

MINUTES OF MEETING

A. COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

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A meeting of the Committee on Campus Environment was held in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, on Friday, May 12, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.

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

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Casteel, and Floros; student representatives Balaji, Livingston, and Stathes; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Fritz, Jones, Kirsch, Lovins, MacCarthy, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Romano, Schultz, Spear, Steele, Triponey, and Weidemann; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Peechatka called the Committee on Campus Environment to order.

There were no action items from the Meeting Agenda for the Committee on Campus Environment to recommend to the Board of Trustees.

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Vicky L. Triponey, Vice President for Student Affairs, Mr. Thomas Lovins, Director of Recreational Sports and Mr. John Fritz, Director of Commonwealth Campus Athletics provided an overview of recreational sports and activities as a critically important component of the Penn State experience. Panelists discussed the educational benefits of recreational sports, described the level of participation by Penn State students and discussed emerging challenges related to campus recreation and intramural facilities. The recently reorganized Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference and the participation of Commonwealth campus students in intercollegiate athletics was also discussed. [A visual presentation was given.]
2. Dr. Margaret Spear, Senior Director of University Health Services, provided a brief update on the University's efforts to prepare for the impact of a widespread influenza outbreak--or pandemic. This report included an update on recent preparedness discussions related to communications, continuity of student learning and infection control policies and procedures. [A visual presentation was given.]

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.