

1. **Roll Call**

2. **Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Will the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on November 2, 2007?

3. **Informational Report by the President of the University**

4. **Reports from Standing Committees**

Action items recommended by the Standing Committees for consideration by the Board of Trustees:

- A. Committee on Campus Environment - Marianne E. Alexander, Chair
- B. Committee on Educational Policy - David R. Jones, Chair
- C. Committee on Finance and Physical Plant - Linda B. Strumpf, Chair

5. **Proposed Resolutions in Recognition of Dr. Richard E. Grubb**

Will the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University expresses deepest regret and sympathy to the family of Dr. Richard E. Grubb on the passing of Dr. Grubb on December 13, 2007; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees recognizes Dr. Grubb's loyalty and dedication to The Pennsylvania State University in having served as a member of its Board of Trustees for two years, as an officer of the University, and as member of the senior administrative team with the title of Senior Vice President and Dean Emeritus of the Penn State Commonwealth Educational System conferred at the time of his retirement in July 1991; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the official and permanent minutes of the Board of Trustees record for all time the Board's sincere respect and deep appreciation of Dr. Richard E. Grubb for his wisdom and steadfast commitment to the betterment of The Pennsylvania State University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in addition to the permanent recording, a copy of this resolution be appropriately transmitted to the family of Dr. Grubb on behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees.

6. **Authorization to Confer Degrees**

Will the Board of Trustees authorize the President of the University to confer degrees at the end of the 2008 Spring Semester, Summer Session, and Fall Semester upon those students who have completed at those times the necessary requirements?

7. Proposed Date of Election of Trustees

The *Charter* of the University specifies that the election of trustees shall be held annually, by ballot, on such day and hour during the commencement week and on such day previous to the day for the final public exercises of commencement as from time to time shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Spring Commencement in 2008 will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 16, 17, and 18. Meetings of the Board of Trustees have been scheduled for May 16, 2008.

Will the Board of Trustees approve May 15, 2008 as the date for the delegate election of agricultural trustees, and for counting the ballots in the alumni election; and approve May 16, 2008 as the date for the election of business and industry trustees?

8. Proposed 2009 Dates for Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Will the Board of Trustees approve the proposed meeting dates for **2009** as follows (unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at University Park):

January 23, 2009	(Friday)
March 19-20, 2009	(Thursday-Friday) - Hershey
May 15, 2009	(Friday)
July 9-10, 2009	(Thursday-Friday) - New Kensington
September 11, 2009	(Friday)
November 6, 2009	(Friday)

REMINDER: The Board of Trustees approved meeting dates for **2008** as follows:

January 18, 2008	(Friday)
March 20-21, 2008	(Thursday-Friday) - Washington, D.C.
May 16, 2008	(Friday)
July 10-11, 2008	(Thursday-Friday) - Erie
September 19, 2008	(Friday)
November 21, 2008	(Friday)

9. Continuation of Special Committee

Article 4, section (4)(a) of the *Bylaws* of the University provides that "A special committee shall act for no more than one year from the date of appointment and shall be considered discharged upon the expiration of said year unless specifically authorized by the Board at the time of its appointment, or from year to year, to act for a longer period." The Board has one special committee at the present time: the Nominating Committee.

Will the Board of Trustees authorize for one year the continuation of the Nominating Committee to recommend to the Board candidates for election to membership on the Executive Committee and to recommend candidates for the rank of Trustee Emeritus(a) in accordance with established guidelines?

10. Selection of Recipients of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award

A report of the Distinguished Alumni Award Screening Committee will be presented by James S. Broadhurst, Chairman.

Will the Board of Trustees select, by written ballot, persons to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award in June 2008?

11. Announcements by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees**12. Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees**

Will the Board of Trustees elect officers to the following Board positions for the current year?

President

Vice President

- 1) Secretary
- 2) Associate Secretary
- 3) Assistant Secretaries
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Assistant Treasurers

1) Secretary: In accordance with the *Bylaws* of the University, "The President of the University shall be ex officio the Secretary of the Board," and therefore, no election is necessary.

2) Associate Secretary: Incumbent, Paula R. Ammerman

3) Assistant Secretary: Incumbent, Carolyn A. Dolbin

Assistant Secretary: Incumbent, Kimberly J. Belcher

Assistant Secretary: Incumbent, Wendy L. Peck

4) Treasurer: Incumbent, Gary C. Schultz

5) Assistant Treasurer: Incumbent, Albert G. Horvath

Assistant Treasurer: Incumbent, Deborah M. Meder

Assistant Treasurer: Incumbent, Susan J. Wiedemer

13. Report of the Nominating Committee

At its meeting on January 19, 2007, the Board of Trustees approved the continuation of the Nominating Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Board candidates for election to membership on the Executive Committee and to recommend candidates for the rank of Trustee Emeritus(a) in accordance with established guidelines; and further authorized the President of the Board, after consultation with the President of the University, to appoint the committee.

The Nominating Committee, whose membership includes Trustees Baldwin (chair), Clemens, and Garban (Broadhurst and Spanier, ex officio), provides the following action for consideration by the Board of Trustees:

A. Election of Members of the Executive Committee

Article 4, section (1) of the *Bylaws* of the University specifies that "Not less than seven (7) nor more than eleven (11) members of the Board of Trustees to be chosen by ballot of the members present at the stated meeting of the Board in January each year together with the president and the secretary of the corporation shall constitute an executive committee to serve for a period of one year and until their successors are chosen. The president of the corporation shall be chairman of the executive committee, and the secretary of the corporation the recording secretary of the executive committee. The number of elected members of the executive committee, within the above limitations, shall be determined by the Board of Trustees at each said stated meeting."

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Executive Committee be composed of eleven (11) members, including the ex officio members, and nominates the following Trustees to membership on the committee:

Marianne E. Alexander	David R. Jones
Cynthia A. Baldwin	Edward P. Junker III
James S. Broadhurst	Graham B. Spanier
Steve A. Garban	Linda B. Strumpf
Samuel E. Hayes, Jr.	Paul V. Suhey
George T. Henning, Jr.	

- 1) Will the Board of Trustees determine the number of members to be elected to the Executive Committee for 2008?

(The number of the members of the Executive Committee to be elected includes the President of the Board and the President of the University, both of whom are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.)

- 2) Will the Board of Trustees elect members to the Executive Committee for 2008?

The following agenda item was presented to the Trustees as a white sheet item at the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Appointment of a Non-voting Representative for the Governor of the Commonwealth

Will the Board of Trustees approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in deference to Governor Rendell's schedule and upon the Governor's request, Robert J. Lewis, CEO of Orbital Engineering, Inc., be authorized to serve as the Governor's non-voting official representative at all meetings and other functions of the Board of Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University which the Governor is unable to attend.