

## 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, on September 7, 2007, at 9:15 a.m.

The following Trustee members were present: Broadhurst and Spanier (ex officio), Jones (chair), Hayes (vice chair), Foulke, Hetherington, Myers, Peechatka, Riley, Wolff, and Zahorchak. Also present were Trustees Arnelle, Alexander, Baldwin, Chaiken, DiBerardinis, Eckel, Garban, Henning, Hintz, Huber, Joyner, Junker, Metzgar, Poprik, Shaffer, Strumpf, Suhey, and Surma; and Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Coppersmith, Frey, Robinson, Wise, Wolff, Wood, and Zemprelli.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blasko, Blood, and Hufnagel; student representatives Casiano, Gyekis, and Lewis; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Doncsecz, Erickson, Hanes, Jones, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, Triponey, and Weidemann; presenters Linse, Harwood, and Thomas; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

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

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. A midpoint progress update for the University's strategic plan for diversity, "A Framework to Foster Diversity at Penn State: 2004-09" was presented by Dr. W. Terrell Jones, Vice Provost for Educational Equity, and Dr. Victoria Sanchez, Assistant Vice Provost for Educational Equity. The report highlighted the University's significant accomplishments related to diversity since the adoption of the Framework. With the recent completion of the midpoint evaluation of the 2004-09 Framework, the panelists reviewed the University's progress and challenges. Stressing the benefits of a strategic planning approach to advancing diversity, planning cycles and strategic indicators for the completion of Framework objectives were discussed. This report was presented at a joint session of the Committee on Campus Environment and the Committee on Educational Policy. (A visual presentation was made.)
2. Dr. James B. Thomas, Dean of The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business and Professor of Information Sciences and Management, discussed the achievements of the Smeal College of Business and his vision for the future of the college. (A visual presentation was made.)
3. Dr. Robert N. Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education and Professor of Engineering Mechanics; Dr. Angela Linse, Executive Director of the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence and Associate Dean for Teaching Excellence; and Dr. John T. Harwood, Senior Director, Teaching and Learning with Technology, presented an update on academic integrity at Penn State. Dr. James B. Thomas, Dean of The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business and Professor of Information Sciences and Management, discussed the honor code implemented in the Smeal College of Business. The report emphasized the efforts being made to be proactive in addressing and promoting academic integrity in the current technology-intensive learning environment. (A visual presentation was made.)

Counsel Courtney reported that the Right to Know Act case was argued before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on September 7, 2007. The case remains pending for decision before the court.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.