The President's Report was given in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, at 8:41 a.m. on January 23, 2009.

The following Trustees were present: Broadhurst (chairman), Garban (vice chairman), Alexander, Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, DiBerardinis, Eckel, Hayes, Henning, Hetherington, Hintz, Huber, Hughes, Jones, Joyner, Junker, Lubert, Masser, Metzgar, Poprik, Riley, Shaffer, Spanier, Strumpf, Suhey, Surma, and Wolff; Trustee Emeritus Huck; and Governor's Representative Lewis.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blood and Boehmer; student representatives Keirans, Khoury, and Mendoza; staff members Ammerman, Bechtel-Wherry, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, Sims, and Weidemann; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaid Blasko.

Chair Alexander 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. An informational report on Penn State's Participation in the 2008 National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE) was presented. Along with over 700 other colleges and universities, Penn State participated in the 2008 National Survey of Student Engagement. The survey results provide an indication of how much time Penn State students spend on educational activities that are associated with student learning. Insights from Penn State's findings will be used to improve academic programs and to foster a higher level of student engagement in learning. Penn State's NSSE data are also compared to results from similar universities.

Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs, led a panel discussion that included a review of NSSE and its administration at Penn State, some initial findings, and the use of NSSE data by colleges and campuses at Penn State. Panelists included Andrea Dowhower, Director of Student Affairs Research and Assessment, Mary Lou D’Allegro, Senior Director of Planning, Research and Assessment at Penn State Berks, and Renata Engel, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, College of Engineering. (A visual presentation was made.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.