen to your views, we strongly urge that you elaborate the reasons for those views. Most important, we urge that you face directly the arguments on the opposite side from your own, and that you explain why you find those arguments unconvincing.

We offer one illustration. If the University were to divest its holdings of such companies as IBM and General Motors, some would argue that it also should refuse all gifts from those companies and cease all business transactions with them as well. Princeton University, in fact, has decided that if it divests its holdings of the stock in any company, it will also decline to have any other dealings with that company. We hope that those who recommend complete divestment also state whether they want the University to adopt the Princeton position. If so, they should elaborate their reasons. If not, they should explain why they are comfortable in drawing a distinction between stock ownership and receipt of gifts or business transactions.

A number of other matters also deserve considered attention by persons who have views on how the Trustees should act next January. We urge those persons to express their reasoned judgments.
University Council, 1985-86

The University Council exists to consider the activities of the University broadly in all of its phases with particular attention to the educational objectives of the University and those matters that affect the common interests of faculty and students. It recommends general policies and otherwise advises the president, the provost and other officers of the University. It is empowered to initiate policy proposals as well as to express its judgment on those submitted to it by the administrative officers of the University and its various academic divisions. It is also empowered to request information through appropriate channels from any member of the University administration.

Any member of the University may suggest questions or proposals for the consideration of the University Council by submitting them in writing to the Steering Committee addressed to the Office of the Secretary, College Hall. Any member of the University may be asked to serve on committees of the University Council.

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Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall consist of the president of the University, the provost, the chair, the chair-elect, and the past-chair of the Faculty Senate, the chair of the Undergraduate Assembly and the chair of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly. In addition, there shall be four faculty members, one undergraduate student, and one graduate/professional student to be elected by the incoming Council at its May meeting from among its membership for the ensuing year. The chair of the Faculty Senate shall be the chair of the Steering Committee.

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Membership of the Council

Faculty: The 42 members of the Senate Executive Committee sit on Council; five of these (normally the four first-year-at-large representatives and the past secretary) are non-voting observers. One full-time lecturer or instructor and one full-time member of Research Faculty are selected by the Steering Committee.

Administration and Staff: The president and the provost are members of the Council. The president appoints nine administrative officers, at least five of whom shall be deans of faculties. The Administrative Assembly, Librarians Assembly, and A-3 Assembly each have one elected representative.

Students: Twenty-three students serve on Council. Nine of them from the undergraduate schools (five elected by mutually exclusive constiuencies, and four including a freshman—elected at-large via the Undergraduate Assembly). The four graduate/professional students on Council are elected as members of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly; each school is represented by at least one representative.

Presiding Officer: The president may act as presiding officer of the Council or may appoint a moderator to preside at meetings.

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Members of the Administration

Michael Austin
Valarie Swan Cade
Barry Cooperman
Lee G. Copeland
Thomas Ehrlich
George Gerber
Sheldon Hackney
Dell Hymes
Robert R. Marshak
David L. Stonehill
Paul Zingg

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**Representatives elected by the Faculty at Large**

(Faculty Senate officers are indicated)

Jacob M. Abel, Past Chair
Fred L. Block, Past Secretary
John P. Brady
Michelle Fine
Ellen Fuller
Peter Gaefke, Secretary
Mary Catherine Glick
Morris Hamburg
Antoine Joseph
Daniel Malamud
A. R. Morrison
Edward M. Peters, Secretary-elect
James R. Ross
Stanton Segal
Roger D. Soloway, Chair-elect
Henry Teune
Anthony Tomazinis, Chair
Susan Wachter

**Elected by the Faculty Constituencies**

1. SAS (Anthropology; Geology; Psychology): John Sabini
2. SAS (English, General Honors): Elaine Scarff
3. SAS (Linguistics, Mathematics, Philosophy): Henry Hiz
4. SAS (Biology, Chemistry): Eric Weinberg
6. SAS (Classical Studies, German, Romance Languages, Slavic Languages): Victoria Kirkham
8. SAS (American Civilization, Folklore and Folklore); History and Sociology of Science, Oriental Studies, South Asian Studies): David P. Silverman
10. Engineering (Bioengineering, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics): Louis Girifalco
11. Graduate School of Fine Arts: David Leatherbarrow
12. School of Social Work: Mark Stern

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**Members of the Senate Executive Committee**

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**Assistant Professors**

Betsy J. Erkilla
Gail B. Slap
Kathryn A. Woolard

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Junior and Research Faculty Members

