

Joe Biden's New Job at Penn is a Mystery

Earlier this month, the *Daily Pennsylvanian* [reported](#) that former Vice President Joe Biden had officially been named a professor at Penn under the title of "Benjamin Franklin Presidential Practice Professor."

There was talk that Biden would lead "the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement" from Washington, D.C. The Penn Biden Center doesn't exist yet, but it's slated to open in 2017.

Two weeks after the announcement, however, the *Pennsylvanian* reports that, "No one is really sure what Joe Biden will be doing at Penn."

University spokesperson Stephen MacCarthy said the specifics of Biden's role at Penn are still uncertain. He noted that his office wasn't "able to have conversations around [Biden's] specific role until he left office four weeks ago, so details are still being ironed out."

Students reportedly had been hopeful the former VP might teach a class. But a Biden Spokeswoman told the *Pennsylvanian* that was not going to happen.

Now, I certainly don't begrudge Joe Biden the opportunity to join the faculty at a prestigious school like Penn. However, I couldn't help but think of a recent confession from a former college admissions official, who suggested that higher education had become, well, [a bit of a racket](#).

On the other hand, the [annual cost of attending Penn](#) is about \$70,000. Now, at least, future Penn alumni can tell their friends that Joe Biden was a professor at their school (even

if he never actually enters a classroom).

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