

Six Points for Change (6P4C)

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1. We students ask the Board of Trustees to codify and expand students' current representation on the Board.
 - a. Currently, by the University President's invitation, the presidents of the three primary student governing organizations receive informal, ex-officio, non-voting seats on the Board of Trustees. We ask that the Board formally add three ex-officio seats allowing representatives from these groups permanent positions at the Board of Trustee meetings. As well, it has been tradition in recent decades for one of the Governor of Pennsylvania's appointees to the Board to be a student. This representation, a vital component to the Board, is not guaranteed. We ask that the Board add to its bylaws a permanent student trustee position on the Board. Finally, we propose that the three representatives from the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments, the Graduate Student Association, and University Park Undergraduate Association be granted access to the standing Board of Trustees committees.
2. An All-University-Cabinet should exist; this would include members of the President's Council and members of the University community including students, faculty, alumni, and Trustees.
 - a. Currently, there exists the President's Council, which is an advisory board to the University President and has representation from many facets of the Penn State staff. We believe that the creation of the All University Cabinet, which would include students, faculty, members of the current President's Council, and representatives from the Alumni and Trustees, would allow for a greater degree of transparency and input from all constituencies at Penn State.
3. There should be multiple students appointed to the search committees for future Penn State Presidents and senior administrators.
 - a. Whenever the time arrives for the appointment of a new University President or any key administrator, we ask for multiple students, representing undergraduates, graduates, University Park, and the Campuses, to be included in the final composition of the search committees.
4. The University's senior administrators and members of the Board of Trustees should hold town halls to hear directly from the students at Penn State.
 - a. During these trying times, students need to have a level of access to administrators that we have not had in the past. Therefore, we ask that senior administrators and Trustees take part in town hall style events that invite students to come and speak directly to administrators about their concerns and problems with the University.
5. Penn State student leaders should have access to the University-wide student listservs.
 - a. We preface this by saying that what is sent out should not be multiple emails in the course of a week. However, in times of crisis, such as those the events of the previous few months have precipitated, or in other moments wherein there arises a need for

students in the highest level of student leadership roles to directly communicate with their constituents, this option should be made available to them. In order to best facilitate this, we ask that three listservs be created in addition to the current all-students listserv: one for University Park undergraduates, one for University Park graduates, and one for Commonwealth Campus students.

6. Appreciating that there is an ongoing investigation, we encourage the various senior administrators and Board members to be proactive in engaging the community on the subject matter surrounding these allegations. We strongly encourage that the findings from Judge Freeh's investigation are presented publically.



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