A meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy was held in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, on January 18, 2008, at 11:06 a.m.

The following Trustee members were present: Broadhurst and Spanier (ex officio), Jones (chair), Hayes (vice chair), Hetherington, Myers, Riley, and Zahorchak. Also present were Trustees Alexander, Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, DiBerardinis, Eckel, Garban, Henning, Hintz, Huber, Joyner, Junker, Lubert, Metzgar, Poprik, Shaffer, Strumpf, and Surma; and Trustees Emeriti Beahm, Coppersmith, and Huck.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blasko, Blood, and Hufnagel; student representatives Casiano, Gyekis, and Lewis; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Hanes, Hurley, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, and Weidemann; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

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

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

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

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs
   A. Accounting Option in Bachelor of Science in Business at Penn State Altoona and Penn State Abington: New Option
   B. Weather Risk Management Option in Major in Meteorology in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences: New Option
   C. Bachelor of Science in Biological Engineering in the College of Engineering: Change in Name from Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biological Engineering
   D. Minor in Information Sciences and Technology for Aerospace Engineering in the College of Engineering: New Minor

2. Information on Graduate Programs
   A. Graduate Program in Astronomy and Astrophysics in the Eberly College of Science: Change of Program

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, discussed the major academic challenges facing Penn State, and reported 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. (A visual presentation was made.)

2. Mr. Timothy M. Curley, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, provided a report on Intercollegiate Athletics. (A visual presentation was made.)
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Counsel Courtney reported that on November 20, 2007 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued its decision in the Right to Know Act case. A majority of the court held in a four to two decision that salary information of Penn State employees who are vested members of the State Employees' Retirement System is subject to disclosure by the State Employees' Retirement Board under the provisions of the Act. That case has concluded.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.