

MINUTES OF MEETING

A. COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

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A meeting of the Committee on Campus Environment was held in Room 133 of the University Fitness Center, The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania, on March 18, 2005, at 10:10 a.m.

The following Trustee members were present: Baldwin and Spanier (ex officio), Peechatka (chair), Myers (vice chair) Broadhurst, Conti, DiBerardinis, Henning, and Steel. Also present were Trustees Beahm, Brosius, Fortinsky, Garban, Hintz, Jones, Junker, Metzgar, Poprik, Riley, Rowell, Shaffer, Strumpf, and Suhey; Trustees Emeriti Cook, Frey, Huck, Morrow, Robinson, Schaffer, and Wolff; Governor's Representative Chaiken; and Secretary of Education's Representative Garity.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blasko, Myers, and Steiner; student representatives Daly and Foulke; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Kirch, Kirsch, MacCarthy, Mahon, Pell, Schultz, Triponey, and Weidemann; Mr. Courtney of McQuaide, Blasko, Schwartz, Fleming, and Faulkner, Inc.; and invited speakers Dennis E. Heitzmann, Ph.D., Director, Counseling and Psychological Services, University Park; and William P. Milchak, MSW, CAC, Instructor of Psychiatry, The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Chair Peechatka called the meeting 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. As evinced by media coverage of alcohol related tragedies on campuses across the nation, the problems associated with high risk drinking continue to be a concern for Penn State officials, faculty, staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders. Dennis E. Heitzmann, Ph.D., Director, Counseling and Psychological Services, University Park, and William P. Milchak, MSW, CAC, Instructor of Psychiatry, The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, addressed the problem of high risk drinking and its impact on the University and our students. Dr. Heitzmann outlined the severity of the problem on our campuses and the University's efforts to effect change through environmental management, prevention, and treatment programs. Mr. Milchak reviewed "the drinking continuum," identifying the insidious quality of problem drinking and its long-term consequences. (A visual presentation was made.)

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.