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Chairman Morrow Defines the Responsibilities of University Senate

In response to a request from the Editor for a statement regarding the Senate's interest in University affairs, Dr. Glenn R. Morrow, Chairman of the Senate, has prepared the following comment:

The University Senate today is what it is primarily because of the conception of its function held by its former chairmen, for whose wisdom and ability in guiding us in these early years we are profoundly grateful. During these six years I have seen the Senate steadily gaining in position and importance in the counsels of the University, and the end of that development, I believe, has not been reached.



Dr. Morrow

The Statutes of the University provide that "the Senate shall have authority to discuss and express its view upon any matter which it deems to be of general University interest." This gives us a free hand.

It is my hope that in determining what matters are of general University interest, we shall not confine ourselves to obvious things such as salary scales, tenure provisions and procedures, and the like. Those matters are essential, and we shall not neglect them. But they represent, I should say, the lowest common denominator of our varied interests in the University. A higher level of common interest is the organization and structure of the University as a whole, its goals as an institution of higher learning, the proper distribution of its resources among the various claimants for consideration, the principles for deciding what is of greater and what is of less importance.

The ultimate decision on such matters rests, I realize, not with us. But the experience of the last six years has shown that those who make these final decisions will take into account the opinions of the Senate, when these opinions result from serious and responsible consideration of the issues involved. But the extent of our participation and informed judgment has hitherto been somewhat limited. I see no limitations that we ought to recognize,

and I hope that we shall advance steadily more and more into this upper area of decision-making.

Essential to the extension of the Senate's activities in this direction is the development of the Senate itself into a body that can be relied upon to reach disinterested, responsible, and professional opinion on the matters it considers. Each member of our numerous faculties must recognize not only the privilege but the responsibility involved in being a member of the University Senate; he is privileged to take part in forming its recommendations, but also responsible, to the extent of his abilities, for making these Senate actions wise and disinterested, and directed primarily towards realizing what the President has called a "Design for Excellence." This is our greatest common interest.

Library to be Six Stories High

The first unit of the projected University Library, construction of which is expected to begin August, 1959, will be a six-story building consisting of basement, ground and first floor, three book stack levels, and a top floor. It will be located on the axis of College Hall and be bounded by 34th, 36th, and Walnut Streets. Buildings now on the site, including the Horn and Hardart Restaurant, will be demolished. Also slated for removal when construction is close to completion is the Franklin Society Building.

The new library will house a capacity of 1,250,000 volumes and seat as many as 1,275 students. Among its features will be 15 classroom seminars, 128 study carrels, and, for the staff, a working space double the present facilities. The Lea and Furness collections will be housed on the Rare Book floor. Space for a projected second unit of the library building (and even a possible third) is indicated in the plans, which were formally accepted by the General State Authority last spring.

The old building is scheduled to become a supplementary installation for the housing of departmental libraries as well as large collections of material for which space is not available in the new first unit. It will also provide significant extra reading room space.

Special Summer Research Grants

The Committee on the Advancement of Research proposes to offer an undetermined number of Special Summer Research Grants for 1959. These awards have been made on a small but increasing scale since 1954. They provide one thousand dollars each to full-time members of the Faculty and instructors or other members of the staff who hold a doctoral degree or its equivalent. Grantees are expected to devote the summer months exclusively to the project approved by the Committee. No actual accounting is required, but the Committee will be glad to have an informal statement of progress at the end of the summer.

Application for these grants should be made by letter, before February 1, 1959. Announcements of awards should be made by March 1, but payments usually are not available until July 1. The letter should describe in some detail the project on which the applicant will work, its significance for the field of research in which he is engaged, and his need for financial assistance. Exhibits of previous work and supporting letters may be presented with the application.

The Committee is anxious to give these awards the widest publicity and to use its limited funds to the greatest advantage. Since the number of awards is not known, the actual scope of competition cannot be precisely predicted. A certain preference is usually shown for the younger applicants of lower rank, but senior faculty members may also apply.

More detailed information can be obtained from members of the Committee after January 1, or from the Chairman, Dr. William M. Protheroe, of the Astronomy Department, Extension 8176, or from the Secretary, Dr. Wallace Weaver, 104 Bennett Hall, Extension 444.

"The Mission of a University" is the title of President Harnwell's report for the year 1957-58, now being distributed to members of the faculty and administration, trustees, alumni, and friends of the University.

Additional copies of the 44 page illustrated report are available upon request to the office of the Director of Public Relations.

