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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, at 10:30 a.m. on May 18, 2007.

The following Trustee members were present: Broadhurst and Spanier (ex officio), Jones (chair), Hayes (vice chair), Arnelle, Eckel, Foulke, Garban, Hetherington, and Suhey. Also present were Trustees Alexander, Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, Conti, Henning, Hintz, Joyner, Junker, Metzgar, Myers, Peechatka, Poprik, Riley, Shaffer, and Strumpf; Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Fredman, Huck, Robinson, Wise, and Wood; and Zahorchak's Representative Fleck.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blood and Hufnagel; student representatives Casiano, Chamberlin, and Gyekis; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, Thomas, Triponey, and Weidemann; presenters Brady, McDonald, Jordan, Edmonds, Hardin, Kucirka, and Floros; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order.

The Committee on Educational Policy voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the following resolutions which were included in the Meeting Agenda:

1. RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the change in name of the Department of Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering to the Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences effective immediately.
2. RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves President Graham B. Spanier's appointment of Dr. William E. Easterling III as Dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences effective July 1, 2007.

The following items were included in the Agenda for the information of the Trustees:

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs
 - A. Bachelor of Arts Degree in Visual Art Studies at Penn State Altoona: New Program
 - B. Minor in Operations & Supply Chain Management at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: New Minor
2. Information on Graduate Programs
 - A. Master of Professional Studies in Community and Economic Development (via the World Campus) in the College of Agricultural Sciences: New Program
 - B. Master of Agriculture Degree Program in Entomology in the College of Agricultural Sciences: Drop of Program
 - C. Master of Professional Studies in Supply Chain Management (via the World Campus) in The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business: New Program
 - D. Master of Business Administration at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: Change in Program
 - E. Master of Arts Degree Program in American Studies at Penn State Harrisburg: Change in Program

- F. Option in Cell and Developmental Biology in the Intercollege Graduate Program in Integrative Biosciences: Drop of Option
- G. Doctoral Minor in Latina/o Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts: New Program

The following report was presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Christian M. M. Brady, Dean of the Schreyer Honors College and associate professor of classics and ancient Mediterranean studies and Jewish studies, discussed the status of the Schreyer Honors College and his vision for the future of the College. [A visual presentation was made.]
2. Dr. Craig D. Weidemann, Vice President for Outreach, Dr. Anita D. McDonald, Chancellor of Penn State DuBois, and Ms. Martha H. Jordan, Director of Adult Learner Advocacy, discussed Penn State's efforts to provide a path to postsecondary success for adult learners. Adult students Christina Edmonds, Keith Hardin, and David Kucirka shared their perspectives. [A visual presentation was made.]
3. Dr. Joanna B. Floros, Immediate Past Chair of the University Faculty Senate and Evan Pugh Professor of Cellular and Molecular Physiology, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine, provided the annual report on the 2006-2007 activities of the University Faculty Senate.

Counsel Courtney reported that the Right to Know Act case was argued before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in Harrisburg on May 14, 2007. It is anticipated that the Court will issue a decision some time this year. Counsel Courtney will report as information becomes available.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.