Paul Mueller
Gunnil Sjogberg

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Parliamentarian *Nicholas D. Constan
Librarians Assembly Jean Adelmann
Administrative Assembly Jacqueline Matthews
A-3 Assembly Russell Math
ROTC Representative *Capt. Russell K. Schutz

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Undergraduate Students

Wendy Bloom (Col '88)
Stephen Cohen (Col '87)
Jill Feinberg (Col '88)
Wendy Ferber (Wh '87)
Sander Gerber (Wh '89)
Michael Gordon (Wh '89)
Krista Malovany (Nur '86)
David Richter (SEAS '87)
Glen Schuster (Col '86)

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Graduate/Professional Students

David Block (Med)
Dan Fennigan (Annen)
Wayne Glasker (GAS)
Mark Johnson (Wh Grad)
Amy Lyman (Grad Ed)
Fred Stark (GAS)
James Whelan (Annen)

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**Members of the Senate Executive Committee**
Much of the work of the Council is done through its standing committees. They are chosen each spring through the Committee on Committees, which makes its recommendations after issuing a campus-wide call for nominations. The Committee on Committees also recommends members for the Independent Committees. Appointments to these committees are made by the Steering Committee, the one exception being the Academic Planning and Budget Committee, appointments to which are made by the president.

**Council Committees**

**Academic Review Committee**
Chair: Elliott Mossman (Slavic languages)
Faculty:
Adelaide Deluva (biochemistry in vet. med.)
Robert F. Giegengack (geology)
Eduardo D. Glandt (chemical engineering)
Anne Keane (Nursing)
Virginia Kerr (Law)
John A. Lepore (civil engineering)
E. Ann Matter (religious studies)
Phyllis R. Ricken (English in general honors)
Janice Radway (American civilization)
Arnold W. Thackray (History & sociology of science)
Neville Strumpf (Nursing)

Students:
Brent Andrew (GAS)
Glen Bugos (GAS)
Michelle Brasse (Wh '87)
Jonathan Draluck (Col '88)
Nancy Ehrlich (Col '88)
Michael Speirs (GAS)

Ex officio:
Richard C. Clelland (deputy provost)

**Book Store Committee**
Chair: Charles S. Goodman (marketing)
Faculty:
Maria Z. Brooks (Slavic languages)
Augusta E. Foley (Romance languages)
Bai K. Goyal (restorative dentistry)
Paul M. Peters (history)
Steven Sondheimer (obstetrics/gynecology)
Paul J. Witta (astronomy)

Administration:
Jean-Sue Johnson (University Press)
Roy K. Marshall (physics computer center)
H. Carson Rogers III (Van Pelt Library)

Students:
Eric Greenberg (Col '88)
Richard Weigryn (Col '86)
Pat Verrilli (Wg Gr)

Ex officio:
Elizabeth Tuft (director, University Book Store)

**Committee on Committees**
Chair: Joan I. Gotwals (Libraries)
Faculty:
Marilyn E. Hess (pharmacology)
John F. Lubin (management)
Joan E. Lynam (Nursing)
Paul Shaman (statistics)
Brian J. Spooner (anthropology)
Arthur F. Wheat (medicine)

Students:
David Shaman (Col '87)
David Pacey (Dental)

A-3 Staff:
Gloria Duca (Development)

Ex officio:
Roger D. Soloway (chair-elect, Faculty Senate)

**Communications Committee**
Chair: Howard Myers (pharmacology in Dent. Med.)
Faculty:
Julius J. Deren (Medicine)
Gordon W. Ellis (biology)
Terry Friesz (civil engineering)
Alan W. Heston (economics)
Diana F. Nelson (radiation therapy)
Sohrab Rabii (electrical engineering)
Leslie E. Silberstein (pathology)

Administration:
Susan R. Croll (School of Medicine)
Shirley J. Winters (Development)

A-3 Staff:
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Students:
Rebecca Korach (Col '86)
Ron Miller (Wh '87)
Ann J. Banks (Annenberg)
Gwen Jackaway (Annenberg)

Ex officio:
Ann J. Duffield (director, University Relations)

**Community Relations Committee**
Chair: Renee Levine (Social Work)
Faculty:
Nancy B. Ellis (occupational therapy)
Robert M. Figlio (criminology)
Aryeh S. Friedman (legal studies)
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Erwin Miller (finance)
Edward M. Peters (history)
Henry O. Trowbridge (pathology in dent. med.)

