



## **The Council of Trustees General Information**

The Council of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education institutions consists of eleven members who, except for student members, shall be nominated and appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. At least two members of the eleven-member Council shall be alumni of the institution.

Ten members of each council shall serve terms of six years. One member of each council shall be a full-time undergraduate student in good academic standing, other than freshman, enrolled for at least twelve semester hours at the institution of which (s)he is a trustee. The student member shall serve until (s)he is no longer a full-time undergraduate student at the University or four years, whichever period is shorter. Student members of the Council of Trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and shall not be subject to Senate confirmation.

In accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, the Council of each institution shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To make recommendations to the Chancellor for the appointment, retention, and dismissal of the University president following consultation with students, faculty, and alumni.
2. To assist the President in developing proper relations and understanding between the institution and its programs and the public.
3. To review and approve the recommendations of the President as to standards for the admission, discipline, and expulsion of students.
4. To review and approve the recommendations of the President pertaining to policies and procedures governing the use of institutional facilities and property.
5. To approve schools and academic programs.
6. To review and approve the recommendations of the President pertaining to annual operating and capital budget requirements for forwarding to the Board of Governors.
7. To review and approve charges for room and board and other fees except student activity fees.
8. To conduct an annual physical inspection of facilities and make recommendations regarding maintenance and construction to the Board.
9. To review and approve all contracts and purchases negotiated or awarded by the President, with or without competitive bidding and all contracts for consultative services entered by the President.
10. To represent the institution at official functions of the Commonwealth.
11. To take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the powers and duties herein delegated.
12. To conduct an evaluation of the President and forward the results of that evaluation with recommendation to the Chancellor for submission to the Board of Governors.