Emergency Medical Fund

University personnel are reminded of the Emergency Medical Fund established in 1956. This fund is set up for cases of serious and prolonged illness to defray a major portion of the costs beyond those covered by the basic Blue Cross-Blue Shield plans.

The Fund is administered by a committee appointed by the President. Present members are Dr. John McK. Mitchell, Chairman, Miss Elizabeth C. Berrang, Dr. Fred C. Ford, and Dr. H. Wayne Snider.

Applications for assistance may be made to the Office of the Vice-Provost, 104 College Hall.

Faculty Club Nears Completion

James M. Skinner Hall, home of the Faculty Club, is scheduled for completion in January, 1959. Completion now means the finishing of the third floor as well as the installation of the elevator, both for a cost of \$75,000. Funds are also at hand (\$61,000) for the purchase of the necessary furniture for the Club. Building construction and equipment costs are \$854,000, for a total appropriation of \$990,000. The sources of funds supporting this appropriation are gifts and bequests (\$330,000), general University funds (\$260,000), and a mortgage (\$400,000). Two instruments, a Management Agreement and a Lease Agreement, have progressed through their fourth drafts and are presently being studied by the Club's general counsel, Raymond K. Denworth, Esq., of the firm of Drinker, Biddle & Reath.

The Membership Committee is currently campaigning for 1200 members, the number on which the dues structure is based. That structure is now fixed at \$50 annually for Professors and Associate Professors, \$35 for Assistant Professors, Associates, and Instructors, and \$25 for Assistant Instructors.

The Board of Governors has adopted a schedule of admission fees equal to half of the annual dues. These fees will be waived for those applying for membership on or before June, 1959.

Two ad hoc committees are at work on their assigned tasks. The Committee on Design of the Corporate Seal consists of Dr. Kenneth Setton (Chairman), Director of Libraries, Dr. Rudolf Hirsch, Assistant Director of Libraries, and Mr. Louis DeV. Day, Jr., Director of Public Affairs of the University Museum. The Committee on Club Furnishings is formulating recommendations for the Board in consultation with architect Theodore B. White, furnishing consultants of the Robert A. LaForte Company of Philadelphia, and Mr. H. Jamison Swarts, Director of Purchases for the University. The Committee consists of Dr. C. Preston Andrade, Jr., Lecturer in Architecture, Miss Elizabeth C. Berrang, Director of the University Hospital, and Dr. Charles S. Goodman, Assistant Professor of Marketing and Foreign Commerce.

Fels Fellowships Available

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences has been authorized by the Samuel S. Fels Fund to nominate five students for dissertation year fellowships for 1959-1960. These awards are the most generous of all predoctoral fellowships at the disposal of the Graduate School, ranging up to four thousand dollars, plus any charge for tuition and fees.

Applicants for these fellowships must be from the Humanities or the Social Sciences, must have passed the preliminary and language examinations, and should present an approved dissertation project. The primary purpose of these awards is to improve and facilitate the preparation of prospective teachers for colleges and universities.

Letters of application should be submitted to Dean Nichols as soon as possible after January 1, and not later than February 1. The customary forms and deadlines for other Graduate School awards do not apply.

All applicants should consult Vice-Dean Eugene R. Nixon in 103 Bennett Hall before submitting their letters.

Know Your University

The third "Know Your University" feature, prepared by Dr. Donald S. Murray, Associate Professor of Statistics, describes the work of The Office of Project Research and Grants, of which he is Director.

The Office of Project Research and Grants actually had its origin at the time the United States was in the throes of World War II, although at that time it was known as the Office of the Assistant Comptroller for War Contracts, a division of the Comptroller's Office. It did not become a separate entity until 1949. From the start the office has devoted its primary attention to relieving the University scientist or scholar of as many of the burdensome details of administering contracts or grants as possible.



Dr. Murray

From the outset in 1943 when the office consisted of Miss Lilly I. Clair (then secretary and now administrative assistant) and myself, the office has performed two liaison functions, one between the faculty member and the business offices of the University, the other between the faculty and sponsoring agencies.

The office has grown to a group of five persons including the two "founders," plus an associate director (Mr. F. Haydn Morgan), a senior project clerk (Miss Shirley Plowright), and a secretary (Miss Maria Nucci). This relatively small increase has occurred in spite of the fact that the number of sponsored projects has grown from 150 to 560 and the annual dollar volume from \$2,750,000 to approximately \$7,500,000.

