A meeting of the Committee on Campus Environment was held in Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, at 9:40 a.m. on January 19, 2007.

The following Trustee members were present: Baldwin, and Spanier (ex officio), Conti (chair), Alexander (vice chair), Broadhurst, DiBerardinis, Henning, Myers, and Riley. Also present were Trustees Chaiken, Clemens, Eckel, Fouke, Garban, Hayes, Hetherington, Hintz, Jones, Joyner, Junker, Metzgar, Peechatka, Poprik, Rowell, Shaffer, Strumpf, and Suhey; Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Fredman, Huck, Robinson, Schaffer, Springer, and Wolff; and Governor's Representative Daniels.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blasko, Casteel, and Floros; student representative Chamberlin; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Kirsch, MacCarthy, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Romano, Schultz, Thomas, Triponey, and Weidemann; presenters Davis and Jillings; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Conti called the Committee on Campus Environment 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. Panelists Dr. Robert Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education and Professor of Engineering Mechanics; Dr. Lewis Jillings, Executive Director for International Programs and Associate Dean for Internationalization; and Dr. Negar Davis, Director of International Student Services, reported that international students and scholars play a significant role in enhancing the overall mission and diversity of U.S. higher education. Their presence helps universities effectively contribute to national security and economic competitiveness, as well as serving as a focal point for greater international understanding. The panelists discussed issues relating to the increasing challenge of recruiting international students, nationally and at Penn State, where Undergraduate Admissions, The Graduate School, and International Programs collaborate to bring international students to the University.

   International Student Services offers support to international students in visa and immigration services and by providing social and practical orientation. Increasingly, the office is implementing programs that prepare international students for campus and community life and the educational environment they will experience, and activities for all students that serve to promote successful interactions among people from different cultural backgrounds. [A visual presentation was made.]

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.