Administration:
Carol Baffi Dungan (cancer placement)
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Michael J. Montgomery (human resources)
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Ex officio:
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Students:
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Chair: John I. Gotwals (Libraries)
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Arthur F. Wheat (medicine)

Students:
David Shaman (Col '87)
David Pacey (Dental)

A-3 Staff:
Gloria Duca (Development)

Ex officio:
Roger D. Soloway (chair-elect, Faculty Senate)

**Library Committee**
Chair: David Brownlee (history of art)
Faculty:
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Hendrik F. Hameka (chemistry)
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Students:
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Chair: Ira M. Cohen (mechanical engineering)
Faculty:
Karl Engelmann (Medicine)
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Administration:
Kristin Davidson (School of Nursing)
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A-3 Staff:
Russell Muth (School of Medicine)
Gloria Duca (alumni records)

Students:
Catherine Snyder (Wh Gr)

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David B.P. Goodman (pathology)
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Edward Morok (civil engineering)
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Students:
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Chair: Sheldon Jacobson (medicine)
Faculty:
Helen C. Davies (microbiology in med.)
Madeleine M. Joulie (chemistry)
James Pickands, III (statistics)
Sandra Shuman (neurology)
Lawrence L. Thibault (bioengineering)
Administration:
Elaine Alonzo (Wharton School)
Virginia S. Scherfel (facilities management)
A-3 Staff:
Mary Davis (SEAS)
Inga Larson (Wharton)
Students:
Wendy L. Bloom (Col '88)
Ellen Raymond (Col '88)
Lori Schoenfarber (Col '88)
Mary T. Marshall (GAS)
two graduate/professional students to come
Ex officio:
Arthur Gravina (director, physical plant)
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Elena M. DIlapi (director, women's center)
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Faculty:
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Sukhamy Lahiri (physics)
Peter S. Petratis (biology)
J. Sanford Schwartz (Medicine)
Vivian Seltzer (Social Work)
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Leonard Miller (counseling service)
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Jason Schwartz (Wh '87)
Gregory Brebeck (GAS)
Diana Habron (Med)
Rich Scanlon (Wh Gr)
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Michael Gordon (chair, UA)
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Stephanie Barrett (decision sciences)
Michael Cohen (physics)
Samuel Klausner (sociology)
Alan L. Meyers (chemical engineering)
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Paul Shuman (anthropology)
Brian J. Spooner (anthropology)
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Marian B. Sherman (Nursing)
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Students:
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Alan Hartman (Wh '86)
Steven Saele (Wh '87)
Robert Sohn (Col '86)
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N. J. Yigit (Dent.
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William M. Schilling (director, student financial aid)
Willis J. Stetson, Jr. (dean of admissions)
Independent Committees
Academic Planning and Budget Committee
Chair: Thomas Ehrlich (provost)
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Rochel Gelfman (psychology)
David K. Hildebrand (statistics)
Peter J. Kurloff (transportation)
Phoebe S. Leboy (biochemistry in dental medicine)
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E. Michael Crawford (Wh Gr)
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Sally S. Green (psychiatry)
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Arthur F. Whereat (Medicine)
Ex officio:
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Chair: Janet C. Pack (public policy)
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Manjari Das (biochemistry)
Morris Hamburg (statistics)
Beverly J. Lange (pediatrics)
John A. McCarthy (German)
Bambi B. Schieffelin (Education)
Vukan R. Vuchic (civil engineering)
Ex officio:
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Anthony Merritt (director, research administration)
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Faculty:
Ellen Fuller (Nursing)
William G. Grigsby (city planning)
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Haramanos N. Kritikos (electrical engineering)
Alfred J. Rieber (history)
Ludo Roche (oriental studies)
Albert J. Stankard (psychiatry)
Students:
Jonathan Duraluck (Col '88)
Gary Lowitt (Col '87)
Ann J. Banks (Annenberg)
Kathleen Kelly (Med.)
Committee on Open Expression
Chair: Louis A. Grieco (materials science & engineering)
Faculty:
Susan M. Cohen (Nursing)
James C. Davis (history)
Virginia Kerr (law)
Sohrab Rubi (electrical engineering)
David P. Silverman (Oriental studies)
Administration:
David G. Burnett (director, CGS & SS)
A-3 Staff:
Marion Friedman (College)
Students:
Maurice Leffert (Wh '86)
Rod Rosenstein (Wh '86)
3 vacancies
Student Fulbright Awards Committee
Chair: Margaret A. Mills (folklore)
Faculty:
Brenda Casper (biology)
Michelle Fine (Education)
Renata Holed (history of art)
Charles Minotti (history of art)
James A. Sauer (religious studies)
Andrej Scudid (mathematics)
Bernard Wulfs (anthropology)
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Staff Grievance Procedure

The following is a reprint of the policy which went into effect in January of 1984.

