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Subject: Statements

Ron—

John Surma asked that I send the following statements to you that were prepared to address Dr. Spanier's departure and President Erickson's appointment.

Thanks,

Paula

Statement regarding Spanier's departure (agreed to by attorneys of both parties):

In view of the situation and unfolding circumstances at Penn State, the Board determined, and Dr. Spanier concurred, that it was best for the President to step down.

The below statement was drafted for response to inquiries re Rod Erickson and the Presidency.

On November 9, the Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Rodney Erickson President of The Pennsylvania State University. The Board is pleased that Dr. Erickson accepted the challenge to lead the University at this important time, and believes that he will provide the necessary stability and direction as we pursue our University's land grant mission of education, research and outreach. President Erickson has the Board's complete confidence and support.

The Board expects that President Erickson will continue in this role until the Board determines an appropriate time to begin a transition to new leadership. The Board expects that at that time a nationwide search will be conducted, although no specific schedule has been established at this point. The Board plans to keep the University community informed of any changes.

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