The Office assists the faculty member in placing proposals or applications for support of projects or studies in the hands of sponsors who have indicated an interest in the field and it handles the negotiation of agreements to cover support of such projects. The assistance takes the form of advice and guidance in the preparation of financial data relating to a proposal and suggestions concerning its format.

University regulations require that proposals be submitted by the Office of Project Research and Grants after approval by the appropriate dean and vice-president or provost has been given. The Office uses its every effort to assure that this is done with a minimum of effort on the part of the faculty member.

After a contract or grant is obtained by the University, the Office of Project Research and Grants is concerned with assuring that the University satisfies its obligations under such contracts or grant agreements. This area includes such things as the approval of the University budget, the supervision of property procedures where required, advice and guidance in the submission of reports, arrangements for renewal of contracts, and assistance in handling the closing out of projects when they are finally terminated.

In addition, the director of the Office serves as security officer of the University when matters involving national security arise. The Office also acts as the University's

Committee Chairmen Listed

The Committees of the University Senate for 1958-59 are being chaired as follows: *Academic Freedom and Responsibilities*: Mr. Noyes E. Leech, Associate Professor of Law; *Athletic Policies and Practices*: Dr. Lester E. Klimm, Professor of Geography; *Communications with the Faculty*: Dr. W. Rex Crawford, Professor of Sociology and Chairman of Latin American Studies; *Faculty Procedures*: Mr. A. Leo Levin, Professor of Law; *Faculty Welfare*: Dr. H. Wayne Snider, Assistant Professor of Insurance; *Financial Problems and Procedures*: Dr. Orin E. Burley, Professor and Chairman of Marketing and Foreign Commerce; *Manual of Policies and Procedures*: Dr. William C. McDermott, Associate Professor and Chairman of Classical Studies; *Physical Plans and Development*: Mr. John W. Dyckman, Lecturer on City Planning and Research Associate for Urban Studies; *Public Relations*: Dr. W. Wallace Weaver, Vice-Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Associate Professor of Sociology; *Structure and Operations of the Senate*: Dr. James McNulty, Associate Professor of Industry; *Taxes*: Mr. Edward W. Brennan, Instructor of Accounting; and *University Appointments*: Dr. Francis W. Irwin, Professor of Psychology.

Prize in Criminology

The Crime Prevention Association of Philadelphia has presented to the University of Pennsylvania a fund of \$4000 to be known as the J. Francis Finnegan Memorial Fund, in commemoration of the late J. Francis Finnegan who, for many years, was the executive director of the Association and was greatly respected for his devoted service to the youth of the city. The gift provides that the income from the fund be given annually in the form of a Prize in Criminology to a student of the University recommended by the Department of Sociology. It has been decided to make the prize available to undergraduate and to graduate students in alternate years. In 1959 the prize will be given to a graduate student in the behavioral sciences who submits the best original essay of not more than 10,000 words on some aspect of the causation, treatment, or prevention of crime or delinquency. Essays should be in the hands of the Chairman of the Department of Sociology not later than May 1, 1959. The Department reserves the right to withhold the prize if no essay submitted meets an acceptable standard.

In Case You Didn't Know

According to Treasurer William Richard Gordon, the City of Philadelphia's 1958 budget of 219 million dollars is only a little more than five times that of the University's 42 millions. As a corporate entity the University spends about \$800,000 per week.

channel for the processing of patent applications on inventions or discoveries that have come into being through contract or grant work or through a faculty member's individual efforts.

The Office of Project Research and Grants, located on the first floor of 3400 Walnut Street, stands ready to help any member of the University family obtain and administer funds from sources outside the University.

