The State-of-the-University Address was presented in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, at 8:40 a.m. on September 7, 2007.

The following Trustees were present: Broadhurst (chairman), Garban (vice chairman), Alexander, Arnelle, Baldwin, Chaiken, DiBerardinis, Eckel, Foulke, Hayes, Henning, Hetherington, Hintz, Huber, Jones, Joyner, Junker, Metzgar, Peechatka, Poprik, Riley, Shaffer, Spanier, Strumpf, Suhey, Surma, Wolff, and Zahorchak; Trustees Emeriti Brosius, Conti, Cook, Huck, Robinson, Rowell, Wise, Wood, and Zemprelli.

Present by invitation were faculty representatives Blasko, Blood, and Hufnagel; student representatives Casiano, Gyekis, and Lewis; staff members Ammerman, Bowen, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Doncsecz, Erickson, Hanes, Jones, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Pell, Poole, Romano, Schultz, Stryker, Thomas, Triponey, and Weidemann; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chairman Broadhurst welcomed the newest member of the Board, Trustee John Surma; Chairman Broadhurst also welcomed the University Faculty Senate Officers Dawn Blasko, Ingrid Blood, and Pamela Hufnagel; student representatives Bobby Casiano, Joe Gyekis, and Hillary Lewis; Academic Leadership Chair Madlyn Hanes; and administrative fellows Catherine Dufour, Peter Idowu, and Pingjuan Werner.

**State-of-the-University Address**

Dr. Spanier presented the 2007 State-of-the-University address in a video that highlighted the accomplishments of the previous year and the University's priorities for the coming year. The presentation is available by visiting: [http://president.psu.edu/sou/articles/sou2007.html](http://president.psu.edu/sou/articles/sou2007.html). (Copies of the video were distributed at the meeting.)

Following the State-of-the-University Address, Chairman Broadhurst commented that we have much to be proud of at Penn State and a great future ahead. Under Dr. Spanier's leadership, Penn State created the World Campus, established the Schreyer Honors College, launched the College of Information Sciences and Technology, expanded the Dickinson School of Law, and expanded its programs in teaching, research and outreach.

Since 1995 when he arrived, research expenditures have more than doubled from $344 million to more than $700 million today. Over the 12-year period, applications to Penn State have increased from about 75,000 to nearly 100,000; minority enrollment has risen 58 percent attesting to his demonstrated commitment to increasing the diversity of our University; annual fundraising has more than doubled, and Penn State's endowment has tripled.

Chairman Broadhurst publicly announced that Dr. Spanier has agreed to continue to help shape this University's great future by way of signing a new five year contract. He continued, "Graham Spanier is one of the truly exceptional presidents in higher education today. His leadership over the past twelve years has taken Penn State to new heights in teaching, research, and outreach, while effectively overseeing the largest capital construction program in the history of the University. He is very good at approaching important decisions strategically, managing large amounts of detailed information, and enhancing the culture in a student-centered environment. We are all very proud of Graham's accomplishments and look forward to our important work together for the betterment of Penn State and our faculty, staff, and students. Please join me in thanking Graham and recognizing him for a job well-done and For the Future!"

The announcement was met with a standing ovation.