Council: Action on Research Policy

At its February 10 meeting, the University Council passed with amendments the motion of the Committee on Research to specify that the University will not accept research grants or contracts containing a requirement to exclude foreign nationals from participation in research projects.

The policy, which will be published Of Record next week, was initially framed with a two-tier review of any principal investigators’ requests for exception (by the Vice Provost for Research, with appeal to the Council Committee). Via a friendly amendment supported by Vice Provost Barry Cooperman, the new policy combines the two by having the Council Committee review all requests that come to the Vice Provost. Another friendly amendment changed “Members of the University research community should not be subject to discrimination . . .” to “shall not . . .”.

VPUL Structure: Summarizing a statement that will be published next week, Provost Michael Aiken said that with one exception the Office of the Vice Provost for University Life will be structured as outlined in outside consultants’ “option #1” which makes no changes in the scope of the operation, but strengthens a management layer just under the VPUL (directors of student activities, residential living, etc.) so that fewer offices report directly to the Vice Provost. The exception is that Financial Aid Services, for reasons of complex interaction with other parts of the University, will be studied intensively before its final place in the structure is set. Meanwhile, two measures being taken to streamline financial and related services are to locate scattered units such as Financial Aid and Penn Plan together on the first floor of the Franklin Building for “one-door” service; and to arrange for pre-registration by phone, starting this fall.

Provost Aiken also said further study will be done to sort out what is and should be budgeted under a General Fee.

Other items from opening reports drew discussion in the Q and A session:

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• To the rumor of a Graduate Council proposal to set a seven-year time limit on completion of doctoral dissertations, SAS Associate Dean Donald Fitts said there is no such proposal before the Council, but that the Council is conducting a study of reasons that several hundred students remain in dissertation status after 8 to 12 years.
• After President Sheldon Hackney announced that over a hundred School and center-based personnel will start training this month to serve as resources under the Harassment Policy, Dr. Alan Kors questioned the training's potential to impose an ideology. He was joined by Dr. Michael Cohen in this discussion and similar objections to an announcement by Wayne Glasker of GAPSA that a mandatory two-hour freshman orientation session will take up the harassment policy and other conduct-related policies of the University (academic integrity, conduct code, etc.). Women's Center Director Ellie DiLapi and Assistant Provost Valerie Cade described the training as informational for those who will be processing complaints.

Laura Meyerson: 1955-1988
Laura Meyerson, a writer at the University and daughter of President Emeritus Martin Meyerson and Mrs. Meyerson, died on February 10 at the age of 33. A memorial service will be held Friday, February 19, at 4 p.m. in Bodek Lounge.

In a statement shortly after her death, Mr. Meyerson said Laura had suffered since childhood from Crohn's Disease, a rare and incurable ailment of the intestine. "It caused intense physical pain and psychological distress for 22 years," he said, "But in spite of her illness, Laura led a creative and intellectually rewarding life as she continued her interests in poetry, film, and drama."

Laura Meyerson was a graduate of Germantown Friends School where she attended Barnard College and graduated with honors from Temple University's School of Communications and Theater. As a film editor she worked with Philadelphia-based Christopher Spaeth on two award-winning productions—"Signs of Life—Symbols in the American City," taking the Smithsonian's Bicentennial exhibit of the same name beyond the walls; and a six-part series distributed throughout India, on "Science in the Seventies," produced under Franklin Institute and International Communications Agency auspices. She also edited Valley Forge's multimedia presentation of the westward pilgrimage in American history, shown 10 times daily during the Bicentennial Summer; an ABC-TV program on the Academy of Music aired locally on Channel 6; an NEH documentary on the Walnut Street Theatre, which she also scripted; a filmed walk through the Franklin Institute's "climb-through" heart, and "Sheltering," a documentary on urban rehabilitation in Newark. One of the most demanding of her films, Mr. Spaeth said, was the widely circulated "Listen," a bi-national exploration of attitudes filmed with Mexican and U.S. film crews.

Ms. Meyerson also worked in advertising, with the Walter Spiro agency, before joining Penn three years ago as a staff writer in donor relations at the Development Office.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her two brothers, Adam and Matthew. Contributions in her memory may be made to the National Foundation for Iritis and Colitis, 7718 Castor Avenue, Philadelphia.

Speaking Out

On Choosing Kirkpatrick
Dean Palmer chose to answer our letter of protest over the March 23rd Kirkpatrick lecture before he had received it from us (and 20 other Penn and Drexel faculty signatories). We would like therefore to comment on his letter as well as spell out our reasons and plans for a protest.