In accordance with the University's Staff Grievance Procedure, the Manager, Staff Relations is to maintain a listing of members of the full-time faculty and non-academic staff who have volunteered to be advisors under this procedure and a listing of full-time members of the non-academic staff with at least six months of University service, who have volunteered to be grievance panel members.

Individuals willing to serve in either capacity, should send their name, indicating whether advisor or panel member, campus address and phone extension to:

Barbara Johnson
Manager, Staff Relations
Room 516, Franklin Building/6288

Individuals who have volunteered previously will remain on the active list unless staff relations is notified otherwise. Any questions about being an advisor or a panel member or any other aspect of the Staff Grievance Procedure, should be addressed to Barbara Johnson at Ext. 6093.

The cooperation of every staff member of the University community is essential to insure that the Staff Grievance Procedure provides a fair and equitable process in attempting to resolve a problem of a member of the non-academic staff.

I. Introduction

There should be several means by which a question, problem, or concern of a staff member may be resolved. The first and most preferable is through some sort of informal process. There are certain offices at the University well-equipped to facilitate informal discussions of employment difficulties. However, there will be a few cases which cannot be resolved on an informal basis. In these instances, therefore, a formal grievance procedure is necessary and desirable.

II. Purpose

The University of Pennsylvania believes that a member of the nonacademic staff should not have to resort to an external procedure for the airing and the resolution of questions, concerns, and problems relative to his or her employment here. At all times it should be the fundamental consideration of the University and the staff member to promote a satisfactory resolution, as quickly as possible, of the problem within the framework of University policies and fairness to the parties involved.

III. Informal Procedure

It is expected that a staff member will first attempt to resolve the matter with his or her supervisor. The Office of Staff Relations and the Office of the Ombudsman, among others, are well equipped to facilitate or aid in such discussions to resolve the matter. The staff member should attempt to resolve the matter in this informal procedure within twenty (20) working days from the day the staff member first knew or could reasonably be expected to have known of the circumstances giving rise to this grievance. If the matter involves an allegation of sexual harassment or discrimination this time period may be extended to provide sufficient time to attempt to resolve the matter. If the matter cannot first be resolved in this manner, the staff member has the right to file a formal grievance.

IV. Formal Procedure

Definition of a Grievance: A grievance is defined as an unresolved problem concerning application of University policy, practice or procedure, excluding position classification decisions, but including disciplinary action, involuntary termination, allegations of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, sex, sexual or affectional preference, age, marital status, ethnic or national origin, religion or handicap.

Eligibility: This procedure is applicable to grievances arising out of the employment of any regular, full-time or part-time exempt (monthly paid) or non-exempt (weekly paid) staff member holding a nonacademic appointment in a PA or G salary grade but excludes staff members covered by collective bargaining agreements.

Filing Process: The staff member must initiate the formal grievance procedure within twenty-five (25) working days from the date the staff member first knew or could reasonably be expected to have known of the circumstances giving rise to the grievance. The staff member, with the aid of a representative of the Office of Staff Relations or their advisor, completes and signs the grievance form (Form SR-1), which includes the following:

a) a summary of the grievance;

b) a summary of the steps taken to resolve the matter through discussions in the informal procedure and any other action, including any actions taken under any statute or governmental regulation;

c) a summary of all factual information appropriate and necessary for further consideration of the issue.

If the grievance involves a charge of discrimination, the Office of Affirmative Action will be notified by the Office of Staff Relations and will participate in the investigation and resolution of the staff member's grievance. In such a case, the time period for Step I may be extended in order to provide time for such efforts.

The formal grievance procedure:

Step 1. The staff member shall submit the written grievance to his/her immediate supervisor, who shall have ten (10) working days to meet with the staff member and respond in writing to the grievance. A copy of the supervisor's written answer will be forwarded to the staff member and the Office of Staff Relations.

Step 2. If the grievance is not resolved to the staff member's satisfaction at Step 1, the staff member may submit the written grievance, with the supervisor's answer, to the Department Head/Chairperson (or a designated representative).* The written grievance must be presented within five (5) working days of the Step 1 answer. The Department Head/Chairperson or the designated representative shall have ten (10) working days in which to meet with the staff member and respond in writing to the grievance, with a copy to the staff member and to the Office of Staff Relations.

