NEAL W. BIEGE, SR. ’67

Biographical Sketch
Retired VP Marketing, Minerals Division of FLSmidth, the world’s leading supplier of systems, equipment and services to the global cement and minerals industries.
During his 40 years at FLSmidth, Inc. (including its predecessor Fuller Co in Bethlehem, PA) he held numerous other management positions, including:
• Vice President, Far East Region
• General Manager, Cement Industry
• General Manager, Process Industries
• Vice President, GM, Fuller Bulk Handling
• Vice President, GM, FLSmidth Canada
Earlier he was a management trainee and production supervisor with U.S. Steel.
Neal served on numerous voluntary committee and board positions, including:
• International Chairman - Cement Industry, IEEE
• Director of the Rotary Kiln Users Association
• Board of several European Companies
At PSU, Neal earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and participated in Varsity Track. He is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, and a member of the Lehigh Valley, PA and the Naples, FL Alumni Clubs. Wife, Penny (’67), son Neal, Jr. (’89) and daughter Donna (’92) are all PSU grads.
Neal excelled in making dramatic improvements by developing strategic and action plans, creating a winning image and relentlessly pursuing goals until achieved. These skills would be especially applicable to today’s present situation at Penn State. We need bold actions to improve our image and strong management to reduce costs while maintaining the highest quality of education.
Since he is recently retired, Neal has the time and the energy to lead Penn State to the next new wave of growth.

Position Statement
Our two highest priorities should be improving our image and making Penn State affordable.
Regarding image, there are two very emotionally charged negative images related to the Sandusky case:
1. The general public’s negative response to Penn State as a result of the Attorney General’s (AG) release of the grand jury report.
2. Penn State Alumni’s and others, negative response to the firing of Joe Paterno by the Board of Trustees.
The handling of this case by our Board of Trustees (BOT) including the firing of Joe Paterno resulted in more damage to the reputation of Penn State.
The Board of Trustees must insure that the University improves procedures for preventing and handling such cases. These procedures must be imbedded in the strategic action plans and include awareness, training, and management accountability.
Regarding affordability, low state funding and our operating costs result in tuition being among the highest of public related schools. These actions should be taken:
1. Cutting cost by use of the latest technology
2. Using competitive benchmarking to beat the costs of the competition
3. Political Advocacy for more State funding
4. Continue high levels of donations
I will work to accomplish:
1. Improving procedures to prevent a recurrence of a Sandusky like case and making PSU a global leader in preventing abuse.
2. Honoring Joe Paterno by naming the stadium field after him.
3. Making cost reduction a very high priority while maintaining the highest quality of education.
Make an Impact Elect Neal Biege.