

# **SAFEGUARD OLD STATE**

*Preserving the Rights & Traditions of Penn Staters*

## **A Proposal for a Student Relations Committee of the State College Borough Council**

### **Purpose**

Safeguard Old State is proposing a student relations committee for the purpose of fostering a more robust relationship between the student body and the townspeople. We believe an ever more fruitful relationship has the best potential to be born out of regular, direct communication between all members of our shared community.

### **Structure**

The Student Relations Committee as we've envisioned it would be composed of eight members, with students and townspeople represented equally with four seats each. Meetings could be open to the public and documented on the official website of State College so as to further public dialog.

The Student Relations Committee would be composed of four students, including:

- The Penn State Student Body President (UPUA President)
- The Graduate Student Association (GSA) President
- The Interfraternity Council (IFC) President
- The Panhellenic Council (PNC) President

The Committee would also represent the local population with representatives of the neighborhood associations, including:

- Holmes-Foster Neighborhood Association
- Northern Highlands Neighborhood Association
- College Heights Neighborhood Association
- Tusseyview Neighborhood Association

### **Rationale For The Student Relations Committee**

- The committee would facilitate a positive exchange in a way that infrequent dinners, luncheons and other events do not, at the same time allowing for student leaders and downtown leaders to interact on a regular and meaningful basis.
- This committee would not inherently be a decision-making body with any binding authority. The nature of the committee would be one of recommendation and communication.

Best Regards,  
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