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A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Room 208 of the Penn State Conference Center Hotel, University Park, at 8:00 a.m. on May 5, 2016.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Chair Abe Harpster, Vice Chair Allie Goldstein, David Han, Luke Metaxas, Alice Pope, and Kay Salvino. Emerita member, Anne Riley was present.

The following staff members were present: Nick Jones, Rob Pangborn, Damon Sims, and Ann Wyatt. Constituent representatives Terry Ford, Matthew Woessner, and Jeremy Warner were present. Also invited as presenters were student leaders Kevin Horne and Shawn Lichvar; Student Affairs Research and Assessment Director and Senior Analyst, Adam Christensen; Student Affairs Center for Women Students Director, Peggy Lorah; and Paul Apicella, Penn State Title IX Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harpster at 8:06 a.m. The *Minutes* of the February 25, 2016 meeting of the committee were approved.

Chairman Harpster presented the following proposals for the committee's recommendation to the Board for approval:

Proposal to change the name of the Division of Business and Engineering, Penn State Altoona Committee Action Item (5/6 Agenda Item 5.A.2)

*Recommendation to change the name of the Division of Business and Engineering at Penn State Altoona to the Division of Business, Engineering, and Information Sciences and Technology (BEIST), retroactively effective November 2015.*

Proposal to change the name of the School of Languages and Literatures, College of the Liberal Arts Committee Action Item (5/6 Agenda Item 5.A.3)

*Recommendation to change the name of the School of Languages and Literatures in the College of the Liberal Arts to the School of Global Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, effective immediately.*

Proposal to change the name of the Department of Meteorology, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences Committee Action Item (5/6 Agenda Item 5.A.4)

*Recommendation to change the name of the Department of Meteorology in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences to the Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, effective immediately.*

It is noted that the Committee received the following language, provided by the College and Department, which provides additional context and framework that may be assistive. The Board will receive the same information prior to tomorrow's public meeting:

The Department of Meteorology has a long and storied 75+ year tradition and has been at the forefront of meteorological research in the world. The proposed name change to the Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science recognizes the public perception of the field of meteorology and the expansion of our faculty expertise during the past few decades. The public perceives meteorology to be weather and weather forecasting. Atmospheric science is perceived to encompass other fields of endeavor in which our faculty also have expertise, such as climate and atmospheric chemistry. Many of our faculty members are internationally recognized for their work in meteorology as well as these disciplines outside of what the public perceives as meteorology. The new name will help students to discover the department and the expertise of our faculty. The new name will also help students as they seek employment after their degree is completed, as it will accurately represent the knowledge and skills they have gained. The proposed Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science benefits both our students and faculty, as it recognizes the complete range of our faculty expertise and undergraduate and graduate student knowledge.

Proposal to change the name of the Department of Anesthesiology, College of Medicine)  
Committee Action Item (5/6 Agenda Item 5.A.5)

*Recommendation to change the name of the Department of Anesthesiology to the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine in the College of Medicine, retroactively effective September 2015.*

The aforementioned proposals were approved by the Committee for Board consideration and approval at the public meeting on Friday.

Trustee Alice Pope and her working group presented the final draft of the Committee Operating Guidelines. Following discussion, it was determined that the document is ready for review by the Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning.

Chair Harpster called on Rob Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education for his report. Rob updated the Committee on Lion Path and enrollment challenges for the Fall semester. Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs, provided updates on student mental health services, use of alcohol and drugs, and the Fraternity and Sorority Task Force. Finally, Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost provided an update on the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan.

Terry Ford, University Park Undergraduate Association President, Kevin Horne, President of the Graduate and Professional Student Association, and Shawn Lichvar, Chief of Staff for the Council on Commonwealth Student Governments provided information on student government initiatives for the upcoming academic year.

Finally, Damon Sims introduced Paul Apicella, Adam Christensen, and Peggy Lorah. The group presented information about the findings of the University Climate Survey, conducted last fall, which is part of a broad-based initiative by the University to curtail sexual misconduct and expand response efforts to cases as they do arise. Paul Apicella provided an update on Title IX implementation.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

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