A meeting of the Committee on Educational Policy was held in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, on November 21, 2008, at 10:34 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, Baldwin, Chaiken, Clemens, DiBerardinis, Eckel, Garban, Henning, Hetherington, Hintz, Huber, Junker, Lubert, Shaffer, Strumpf, Suhey, 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, Jones, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, and Sims; presenters Korner, Griswold, and Rohrbach; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order.

The Committee on Educational Policy voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the following resolution which was 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 Albert G. Horvath to Senior Vice President for Finance and Business effective July 1, 2009.

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

1. Dr. Rodney A. Erickson, Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, provided a brief update on the 2008 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA). The original Higher Education Act was passed in 1965 to strengthen the educational resources of colleges and universities and provide financial assistance for students. Dr. Erickson addressed key provisions of the 2008 reauthorization, including requirements related to college costs, accreditation, and student financial aid, and the implications for Penn State. (A visual presentation was made.)

2. Dr. Barbara O. Korner, Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture and Professor of Theatre, discussed the achievements of the College of Arts and Architecture and her vision for the future of the college. (A visual presentation was made.)

3. Dr. Robert N. Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education, Ms. Anne L. Rohrbach, Executive Director for Undergraduate Admissions, and Ms. Anna M. Griswold, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Education and Executive Director for Student Aid, presented an informational report on Penn State’s admissions, enrollment, and student financial aid programs. (A visual presentation was made.)

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.