*If the immediate supervisor is the Department Head/Chairperson, Step 2 shall be omitted and the grievance shall move to Step 3.
Step 3. If the grievance is not resolved to the staff member's satisfaction at Step 2, the staff member may submit a written grievance to the appropriate Dean, Vice President, Director or other designated administrative head of the unit within five (5) working days after the Step 2 answer. The staff member and the identified administrative head will review the matter with the Manager, Staff Relations. The administrative head will reply to the grievance in writing within fifteen (15) working days after the date it is presented, with a copy to the supervisor, staff member and Manager, Staff Relations.

Step 4. If the grievance is not resolved to the staff member's satisfaction at Step 3, the staff member may submit a written request to the President of the University for a hearing before a five-member panel within fifteen (15) working days following the receipt of the decision in Step 3. Copies of such a request, at the same time, shall be submitted to the supervisor and the Manager, Staff Relations.

The panel shall consist of five (5) members including the Chairperson. The Chairperson will be appointed by the President of the University within ten (10) working days of receipt of the request.

The decision of the panel shall be reported in writing to the President within thirty (30) working days of the appointment of the chairperson. This decision shall be final and binding on all parties unless the President responds in writing within fifteen (15) working days to the Chairperson setting forth his decision in the matter and the reasons for modifying or rejecting the decision of the panel. The Chairperson shall immediately notify all parties involved of the decision of the President which shall become final and binding on the parties.

V. Comments

1. Compliance with University Policy: If the grievance is directed against a specific change in the staff member's employment status, such change may be effected if a determination is made by the Manager, Staff Relations that University procedures relevant to the matter were substantially followed.

2. Protection Against Discriminatory Action: No staff member will be discriminated against or otherwise adversely treated because he or she has filed a grievance. In the event a staff member claims discriminatory treatment for grieving or participating in a grievance hearing for any purpose, the claim will be immediately heard at Step 3 of this procedure.

3. Confidentiality: The record of any grievance shall, as applicable, be covered by the policy pertaining to the confidentiality of records.

4. Advisor to a Staff Member/Immediate Supervisor: The grievant and the responding administrative unit head may each select an advisor from the full-time faculty or nonacademic staff. Throughout the informal processes, and Steps 1 to 3 of the formal procedures, the advisors may assist the grievant and/or the responding administrative unit head to prepare for formal meetings and discussions. They may actively participate in any formal meetings or formal discussions, although only to the extent of asking questions to elicit facts, but in no way can the advisor impede this process. During panel hearings, legal representatives and advisors to both parties are expected to remain silent, and they are not permitted to participate actively in the dialogue of discussions unless so requested by the Chairperson to insure fair representation.

The most effective and timely way to bring about an equitable resolution of any dispute is for the offended party and the appropriate administrative head to discuss the issue directly. At panel hearings, direct dialogue, questioning, and discussion between the grievant and the panel, between the administrative head and the panel, as well as between the parties, should facilitate the discussion of essential issues in each particular case and lessen the likelihood of diversions from central issues and into procedural maneuvering. The panel hearings need not follow strictly legal guidelines or courtroom procedures. Rather, fairness and openness are to be the guiding principles of panel hearings. All communications shall be between the grievant and the applicable representative of the University.

The Manager, Staff Relations shall maintain a listing of members of the full-time faculty and nonacademic staff who have volunteered to be advisors under this procedure.

5. Chairperson of Staff Grievance Panel: The Chairperson shall have the responsibility of obtaining the remainder of the panel members from the appropriate lists. The Chairperson may call such meetings as necessary for the orderly functioning of the panel, insure the composition of the panel and the provision of fair and complete representation of all relevant points of view involved in the grievance.

6. Panel: The list of panel members shall contain at least twelve (12) members from the administrative and professional categories (A-I. exempt) and at least twelve (12) members from the technical, clerical, and service categories (A-3. non-exempt, weekly-paid). Volunteers will be solicited from the University community at large and from appropriate University organizations. All members of the panel must be full-time University staff members with at least six (6) months of University service. A panel member may remain on the list until the member serves on a panel. Once a panel member serves on a panel, that member cannot again serve on a panel for at least twelve (12) months from the date of the panel's written recommendations. The Manager, Staff Relations shall maintain at all times twelve (12) names from each grouping indicated above.

