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. **Teaching Communication Skills: Are You Listening, Doc?**

This presentation will highlight the use of "standardized patients" and simulation techniques to train medical students on how to communicate effectively with patients in the clinical setting. Richard Simons, M.D., Vice Dean for Educational Affairs, and Kathryn Crowell, M.D., Lead Co-Director, Primary Care Clerkship, will lead this panel discussion.

3. **Update on the University's Strategic Planning Activities**

In November 2007, the University Strategic Planning Council (USPC) was appointed and its members were charged to formulate goals for the University during the next five years and to recommend accompanying strategies we need to embrace to achieve those goals. A working draft of the plan, *Priorities for Excellence: The Penn State Strategic Plan 2009-10 through 2013-14*, was circulated to an initial set of stakeholders in the University community in early January. The draft represents the work of the USPC over the course of the past year, as well as the contributions of about 50 additional faculty, staff, students, administrators, and Trustees on seven focused task force reports that formed the basis for most of the strategies and actions contained in the plan.

Dr. Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, will provide an update on the activities of the USPC and will discuss the current draft of the plan incorporating changes based on initial feedback.

4. **Pending Legal Matters**

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

The following agenda item was presented to the Trustees as a white sheet item at the meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy.

**Recommendation for Approval of Administrative Appointment**

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves President Graham B. Spanier's appointment of Dr. Bruce A. McPheron as Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences effective July 1, 2009.