A meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy was held in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, on May 15, 2009, at 10:35 a.m.

The following Trustee members were present: Broadhurst and Spanier (ex officio), Hayes (chair), Joyner (vice chair), Hughes, Jones, Masser, Myers, and Riley. Also present were Trustees Alexander, Arnelle, Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, Eckel, Garban, Henning, Hetherington, Hintz, Huber, Junker, Lubert, Metzgar, Poprik, Quigley, Shaffer, Strumpf, Suhey, and Surma; and Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Huck, Robinson, Rowell, and Wise.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Coraor, Hannan, and Landa Pytel; student representatives Borsuk-Woodman and Keirans; staff members Ammerman, Bechtel-Wherry, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Horvath, Jones, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, Sims, and Weidemann; presenters Blood, Crouter, and Monk; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

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 President Graham B. Spanier's recommendation for a change in title of Dr. Thomas G. Poole to Vice President for Administration effective July 1, 2009.

2. WHEREAS, in support of the Vision of The Pennsylvania State University to be a global university, committed to excellence, with a passion for creating knowledge and educating students to be leaders for a better tomorrow, and

WHEREAS, in support of the Mission of The Pennsylvania State University to educate students from Pennsylvania, the nation and the world, and improve the well-being and health of individuals and communities through integrated programs of teaching, research, and service, and

WHEREAS, in support of the Values of The Pennsylvania State University recognizing that education is the foundation of an enlightened, productive, and prosperous society;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves a five year strategic plan as set forth in the "Priorities for Excellence: The Penn State Strategic Plan, 2009-10 through 2013-14" which is attached to and made a part of this resolution. (Appendix I)

The following items were included in the Agenda or distributed at the meeting for the information of the Trustees:

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs

   A. Social and Human Service Option in Bachelor of Science in Applied Behavioral Science at Penn State Harrisburg: Drop of Option

   B. Ethics in the College of the Liberal Arts: New Minor

   C. Bachelor of Science in Childhood and Early Adolescent Education with Options in Early Education PK-4, in English 4-8 and in Social Studies 4-8 in the College of Education: New Major and New Options
2. Information on Graduate Programs

   A. Dual-Title Graduate Degree Program in Entomology and Comparative and International Education (CI ED) in the College of Agricultural Sciences: New Program

   B. Master of Science in Landscape Architecture with Options in Community and Urban Design, and Watershed Stewardship in the College of Arts and Architecture: New Program

   C. Master of Landscape Architecture in the College of Arts and Architecture: Change in Program

   D. Integrated Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Master of Accounting in The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business: New Program

   E. Master of Accounting in The Mary Jean and Frank P. Smeal College of Business: New Program

   F. Option in Mathematics Education in the Master of Education in Teaching and Curriculum at Penn State Harrisburg: New Option

   G. Master in Professional Studies in Information Sciences with Options in Information Assurance and Decision Support and Software Development in the College of Information Sciences and Technology: New Program

   H. Dual-Title Graduate Degree in Asian Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts: New Program

The following reports were presented at the meeting (visual presentations were made):

1. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines have been identified as critical in educating students who can advance the global competitiveness of the United States. Dr. David H. Monk, Dean, College of Education, discussed STEM education initiatives at Penn State.

2. Dr. Ann C. Crouter, Dean for the College of Health and Human Development, discussed the status of the College of Health and Human Development, including the strategic outlook and goals for the College.

3. Dr. Ingrid M. Blood, Immediate Past Chair of the University Faculty Senate and Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, provided a report on this year's activities of the University Faculty Senate.

Counsel Courtney deferred the legal report until the afternoon session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.