A meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy was held in the Lilley Library at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, Erie, Pennsylvania, at 10:21 a.m. on July 11, 2008.

The following Trustee members were present: Broadhurst and Spanier (ex officio), Hayes (chair), Joyner (vice chair), Hughes, Masser, Myers, and Riley. Also present were Trustees Alexander, Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, DiBerardinis, Garban, Henning, Hintz, Huber, Junker, Lubert, Metzgar, Poprik, Shaffer, Strumpf, and Surma; Trustees Emeriti Huck, Robinson, Rowell, Wood, and Zemprelli; and Governor's Representative Lewis.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blood, and Coraor; student representatives Keirans, Khoury, and Mendoza; Penn State Erie, The Behrend College representatives Buseck and Filbeck; staff members Ammerman, Burke, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Hanes, Hurley, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, Stryker, and Weidemann; presenters Kennett and Yekel; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order.

There were no action items from the Meeting Agenda for the Committee on Educational Policy to recommend to the Board of Trustees.

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

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs
   A. Minor in Arboriculture in the College of Agricultural Sciences: New Minor
   B. Minor in Entomology in the College of Agricultural Sciences: New Minor
   C. Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Renewable Resource Economics in the College of Agricultural Sciences: Phase Out of Major
   D. Bachelor of Science in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences: Change in Name From Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience
   E. Broadcast Journalism Option, Print Journalism Option, and Visual Communications Option in the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in the College of Communications: New Options
   G. Biochemistry Option and Molecular and Cell Biology Option in the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the Eberly College of Science: New Options
   H. Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Option at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: Change in Name from Ecology Option; Molecular and Cellular Biology and Biochemistry Option at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: Change in Name from Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Option; and Accelerated Health Programs Option in the Bachelor of Science in Biology at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: Change in Name from Pre-Professional Option
   I. Bachelor of Arts in Communication at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: Change in Name from Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media Studies
   J. Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Business with Engineering Studies at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College: New Major
K. Bachelor of Science in Education and Public Policy in the College of Education: New Major

L. Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation and Human Services in the College of Education: Change in Name from Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Services

M. Intercollege Disability Studies Minor in the College of the Liberal Arts: New Minor

2. Information on Graduate Programs

A. Doctor of Philosophy in American Studies at Penn State Harrisburg: New Program

B. Dual-title Intercollege Degree Program in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment (HDNRE): New Program

C. Joint Degree Program Between the School of International Affairs (M.I.A.) and the Dickinson School of Law (J.D.): New Program

D. Dual-Title Degree Program in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) in the College of the Liberal Arts: New Program

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. An informational report on human subject and animal research at Penn State was presented by Dr. Eva J. Pell, Senior Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Mary J. Kennett, Director, Animal Resource Program and Professor, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, and Ms. Candice Yekel, Director, Office for Research Protections. Penn State conducts research with human subjects that range from social science survey-type research to clinical intervention. The animal research program is responsible for all aspects of care and use of a variety of animals. In the presentation the scope of the human subject and animal research programs was reviewed; University standards of care were discussed, as well as the standards to which the University must comply and the accreditations under which the University operates. (A visual presentation was made.)

2. Dr. Jack Burke, Chancellor, discussed the activities and achievements of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, as well as his vision for future directions of the campus. (A visual presentation was made.)

Counsel Courtney reported there were no pending legal matters at this time.

Dr. Graham B. Spanier, President of the University, provided a report on the 2008-2009 Operating Budget at a joint meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy and the Committee on Finance and Physical Plant.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.