We should make clear at the outset that we believe firmly in Kirkpatrick's right to express her views freely and would defend them if that were at issue. Clearly the right to protest her views freely is of equivalent importance, and we are exercising that right in this instance and would do so whatever the mode of her selection as a speaker. We consider the question of the method of speaker selection a distinctly secondary issue in connection with the protest.

In our letter—which we have now delivered to the Dean—we raised the question of how Dr. Kirkpatrick's skills and background fitted her for advancing the educational and research activities of the Wharton School. We should point out here that the Steinberg lectureships are supposed to be "within the subject area of management and private enterprise." To that end, the Steinberg lecturers during Dean Palmer's tenure—Paul Samuelson, Dean Palmer, and Peter Drucker—were plausible choices for the named subject areas. How is Kirkpatrick? If she is not qualified to speak on these subjects, what was the basis of her selection? The Dean's letter of February 2 does not address these questions.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is also not a model of scholarship even in her own areas of knowledge. Following a recent Op Ed column by Kirkpatrick in the Washington Post, five of her colleagues who teach Middle Eastern history at Georgetown University published a lengthy reply (January 30), the gist of which was that "Our colleague is wrong, or mostly wrong on every historical point she makes, and that is embarrassing."

The very misrepresentations that aroused the ire of her Georgetown colleagues, however, may be precisely what endear her to others who like her political positions and are uninterested in the niceties of truth and falsehood. Which brings us once again to the question of what she has to offer the Wharton School and the basis of her selection as the Steinberg lecturer. Given the inappropriateness of the choice from the standpoint both of fields of interest and general scholarly attainments, it is hard to avoid the suspicion that she has been selected as some kind of award and honor for her political role and views. The exact process of selection and the entire gamut of inputs into the decision are not clear from the Dean's letter.

Mr. Steinberg was advised after the decision as a courtesy. But had he ever mentioned his views about Kirkpatrick for any previous occasion? Was he displeased with the selection? Doubts and suspicions in such cases can only be dispelled by a more open and collective process of choice. We are pleased that Dean Palmer appears to agree that donor selection of speakers is to be avoided and we welcome his suggestion that a committee, presumably including faculty and students, may well be the best approach to the problem.

As we stated in our letter to the Dean, in our view, Jean Kirkpatrick is a symbol of the most regressive and inhumane features of U.S. foreign policy. From her very beginning in the national political scene came with a 1979 article in Commentary in which she distinguishes between authoritarian and totalitarian governments as a way to justify U.S. support of right-wing dictators. In her unpublished 1980 paper for the American Enterprise Institute, "The Hobbes Problem: Order, Authority and Legitimacy in Central America," Kirkpatrick describes General Hernandez Martinez in a speech that, despite having organized the massacre of some 30,000 Salvadorans in 1932, restored order. She goes on: "The traditional death squads that pursue revolutionary activities and leaders in contemporary El Salvador call themselves Hernandez Martinez Brigades, seeking thereby to place themselves in El Salvador's political tradition and communicate their purposes." This apologia for the Salvadoran death squads has been recognized in Central America—one of the Nicaraguan contra death squads has named itself the "Jean Kirkpatrick Task Force."

During her tenure as U.N. Ambassador, Kirkpatrick distinguished herself in ways consistent with her 1980 lecture. When four American religious women were raped and murdered by members of the Salvadoran National Guard in December, 1980 after a carefully planned interception, Kirkpatrick quickly denied "unequivocally" that the Salvadoran government had anything to do with the murders. She also publicly rationalized the murders by claiming, falsely, that the four Church women were "activists of the rebel Democratic Front." In March, 1981 Kirkpatrick met secretly with five South African intelligence officials who had entered the country illegally (Kirkpatrick denied later that she had known who they were). On September 1, 1981 she cast the sole negative vote in the Security Council against a resolution condemning South Africa for invading Angola, the beginning of a series of votes protecting South Africa against any kind of condemnation or sanctions for internal murder and external aggression. She visited Argentina in 1981 as part of a campaign to solidify relations with the government and get it to aid the contras and the Salvadoran government. She would be ena-

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The letter distributed to certain faculty of the University urging them to sign a letter to the Dean of the school, signed by Dr. Block, Herman and Ludden, stated that they are supporting a protest of what Kirkpatrick stands for as well as expressing our concern over outside donor selection of University speakers. The letter in part states: “We have not been able to establish exactly who chose Dr. Kirkpatrick, but it was not any student or faculty body, and was not likely to be Wharton administrators. We have expressed the matter cautiously, but are fairly confident that this was a donor selection.”

