

One of the most precious rights in our legal system is the right of due process. This is the protection needed so that no one is declared guilty without evidence and proof of fact. (The Freeh Report)

All of the principles of due process were ignored on the evening of November 9, 2011 and that set into motion a path of destruction for Penn State University. The people who are responsible for this destruction need to be held accountable.

Most people, and you would think Penn State people in particular, would have given Joe Paterno, Tim Curley, Graham Spanier and Gary Schultz the respect of due process and the benefit of the doubt. There is no doubt that the self-interests and actions of the executive committee prevailed over the majority of the board and the principles of due process. The majority remained silent and cowed and did nothing to defend our great university.

It's amazing how the members of this executive committee keep praising themselves for all the great things they claim to be doing. These are the same people that compromised our principles and our University. Their actions on that evening of November 9, 2011 set in motion a pattern of actions that are still felt today.

We alumni and students have a lot of passion for our University. We want healing and unity and we do want to move forward. But first we need for the executive committee and Tom Corbett to remove themselves from the BOT in the best interest of Penn State. One thing is certain, the people who brought us to this point are not, I repeat are not, the people to move us forward.

So we are requesting that those members of the executive committee on the evening of November 9, 2011 immediately remove themselves from the Penn State BOT. John Surma has already removed

himself...the rest of this committee need to put Penn State first by also removing themselves from the board. We are asking Jim Broadhurst, Ken Frazier, Ed Hintz, Linda Strumpf, Karen Peetz, Keith Masser and Tom Corbett to remove themselves immediately.

Then we can work on moving forward.

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