

Senate Is Approved

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Columbia University's trustees voted last night to phase out the school's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

At the same time, the trustees approved the creation of a university senate, with student representation, that will be the central governing body of the university.

Under the formula passed by the trustees in a four-and-a-half-hour meeting, the R.O.T.C. will be abolished at Columbia by June, 1971. In the meantime, no new students will enroll in the program and those now in it will fulfill their requirements at an accelerated pace.

At a campus news conference that followed the trustees' decision, Dr. Andrew W. Cordier, Columbia's acting president, announced:

"For a long period of time there was a feeling that the type of program represented by R.O.T.C. did not fit into the scheme of an academic department."

This feeling, he said, was engendered because the program "was operated by an outside agency."

Dr. Cordier explained that Columbia had originally planned to maintain the R.O.T.C. program as an extra-curricular activity but that Federal statutes provided that the program must have aca-

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mic status.

At both Harvard and Yale the faculties have voted to relegate R.O.T.C. to extra-curricular status, but the issue remains in doubt there because of the law. The Hofstra University faculty voted last night to retain the corps.

Dr. Cordier reported that the military training program at Columbia was being stopped in accordance with a plan negotiated by university officials and the Navy Department.

There are now about 100 students participating in the unit, about half of whom receive full tuition and a \$50-a-month subsistence allowance from the Navy.

Long a Rallying Point

The existence of the program at Columbia has long been a rallying point for protest by campus dissidents. Three years ago the annual R.O.T.C. commencement exercises at which commissions were presented ended in clashes between antiwar students and the corpsmen. Since then the ceremony has not been held.

Even as the trustees met at the Columbia University Club, at 4 West 43d Street, a group of some 20 pickets, all members of the Students for a Restructured University, a left-liberal coalition, demonstrated in front of the building for the abolition of R.O.T.C. and the creation of the university senate.

The plan for the senate grew out of last spring's campus up-

rising when the police were twice called to clear students from buildings and a five-week student strike crippled the university.

In the wake of turmoil came faculty and student appeals for the restructuring of the university. The single greatest step in this direction was the proposal of the Executive Committee of the Faculty for a university senate to be composed of students, faculty, administrators and alumni that would serve as a dominant policy-making body.

The senate will have 101 members, including 42 tenured members of the faculty, 15 non-tenured faculty, 21 students and nine administrators. The rest would be alumni, staff and members of institutions affiliated with Columbia.

The governing body would have the power to review the budget, pass on appointments of all high-level administrators and participate in the selection of some of the trustees.

Elections to the Senate began yesterday and will continue until May 21.