It would be an easy matter to determine who chose Dr. Kirkpatrick by simply contacting me and asking. No one did so. As previously stated, the speaker was not selected by the donor.

Dr. Kirkpatrick was invited to speak at this year’s Julius Steinberg Memorial Lecture series by the administration of The Wharton School after reviewing various recommendations from within the school, developing a short list of potential speakers, determining the availability of certain speakers and making a decision to invite Dr. Kirkpatrick. We then discussed the selection with Saul Steinberg as a courtesy. The same procedure has been followed in each of the four years I have been here with the speakers being Dr. Paul Samuelson, myself, Dr. Peter Drucker and now Dr. Jeanne Kirkpatrick.

I believe all procedures involved in her selection were appropriate. I believe the subject of her lecture, “Foreign Policy and International Economics,” is well within the parameters of the lecture series. To suggest Dr. Kirkpatrick “has been selected as some kind of award or honor for her political role and views” is not only false but unfortunate. I have certainly learned more about Dr. Kirkpatrick before her lecture can certainly find a great amount of material on the subject. A recent issue of U.S. News and World Report features Dr. Kirkpatrick among others, in its cover story on “The New American Establishment.”

As mentioned in my previous letter, I invite over 100 speakers to the school each year on behalf of the school or various bodies within the school. Several hundred people speak at the school in open forums or to specific groups each year. The Wharton School will continue to invite speakers to the school without regard to sex, race, religion, nationality, political affiliation, political beliefs or other constraints unless the faculty of the school decides different criteria should be followed. We welcome others to invite those that feel they would make a contribution to speak in order that our University community can continue to have access to the broadest possible range of opinion and knowledge.

— Russell E. Palmer, Dean, The Wharton School

The Research Foundation: March 15 Deadline

A. Statement of Purpose

The Research Foundation encourages the exploration of new fields across a broad spectrum of disciplines. In so doing, the Foundation expands opportunities for faculty to attract support and resources from external sources while encouraging work in fields that are traditionally underfunded.

The Foundation supports two levels of grants. The first level, Type A grants, support in the range of $500 to $5,000. The second level, Type B grants, support in the range of $5,000 to $50,000. While the review criteria for Type A and B grants is similar, the standard application for a Type A grant is either that for a Type B grant, reflecting respective funding levels. However, several general factors are used in evaluating an application to the Foundation apply for either Type A or B grants. These are:

- Its contribution to the development of the applicant’s research potential and progress.
- The quality, importance and impact of the proposed research project.
- Its potential value for enhancing the stature of the University.
- Its budget appropriateness in terms of the project proposed, including consideration of need and availability of external support.

B. The Application Process

The Research Foundation Board will review both Type A and B applications in the fall and spring of each academic year. Applications for the spring cycle are due on or before March 15 of each year, while fall cycle applications are due on or before November 1 of each year.

An original and ten copies of both Type A and B proposals should be submitted to the Office of the Vice Provost for Research. Late proposals will be held for the next award cycle.

Type A proposals are three to five pages in length with a brief description of the research and the specific needs which the grant will cover. Cover page(s) to the proposal should include:

1. Name, Rank, Department, School, Signature of Department Chairperson and Dean.
2. Title of proposal.
3. Amount requested.
4. 100-word abstract of need.
5. 100-word description of the significance of the project for the educated non-scientist.
6. Amount of current research support.
7. Other pending proposals for the same project.
8. Amount of current research support.
9. List of recent research support received during the past three years, including funds from University sources such as school, department, BRSG, or Research Foundation.
10. A budget list that justifies the specific items requested and assigns a priority to each item. Budgets should not exceed a two-year maximum time period.
11. A one-page biographical sketch of the investigator(s) giving educational background, academic positions held, and five recent publications.

Type B proposals are limited to ten single-spaced pages in length. The following format is suggested for Type B proposals:

1. Cover Page(s)
   a. Name, Title, Department, School, Signatures of Department Chairperson and Dean.
   b. Title of proposal.
   c. Amount requested.
   d. 100-word abstract of need.

2. Description of the experimental design and methodology.
3. Literature review.
4. Budget list
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Categories of Research Foundation support for Type A proposals will focus on:

- Seed money for initiation of new research.
- Limited equipment requests directly related to research needs.
- Travel for research purposes only.
- Publication preparation costs.

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