

The Student Committee on Undergraduate Education (SCUE) is the academic policy branch of student government, focusing on issues affecting undergraduate education and the intellectual atmosphere at Penn.

Freedom of expression is central to both Penn's and SCUE's mission, as well as a powerful facet of learning. Learning happens not only inside the classroom, but in our College Houses and our dining halls, on Locust Walk and College Green, and on Franklin Field.

SCUE supports student learning in all areas of our lives, on- and off-campus. More importantly, students must have the freedom to learn and apply that learning to whichever causes they choose.

Students at the University of Pennsylvania hold privilege through the education that we receive. Utilizing this privilege to advocate for communities and movements they care for should be protected under open expression.

Thus, SCUE condemns any disciplinary action taken against peaceful student protestors, especially that which hinders educational and academic freedom. This includes representatives of Fossil Free Penn (FFP).

According to FFP, the University has restricted their right to open expression on campus. SCUE supports FFP's right to peacefully express their demands.

We believe that restrictions like these are an infringement on the freedom of expression that defines our educational experience at Penn and beyond. Students who peacefully express their views must be able to do so freely.

A SCUE survey of the undergraduate population conducted in October 2022 revealed that 60% of respondents identified Penn's impact on West Philadelphia as a top priority. To reflect this, SCUE will dedicate a portion of our 2025 White Paper to this issue. The White Paper is SCUE's quinquennial publication that reviews undergraduate education at Penn.