The State-of-the-University Address was presented in the Boardroom of The Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, Pennsylvania, at 8:46 a.m. on September 19, 2008.

The following Trustees were present: Broadhurst (chairman), Garban (vice chairman), Alexander, Arnelle, Chaiken, Clemens, Eckel, Hayes, Henning, Hetherington, Hintz, Huber, Hughes, Jones, Joyner, Junker, Lubert, Masser, Metzgar, Myers, Poprik, Riley, Shaffer, Spanier, Strumpf, Suhey, Surma, and Zahorchak; Trustees Emeriti Beahm, Brosius, Cook, Coppersmith, Huck, Rowell, Wise, Wolff, and Wood; 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, Bowen, Curley, DiEugenio, Dolbin, Doncsecz, Erickson, Kirsch, Mahon, Pangborn, Paz, Poole, Romano, Schultz, Sims, Stryker, and Weidemann; and Mr. Courtney of McQuaide Blasko.

Chairman Broadhurst welcomed a new member of the senior staff, Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs. Chairman Broadhurst also welcomed the University Faculty Senate Officers Ingrid Blood, Lee Coraor, and John Boehmer; student representatives Gavin Keirans, George Khoury, and Alfonso Mendoza; Academic Leadership Chair Lori Bechtel-Wherry; and administrative fellows Jody Heckman, Melissa Kunes, and Colleen Toomey Lieberman.

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Dr. Spanier presented the 2008 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/sou2008.html.

Following the State-of-the-University address, President Spanier received comments concerning:

- the Amethyst Initiative; and

- For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students.