Biographical Sketch

Doreen M. Ulichney Schivley, a current resident of State College, graduated from Penn State in 1978 with a B.S. degree in the Education of Exceptional Children (Special Education). As an undergraduate, Doreen was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, serving as president in 1977, and THON dancer in 1976 and 1977. She was also a Sigma Pi Little Sister.

She is a life-member of the Alumni Association and Back the Lions as well as a member of the Penn State University Women’s Club. In addition, she and her husband, Mark are members of the Nittany Lion Club, Lady Lion Cager Club, Men’s Hoops Club, State College Quarterback Club, and Friends of the Penn State All-Sports Museum where Doreen is a volunteer docent.

Schivley taught in the Kent County Public Schools located in Chestertown, MD, for 30 years retiring in 2008. A Master's Degree in Psychology from Washington College was acquired in 1983. In addition to teaching duties, Doreen served on a number of county-wide as well as school committees which included: Baldrige Leadership/School Improvement. Using the Baldrige System, Kent County Schools improved from 24th place to 1st in the state of Maryland.

Doreen is a member of the Kent County Teachers Association, Maryland State Education Association, and National Education Association. She served on the KCTA Negotiations Team which drafted teacher contracts for a number of years as well as being secretary of the local association from 2000-2006.

Position Statement

The events of November, 2011 as well as July, 2012, are still alarming. The conduct and content of Board of Trustees meeting in January, 2012, which I attended flabbergasted me. I have never witnessed an educational board meeting conducted in such a predetermined manner. Governance changes and fiduciary responsibility need to be implemented.

Board reorganization is a top priority, along with membership and size, as well as an examination of its by-laws and standing orders.

A study of the role, responsibilities, and powers of the university president needs to be conducted from within the board. One figure should not have the power or authority to accept sanctions, such as the NCAA, nor agree to a consent decree, nor remove an icon without discussion, evidence and full board approval.

It is ludicrous that a body would approve the expenditures of millions of dollars for a flawed Freeh Report without being completely reviewed and discussed by the board. It would be beneficial if the Paterno Report would be examined in more detail. Blind acceptance of the Freeh Report raises concerns that the board has accepted other reports with little or no discussion or oversight.

I will openly communicate with my alumni stakeholders and be proactive rather than reactive. My Baldrige core values of honesty and integrity along with the 6 Pillars of Character Counts (respect, responsibility, fairness, trustworthiness, citizenship, and caring) will continue to be applied to achieve Success with Honor.