Among Other Things

NAMES: Eight new Emeritus Professors were recently honored at a luncheon in Houston Hall where they were the guests of President Gaylord P. Harnwell and Provost Jonathan E. Rhoads. Dr. Alfred H. Williams, Chairman of the Trustees, presented certificates of appreciation to the group on behalf of the University. Those honored were Drs. Paul C. Colonna (Orthopedic Surgery), Francis C. Grant (Neurosurgery), Laura Hooper (Education), Paul C. Kitchen and Frank A. Laurie (English), Charles K. Knight (Insurance), Douglas P. Murphy (Obstetrics), and Isolde T. Zeckwer (Pathology). Dr. Hooper, now in Australia, was honored in absentia . . . Dr. Charles C. Price, Professor and Chairman of Chemistry, will address the Society of the Alumni of the College at the Annual Mid-Winter Luncheon at the Barclay on January 10th . . . Dr. Ralph M. Showers, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, attended the Sixth Plenary Session of the International Special Commission on Radio Interference at the Hague, Holland, held late last month . . . First appointee to the Ford Visiting Professorship in City Planning is Lewis Mumford, distinguished city planning critic and historian. Mr. Mumford will hold the professorship during the spring semesters of the academic years 1958-59 and 1959-60 . . . Dr. J. G. Brainerd, Director of The Moore School of Electrical Engineering, will conduct a symposium on "Reliability in Modern Weapons Systems" on radio station WFLN next January 3rd and 10th . . . Dr. Joseph L. T. Appleton, Graduate School of Medicine Chairman of Dentistry and Human Dentition, has been elected a Life Member of the Pennsylvania State Dental Society . . .

EDUCATIONAL FOOTNOTE: "For his entry in the British 'Who's Who,' author Sir Osbert Sitwell wrote that he was educated 'during the holidays from Eton.'"—*The Christian Science Monitor* . . .

CLIPPINGS: According to Mr. Robert L. MacDonald, Director of the Placement Department, "The fields of engineering, accounting, sales, insurance, government, and retailing offered the majority of opportunities for the class of 1958. Starting salaries continued to edge higher, despite the recession, with most fields showing a 2 per cent to 5 per cent increase." . . . Information about research grants from the Grants Award Committee of the Institute for Cooperative Research may be obtained from the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Knut A. Krieger, Professor of Chemistry. . . Recently elected officers of the Women's Faculty Club are: President, Miss Adaline Chase, Associate Professor of Nursing; Vice-President, Dr. Helen E. Martin, Assistant Professor of Education; Secretary, Mrs. Gloria S. Albany, Administrative Assistant, University Museum; and Treasurer, Miss Vesta Sonne, Assistant to the Dean of Women . . . As its contribution to metropolitan noise-control, the *Library Information Leaflet #67* contains the following statement: "No attempt will be made to tell any person what kind of shoes to wear, but if ladies on the staff wear high-heels, will they kindly walk more softly?" . . .

CATCHING UP WITH THE NEWS: Vice-President for Medical Development Dr. I. S. Ravdin, recently elected Chairman of the Pennsylvania Plan to Develop Scientists in Medical Research, received the First Annual Lovelace Foundation Award at ceremonies in Albuquerque, N. M., last month. The award will be presented annually to the nation's most outstanding medical figure as selected by the Foundation's Board of Directors . . . The Reverend William R. Knox, newly named Executive Director of the Christian Association, comes to us from the University of Arkansas, where for the past five years he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church . . . Dr. A. H. Scouten, Associate Professor of English, recently addressed the Graduate English Union at Columbia University on the topic of "Literary Forgeries." . . . Speakers at the annual November dinner meeting of the Engineering Alumni Society were President Harnwell ("Engineering Education in Russia"), Dr. Carl C. Chambers, Vice-President for Engineering Affairs ("The Engineering Year"), and Mr. Donald T. Sheehan, Director of Public Relations ("The Image of the University") . . . Dr. P. T. Kuo, Assistant Professor of Medicine, and Dr. Samuel Bellett, Professor of Clinical Cardiology, were among the participants at the recent meetings of the Gerontological Society in Philadelphia . . . Provost Rhoads spoke at the annual meeting of the Lenape Club last month on the subject of "The History and Growth of Intravenous Therapy from Innocent VIII to the Main Liners." . . .

STATISTICS DEPT.: More than 700 parents from 17 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada visited the campus on Parents Day . . . Figures from the Registrar's Office show a total enrollment of 17,572 full-time and part-time undergraduate, professional, and graduate students. Last year's figure: 17,183. . . The Ford Foundation recently made a grant of \$285,000 to the University to help strengthen the research and teaching program of the Law School in law and contemporary affairs . . . According to a recent issue of *Philanthropic Digest*, latest estimates show approximately 1.8 million full-time students in the nation's colleges this year . . . The November 15th issue of *Franklin Field Illustrated* reports that during the past fiscal year nearly a million dollars worth of sponsored cancer research was pursued on this campus . . .

DESCRIPTION: "It was once remarked of a venerable Oxford don who refused to retire that he had all the Christian virtues, except resignation." —Bliss Perry in *And Gladly Teach* (Houghton).

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