

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, September 9, 2005, at 9:05 a.m.

The following Trustee members were present: Baldwin, and Spanier (ex officio), Peechatka (chair), Myers (vice chair), Broadhurst, Conti, DiBerardinis, Hayes, Henning, and Huber. Also present were Trustees Alexander, Brosius, Chaiken, Foulke, Garban, Hintz, Junker, Metzgar, Poprik, Riley, Rowell, Shaffer, Strumpf, Suhey, and Zahorchak; Trustees Emeriti Fredman, Huck, Robinson, Van Tries Kidd, Wise, B. Wolff, Wood, and Zemprelli.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Floros, and Myers; student representatives Adams, Borawski, and Streaker; staff members Ammerman, Burlingame, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Dowhower, Erickson, Jacobs, Kirch, Kirsch, MacCarthy, Mahon, Pell, Romano, Schultz, 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 report was presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Vicky L. Triponey, Vice President for Student Affairs, led a panel discussion that included an overview of the Student Newspaper Readership Program. The program was initiated by President Graham B. Spanier in 1997 to provide students with broader perspectives on the world and national views. Since then, approximately 350 other colleges and universities have adopted a newspaper readership program on their campuses. The overview explored how newspapers are used to enhance classroom learning, and highlights from a recent national assessment effort. The findings of this national study illustrate the strong and positive impact the readership program is having on student readership, civic engagement, and other student learning outcomes. Panelists included Ms. Diane Barrett, *USA Today* Vice President for National Education Programs, Dr. Andrea Dowhower, Director of Student Affairs Research and Assessment, and Dr. Philip Burlingame, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. (A visual presentation was made.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.