A meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy was held in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, on May 16, 2008, at 10:30 a.m.

The following Trustee members were present: Broadhurst and Spanier (ex officio), Jones (chair), Hayes (vice chair), Foulke, Hetherington, Myers, Pechatka, Riley, and Wolff. Also present were Trustees Arnelle, Alexander, Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, Eckel, Garban, Henning, Hintz, Huber, Joyner, Junker, Lubert, Metzgar, Poprik, Shaffer, Strumpf, Suhey, and Surma; Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Huck, Rowell, Wise, Wolff, and Zemprelli; Governor's Representative Lewis; and Secretary Zahorchak's Representative Tandberg.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blood and Coraor; student representatives Keirans, Khoury, and Mendoza; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Hanes, Hurley, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, and Weidemann; presenter Blasko; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order.

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

1. RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the change in administrative structure for the School of Nursing effective July 1, 2008.

   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the change in title of Dr. Paula Milone-Nuzzo from Director of the School of Nursing to the Dean of the School of Nursing effective July 1, 2008.

2. RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves President Graham B. Spanier's appointment of Damon R. Sims, J.D. as Vice President for Student Affairs effective August 1, 2008.

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

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs
   A. Arts Option, Humanities Option, Social and Behavioral Sciences Option, Science and Mathematics Option, Science, Technology and Society Option, and Liberal Studies Option for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Letters, Arts, and Sciences: Drop of Options

2. Information on Graduate Programs
   A. Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance in the College of Arts and Architecture: New Program
   B. Dual-title Ph.D. Degree Program in Biogeochemistry in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences: New Program
   C. Master of Education in Earth Sciences (via the World Campus) in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences: New Program
   D. Graduate Program in Energy and Geo-Environmental Engineering: Change of Name to the Graduate Program in Energy and Mineral Engineering in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences
   E. Master of Petroleum and Mineral Engineering in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences: Drop of Program
F. Option in Teacher Leadership in the Master of Education in Educational Leadership (via the World Campus) in the College of Education: New Option

G. Master of Education in Literacy Education at Penn State Harrisburg: New Program

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, discussed Penn State’s participation in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) as the CIC celebrates 50 years of effective, voluntary collaboration among its 12 member research universities. The report included current CIC programs as well as strategic directions for the future. (A visual presentation was made.)

2. Dr. John Romano, Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses, provided an update on the Commonwealth Campuses since the 2005 restructuring. (A visual presentation was made.)

3. Dr. Dawn G. Blasko, Immediate Past Chair of the University Faculty Senate and Associate Professor of Psychology at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, provided a report on the 2007-2008 activities of the University Faculty Senate. (A visual presentation was made.)

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.