Biographical Sketch

David K. Mullaly received a B.A. and M.A. from Penn State in 1969 and 1972 respectively, and did two years of doctoral work in English at Northwestern. He taught at Northwestern and at Glenbrook South H.S. in Glenview, IL, for over thirty years, and during that period coached soccer and co-directed a yearly performance arts production. In addition, he was partially responsible for two dozen of his A.P. English students attending Penn State during his career. He retired from teaching in 2005. Currently he volunteers at a homeless shelter in Annapolis, MD, and runs a small website business. His wife and older son are both Penn State graduates.

In late July 2012, he went from being a Penn State supporter and sports fan to a serious alumni activist:

- He organized two rallies on Penn State’s main campus asking for resignations from the current Board of Trustees; featured speakers included Franco Harris, Anthony Lubrano, Eileen Morgan, and others.
- He enlisted the help of twenty alumni volunteers to visit with thousands of tailgaters before the Ohio State football game to encourage them to keep demanding changes in the leadership at Penn State.
- He helped to create, fund, and promote the distribution of thousands of free "I am Penn State, and I VOTE!" bumper stickers before the PA Attorney General election, and continues to offer them to alumni to encourage PA legislators to support BOT structural reform.

Position Statement

Fiasco, debacle, catastrophe, disaster—there are many words to describe the failures of the Penn State Board of Trustees over the past two years or so, but these are clearly appropriate. Don't take my word for it. The Fels Institute of the University of Pennsylvania listed the handling of the Sandusky scandal by our "leadership" first in their roll call of the five worst crisis management blunders of 2011. And Business Insider called Penn State's handling of the scandal the worst PR disaster of 2012.

Whatever the reasons or motivations for a whole series of stunningly bad decisions, the leadership of the BOT, especially the "Business and Industry" bloc, has shown that they are unable to act in the best interests of the University, and perhaps it's time for the alumni trustees to assert the alumni perspective. An advisor recently suggested that voters should be encouraged to ask this question of any candidate: "Where have you been, what have you done since the scandal broke over a year ago?" Is it simply election time, or has that candidate done anything to be an advocate for Penn State?

I would hope that my efforts over the past several months confirm that I am willing to stand up for the University in a very public way. Also, as far as I know, I am the only candidate who has publicly committed to visiting as many alumni groups as possible after the election, to actually hear from the people I intend to represent.