



**Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship Requests BoT Vice-Chairman to resign for not acting in best interest of the University**

The Board of Trustees has no understanding for the basic concept of due process

JUNE 18, 2012 ---- Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship (PS4RS), a grassroots group of alumni, students and supporters, strongly condemned and disavowed recent public statements by Keith Masser, Vice Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, and asked for his resignation.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Keith Masser, claimed he was speaking for himself and not the board at large, and said he wants to be careful not to draw premature conclusions. He then went on to draw the following premature conclusion, "It now appears like top administrative officials and top athletic officials were involved in making the decision to not inform the proper authorities," and then went on to purportedly speak for the board, "from a board standpoint it was Judge Freeh's investigation that found these emails that relate Spanier, Curley and Schultz to the suspected cover-up."

Louis Freeh, former FBI Director, has been hired by the Board of Trustees to conduct an independent investigation. The Trustees have repeatedly promised that they would not review or edit the report scheduled to be released late this summer. They have, in fact, said that they would first see the report only when it was released to the public.

That begs the question whether Mr. Masser has had an opportunity to read the email file and, if so, who provided it to him. Former President Graham Spanier, who has not been accused of any crime, has sued the University for access to all of his emails.

The law firms defending Athletic Director, Tim Curley and Senior Vice President Gary Schultz, said that their clients "conscientiously considered and deliberated how to responsibly deal with the conduct and handle the situation properly." There was, they maintain, no cover-up.

Robert J. Tribeck, Esquire, legal advisor to PS4RS, stated "Once again, this board seems to have no understanding of or concern for the basic concept of due process, or with acting in the best interests of the University. They feed the media sensational quotes and potentially do grave damage to the University and the individuals involved. We have to question the effectiveness of the university legal counsel and PR firms to allow a trustee to make such statements. Contrary to what Mr. Masser may believe, his statement, made by a member of the Board of Trustees, constitutes a statement of the Board of Trustees and will undoubtedly be utilized in pending litigation against the University. "

Michelle Murosky, the founder of the group that now numbers more than 5,000 active members, asked for Mr. Masser's immediate resignation. "On behalf of the membership of

PS4RS – alumni, students, friends and supporters of Penn State we request that in the best interest of the University, that the Vice Chairman apologize, retract his statement, and resign his post. At this time, when the University is dealing with sensitive issues and is involved with multiple court proceedings, we can ill-afford inflammatory and unsubstantiated statements coming from someone in a leadership position.”

Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship, with more than 5,000 members nationwide, was formed to affect positive change within the University Board of Trustees, demanding transparent, trustworthy and moral leadership in the upcoming elections. For more information, please visit [PS4RS.ORG](http://PS4RS.ORG) where the candidates' applications and letters of reference can be reviewed; email [ps4rsinfo@ps4rs.org](mailto:ps4rsinfo@ps4rs.org); search “WE intend to vote out the Penn State Board of Trustees” on Facebook; or follow us on Twitter at [@PS4RS](https://twitter.com/PS4RS).

#####