7. Selection of the Panel: Upon receipt of a grievance, the Chairperson shall contact the grievant and the immediate supervisor to obtain the name of their respective panel representative; these two named representatives must be full-time University staff members with at least six (6) months University service. The panel representatives of the staff member and the immediate supervisor cannot be advisors or from the department that was involved in the first two steps of the formal grievance procedure. The panel representatives so named shall be contacted by the Chairperson and each shall select one additional panel member from the current panel list. The panel shall be five (5) persons in total, including the Chairperson.

8. Panel Hearing: The Chairperson shall control and direct hearings in an informal manner as possible. Both parties to the grievance are required to be present during the proceedings. The Chairperson shall preside at the hearing and shall rule on motions, procedural questions, and admissibility of evidence. At the discretion of the Chairperson a record of the proceedings may be kept in the form of stenographic notes or tape recordings and may be transcribed. For questions pertaining to University policies and procedures, the Chairperson shall consult with the Manager, Staff Relations.

9. Time Limitations: All parties involved in the Staff Grievance Procedure shall adhere to the time limitations as set forth. However, it is recognized that sickness, vacation, other personal leaves or the nature of the grievance might interfere with the strict adherence to these time limitations. Therefore, additional time may be granted, but only by the Manager, Staff Relations, and then only before the time limit sought to be extended has expired. If a grievance is not answered in or extended in a timely fashion it shall be deemed denied at that level and may be processed into the next step of the grievance procedure.

10. Questions or Interpretations: All questions relating to any aspect of this grievance procedure shall be directed to the Manager, Staff Relations, unless expressly stated otherwise. The Manager, Staff Relations has the responsibility to provide interpretations as to the meaning or applications of any portion of this procedure.

11. Reports: The Manager, Staff Relations shall submit an annual report to the Vice President for Human Resources, limited to occurrences and issues raised under this procedure during the preceding fiscal year and making any recommendations concerning any aspect of this Staff Grievance Procedure.
Emergency Closing

The University never officially stops operating. There are times, however, because of emergency situations such as inclement weather when classes may be cancelled and offices, except those providing essential services, may be closed. In an effort to insure the safety of our employees, emergency conditions will be monitored so that a decision to close can be made in a timely fashion.

Partial Closings
A partial closing is closing the University before the end of a normal work day. Classes are not cancelled. The decision to partially close is made by the Vice President for Administration. Individual schools or units should remain in operation and may not close independently prior to a decision to partially close. The special information number 898-MELT (6358) will be updated periodically to provide information regarding the status of partial closing. This line should be called for current information. If a decision is made to initiate a partial closing, members of the Human Resources Council and other appropriate individuals will be called by the Office of Human Resources so that they may release staff in their areas.

Full Closings
A full closing occurs when classes are cancelled and University offices, except those providing essential services, are closed. The decision to close is made by the President and Provost in consultation with the Vice President for Administration. A full closing is communicated by way of radio announcements and the special information number 898-MELT (6358). The University emergency closing radio code numbers are 102 for a full closing of day sessions and offices and 2102 for closing of evening sessions.

Unless notified that there will be a partial or full closing, employees are to report for work at the normal time. If an employee is unable to report at the normal time, he/she is expected to notify the supervisor as early as possible so that departmental operations can be maintained. Essential personnel are required to report to work. Essential personnel should be identified in advance by their supervisor.

The following practices should be followed by supervisors to record time lost when an employee is absent due to emergency situations:

1. If the University is closed, employees are compensated and the time lost during the period of the closing is not charged to personal or vacation time.
2. If the University is not closed, time lost is charged to personal or vacation time as long as the absence is approved by the supervisor. If the employee does not have personal or vacation days, he or she may not be compensated for the time lost. Sick time may not be charged unless the employee was out on sick leave prior to the day lost due to inclement weather.
3. If an employee requests permission to be released prior to the time of a partial closing, the employee should be allowed to do so and have the time lost during the period of the closing charged to personal or vacation time.
4. If an employee is absent due to emergency situations:
   a. The employee should be allowed to do so and have the time lost during the period of the closing charged to personal or vacation time.
   b. Certain employees are required to work to maintain essential services even though the University is closed. Essential personnel who work when the University is closed are compensated for their time worked after the University was closed. Compensatory time earned should be utilized within the current fiscal year.
5. Employees in collective bargaining units are governed by the terms of their respective collective bargaining agreements.

—Thomas Ehrlich, Provost
—Gary J. Posner, Vice President for Administration