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Biographical Sketch

Matthew J. Lisk is an executive with the College Board, a non-profit education organization that supports the college aspirations of more than seven million students annually through a wide range of college readiness and college planning offerings including the SAT®, Advanced Placement (AP®) and the PSAT/NMSQT®. As Executive Director of the SAT Program, Matt is responsible for overall product management of the most widely-used college entrance exam by students seeking entry into four-year colleges and universities.

The SAT was created more than 85 years ago to democratize access to higher education, and this mission is central to Matt's work with the College Board. Matt has implemented the SAT School Day initiative, dramatically expanding access to the SAT for underserved minority and low-income students who faced significant barriers to traditional Saturday testing. In his role, Matt works regularly with state education officials, college admissions officers, guidance counselors, and families to increase the number of students who are college ready when they graduate high school.

Previously, Matt was a management consultant at Accenture, where he worked with Fortune 500 companies to improve their business through change management, process improvement, governance and policy development.

Matt was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and graduated with distinction with a B.S. in Management Information Systems. He is a life member of the Alumni Association, a member of the Nittany Lion Club and President's Club, and a football season ticket holder.

Matt and his wife Lauren reside in New Jersey with their sons, Mason and Cooper.

Position Statement

The tragic events in recent months have been more than any University community should ever endure. To heal and move forward, the leadership of Penn State needs to find a meaningful balance that preserves the storied history and traditions of the University, enhances the business interests of a seminal public higher education institution with a successful athletic program and builds upon the essential nonprofit foundation of education.

The current issues within the leadership structure of Penn State are broad and evoke tremendous emotion. While it is imperative that the board makes sweeping changes in the way the University is governed, any solutions must be both measured and objective, considered carefully by those who best understand the intricate landscape of higher education and its influence on all aspects of society.

I propose that such balance be achieved swiftly and with the utmost integrity by those charged with serving. The Charter and Bylaws of the board should be revised to guarantee an appropriate distribution of power, and should be based upon the best practices of successful non-profit and education-based boards. A culture of collaboration in which alumni, faculty and students all have a greater voice in shaping the policies of the University is critical to the future of Penn State. I believe my background and expertise will help shape a board willing to work with the entire University community to find common ground and create solutions that will work for the greater good and rebuild the luster of an American educational icon.