A meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy was held in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, at 10:40 a.m. on November 17, 2006.

The following Trustee members were present: Baldwin, and Spanier (ex officio), Jones (chair), Hayes (vice chair), Arnelle, Broadhurst, Eckel, Foulke, Hetherington, and Suhey. Also present were Trustees Alexander, Chaiken, Clemens, Conti, Garban, Henning, Hintz, Joyner, Junker, Metzgar, Myers, Peechatka, Poprik, Riley, Rowell, Shaffer, and Strumpf; and Trustees Emeriti Brosius, W. Conti, Huck, Wise, and Wolff.

Present by invitation was faculty representative Floros; student representatives Chamberlin and Livingston; staff members Ammerman, Babe, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Jones, MacCarthy, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Romano, Schultz, Thomas, Triponey, Weidemann, and Weiler; presenter Deike; 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 proposed change in name from the Penn State Institutes of the Environment to the Penn State Institutes of Energy and the Environment in the Senior Vice President for Research administrative area is approved effective immediately.

2. RESOLVED, that the change in name of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology to the School of Engineering at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, is approved effective immediately.

3. RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves President Graham B. Spanier's appointment of Dr. Henry C. "Hank" Foley as Dean of the College of Information Sciences and Technology effective November 20, 2006.

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

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs
   A. Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences and Master of Biotechnology in Biotechnology in the College of Agricultural Sciences: Change of Name from Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences and Master of Science of Biotechnology in Biotechnology
   B. Information Sciences and Technology for Speech Communication Minor to Information Sciences and Technology for Communication Arts and Sciences Minor in the College of the Liberal Arts: Change in Name
   C. Integrated Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Master of Applied Statistics and Integrated Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Applied Statistics in the Eberly College of Science: New Program
   D. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BBACC) at the following University College locations: Beaver, Delaware, DuBois, Fayette, Hazleton, McKeesport, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, Worthington Scranton, and York: Phase-Out of Program
2. Information on Graduate Programs

A. Change in Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy and the Master of Science Degree Programs in Meteorology and to Add Dual-Title Degree Offering in Astrobiology in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences: Change of Program

B. Ecological and Molecular Plant Physiology Option in the Intercollege Graduate Degree Program in Integrative Biosciences: Drop of Option

C. Intercollege Graduate Degree Program in Molecular Medicine (Doctor of Philosophy and the Master of Science): New Program

D. Intercollege Graduate Degree Program in Molecular Toxicology (Doctor of Philosophy and the Master of Science): New Program

E. Molecular Medicine Option in the Intercollege Graduate Degree Program in Integrative Biosciences: Drop of Option

F. Molecular Toxicology Option in the Intercollege Graduate Degree Program in Integrative Biosciences: Drop of Option

G. Master of Professional Studies in Forensic Science in the Eberly College of Science: New Program

H. Integrated Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Master of Applied Statistics and Integrated Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Applied Statistics in the Eberly College of Science: New Program

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Randall C. Deike, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Executive Director for Undergraduate Admissions, presented an informational report on Penn State’s admissions and enrollments. [A visual presentation was made.]

2. Dr. Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, discussed the report and recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, appointed by U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, as well as the implications of the Commission’s report for Penn State and the higher education community. [A visual presentation was made.]

Counsel Courtney reported that he did have a legal report but deferred it to the Committee on Finance and Physical Plant meeting later that day.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.