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From: Ammerman, Paula [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 3:09 PM
Subject: Letter to the Editor, Harrisburg P-N

TO: Members of the board of Trustees

Chairman Peetz asked that I forward the below message from Lanny Davis to the editor of the Patriot News clarifying the provisions of the February 18-19 Board of Trustees retreat with respect to the Sunshine Law.

Thank you.
Paula

----- Original Message -----

From: Lanny J. Davis
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 04:54 PM
To: Lanny J. Davis
Subject: Letter to the Editor, Harrisburg P-N

To the editor of the Patriot-News:

Your article on Friday March 9 on the Penn State Board of Trustees' February retreat was inaccurate, misleading, and filled with speculative comments by "experts" that didn't know the facts.

The Retreat of the Penn State Board of Trustees was not subject to the requirements that there be a "public meeting" under the Pennsylvania "Sunshine Law."

This is because, among other reasons, no official action was taken at the retreat, either with respect to committee restructuring or with respect to any other University business. Nor did any deliberations of University business take place at the retreat for the purpose of making any decisions, policy or otherwise.

In addition, the Board Retreat included consultation with attorneys and other advisors and training sessions for board members, which are permitted under the state Sunshine Law to be done in a closed session.

Sincerely,
Lanny J. Davis
Attorney for Penn State

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