COT – 1.01 SELECTION PROCESS OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

POLICY:

The purpose of the policy is to ensure a proper, efficient process compliant with the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees Guidelines and Board of Governors Policy 1983-26: Student Trustee Selection. Each university shall develop procedures for the nomination of the student member of its council of trustees, which shall be reviewed and approved by the chancellor, or chancellor’s designee.

PROCEDURES:

The student trustee selected must be a full-time undergraduate student in good university standing with at least a 2.50 cumulative quality point average and must be at least a first-semester sophomore, but no more than a second-semester junior. The student trustee shall serve until graduation.

Selection of the student trustee must occur at least one semester prior to the departure of the out-going student trustee.

Applicants shall use a standard application form which shall include biographical information, at least three letters of recommendation, university activities, and answer a series of questions in narrative form related to understanding the role and scope of the position.

The selection committee shall be comprised of at least one member (who shall be selected by the constituency membership) of each of the following constituencies:

- The Slippery Rock Student Government Association, Inc.
- The University Administration
- The Council of Trustees
- The Faculty
- The Non-Instructional Staff
- A presidential designee from the Office of the President shall serve in a non-voting capacity, coordinating the activities of the selection committee.

The incumbent student trustee shall serve as the non-voting chairperson of the search committee, initiating this process and receiving the names of those serving on the committee. The chair shall convene the selection committee within 30 days to familiarize the committee with the nomination and interviews processes. If for any reason the incumbent student trustee fails to act, the student government president shall assume the role of chair.

Requests for nominations and applications shall be widely publicized on the university campus for a period of not less than four weeks. The application deadline shall be clearly stated in all publicized materials.

The committee shall follow social equity guidelines for the selection of nominees for the position of student trustee.

Upon receipt of all applications, the search committee shall screen applications and interview applicants. Upon completion of a thorough and compliant search process, the search
committee shall forward the names of three candidates in ranked order. The University President may use his or her discretion to accept the committee recommendation or to interview the finalists for further consideration. The name and applicant file of the selected candidate shall be sent to the Chancellor's Office no less than 60 days prior to the incumbent student trustee’s graduation. The Chancellor’s designee shall forward the nomination to the Governor's Office for final approval.

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