1. Discussion of Consent Agenda Items Provided for Information or Approval of the Committee on Educational Policy:

Information Items -

1) Information on Undergraduate Programs
2) Information on Graduate Programs

Action Items - None

(See Appendix I)

2. Proposed Change of Name of the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute to The Thomas D. Larson Pennsylvania Transportation Institute

The Pennsylvania Transportation Institute (PTI) was founded in 1968 and is an interdisciplinary research center which is the locus for transportation research in the areas of transportation operations, transportation infrastructure and vehicle systems and safety at Penn State. The Center coordinates the research of 47 faculty affiliates and in fiscal 2005-2006 had research expenditures in excess of $7.5 million.

It is especially appropriate to name the PTI after Dr. Thomas Larson due to his sterling reputation in the Transportation arena having made significant contributions to The Pennsylvania State University, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and as the leader of the Federal Highway Administration. At Penn State, he was one of the founders of PTI and served as the center’s first director. This naming will reflect Dr. Larson’s many contributions to this field and his visionary involvement in the establishment of the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute.

Will the Committee on Educational Policy recommend to the Board of Trustees adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the name of the Pennsylvania Transportation Institute be and it hereby is changed to The Thomas D. Larson Pennsylvania Transportation Institute.

3. Informational Report on the State of the Faculty

Dr. Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, will discuss the major academic challenges facing Penn State, and report on academic programs and changes, the quality and characteristics of the Penn State faculty, and the centrality of academic priorities in the University's current strategic planning.

4. Informational Report on Intercollegiate Athletics

Mr. Timothy M. Curley, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, will provide a report on Intercollegiate Athletics.

5. Pending Legal Matters

An informational report will be presented on pending legal matters relating to policies normally considered by the Committee on Educational Policy.