A meeting of the Committee on Campus Environment was held in Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, at 9:44 a.m. on November 21, 2008.

The following Trustee Committee members were present: Broadhurst and Spanier (ex officio), Alexander (chair), Suhey (vice chair), DiBerardinis, Garban, Hetherington, Huber, and Shaffer. Also present were Trusteess Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, Eckel, Hayes, Henning, Hintz, Hughes, Jones, Joyner, Junker, Lubert, Masser, Myers, Riley, Strumpf, and Surma; Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Cook, Coppersmith, Frey, Robinson, Rowell, Wise, and Wolff, and Governor's Representative Lewis.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Boehmer, Blood, and Coraor; student representatives Keirans and Mendoza; staff members Ammerman, Bechtel-Wherry, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Erickson, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, and Sims; presenters Heitzmann and Higginson; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Alexander called the Committee on Campus Environment to order.

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

The following report was presented at the meeting:

1. Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs, led a panel discussion on two topics: the "Worrisome Student Behaviors" Website and the First-Year Testing, Counseling, and Advising Program (FTCAP).

   The first topic was the new, interactive website designed to educate faculty and staff about coping with students who exhibit potentially disruptive behavior. Faculty and staff are uniquely positioned to identify and help students in distress who pose risks to the safety and well-being of the campus community. This new website will help Penn State faculty and staff recognize students at risk and know how to intervene. The website was funded by the President's Future Fund and is the result of a collaborative effort between the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services, the Office of the President, the College of Education, and Penn State Public Broadcasting. (A visual presentation was made.)

   The second topic was an overview of the University's student advising and registration program known as "FTCAP". For more than 50 years, Penn State has welcomed new students and their families through the First-Year Testing, Counseling, and Advising Program (FTCAP). This University-wide orientation engages students in their transition to the expectations of the new campus environment, including increased academic standards, greater student responsibility, and goal setting. (A visual presentation was made.)

   Panelists included Dr. Dennis Heitzmann, Senior Director of the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services and Dr. Linda Higginson, Assistant Dean for Advising.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.