

MINUTES OF MEETING

B. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

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A meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy was held in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, at 10:45 a.m. on January 19, 2007.

The following Trustee members were present: Baldwin, and Spanier (ex officio), Jones (chair), Hayes (vice chair), Eckel, Foulke, Hetherington, and Suhey. Also present were Trustees Alexander, Chaiken, Clemens, Conti, DiBerardinis, Garban, Henning, Hintz, Joyner, Junker, Metzgar, Myers, Peechatka, Poprik, Riley, Rowell, Shaffer, and Strumpf; Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Fredman, Huck, Robinson, Schaffer, Springer, and Wolff; and Governor's Representative Daniels.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blasko, Casteel, and Floros; student representative Chamberlin; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Jones, Kirsch, MacCarthy, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Romano, Schultz, Thomas, Triponey, and Weidemann; presenters Engel and Sandmeyer; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order.

The Committee on Educational Policy voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the following resolution which was included in the Meeting Agenda:

1. RESOLVED, That the establishment of a School of International Affairs of The Pennsylvania State University is approved effective July 1, 2007.

The following items were included in the Agenda for the information of the Trustees:

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs
 - A. Integrated Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degree Program in Meteorology: New Program
2. Information on Graduate Programs
 - A. Doctor of Education Degree in the Graduate Program in Agricultural and Extension Education in the College of Agricultural Sciences: Drop of Program
 - B. Integrated Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degree Program in Meteorology in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences: New Program
 - C. Graduate Program in Leisure Studies: Change of Name to the Graduate Program in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management in the College of Health and Human Development

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Eva J. Pell, Senior Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, presented an informational report on graduate education at Penn State, including preparation of teaching assistants. [A visual presentation was made.]
2. Dr. Renata S. Engel, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Professor of Engineering Design and Engineering Science and Mechanics in the College of Engineering, and Ms. Louise E. Sandmeyer, Executive Director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Assessment, discussed Penn State's strategies and efforts to assess students' learning. They provided examples that span articulation and achievement of goals at the course, program, and institutional level. [A visual presentation was made.]

Counsel Courtney reported that the Right to Know Act case remains pending before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and we are awaiting a scheduling order that will schedule oral agreement before the Court.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.