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Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter
The University of Mississippi
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RE: *The University of Mississippi* - Case No. 00561

Dear Chancellor Vitter:

A panel of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions (COI) has scheduled an appearance by the University of Mississippi to begin at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time on Monday, September 11, 2017. This meeting will take place in the John A. Roebling Ballroom at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Cincinnati RiverCenter hotel located at 10 E. River Center Blvd, Covington, Kentucky 41011. The panel has set aside **two – three full days** for this hearing. NCAA infractions hearings are closed to the public, and the information discussed during these hearings is considered confidential, as is the date, time and location of the hearing.

Institution's Representatives

In accordance with NCAA Bylaw 19.7.7.5.2, the panel expects that you, as the chief executive officer of an institution involved in potential violations of NCAA legislation, will attend the hearing to present your views on presidential control and the institution's commitment to compliance. Additionally, the panel requests that, at a minimum, the following individuals be included among the institution's representatives:

Mr. Matt Ball, senior associate director of athletics for compliance;
Mr. Ross Bjork, director of athletics;
Mr. Maurice Harris, assistant football coach and recruiting coordinator;
Mr. Derrick Nix, assistant football coach
Ms. Julie Owen, associate director of athletics for compliance;
Dr. Ron Rychlak, faculty athletics representative

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Please be advised that Messrs. Harris and Nix are considered to be "at risk" due to their alleged involvement in certain violations. They will receive separate appearance letters.

At your earliest convenience, please inform me if there are any anticipated difficulties in having the aforementioned individuals attend. You are welcome to have other personnel and outside counsel attend the hearing as you deem appropriate.

It is incumbent upon the institution to designate and provide the Office of the Committees on Infractions (OCOI) in writing current contact information (including email addresses) for principal points of contact within the institution. Future correspondence will be sent to the identified contact information.

Hearing Panel and Hearing Procedures

Bylaw 19 describes the general procedures followed during an infractions hearing. Additionally, to assist you in preparing for the hearing, the following link will guide you to the Division I COI Internal Operating Procedures (IOP).

<https://www.ncaa.org/division-i-committee-infractions-operating-procedures>

Pursuant to Bylaw 19.5.9 and COI IOP 3-6, all parties shall receive all pertinent case information and submissions. Pertinent is defined as documents, submissions and information that could reasonably affect an allegation or potential penalty against any party. Approximately 10 days prior to the hearing, you will receive a list of documents constituting the panel's initial record for this case. The panel will review these documents in preparation for the hearing.

You were notified in letters dated April 26, 2016, and July 19, 2016, of the hearing panel of the Division I COI that was generated to hear this case. As a reminder, the panel consists of the following individuals:

Dr. Carol Cartwright, president *emerita*, Kent State and Bowling Green State Universities;
Greg Christopher, director of athletics, Xavier University and chief hearing officer;
Bobby Cremins, former head men's basketball coach, Georgia Tech and College of Charleston;
Joel Maturi, retired director of athletics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities;
Ms. Eleanor Myers, associate professor of law *emerita* and interim associate dean for students, Temple University;
Mr. Larry Parkinson, director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, public member, Washington, D.C.; and
Ms. Jill Pilgrim, attorney and co-founder of Precise Advisory Group, public member, New York, New York.

Confidentiality

You are reminded that NCAA Bylaw 19.01.3 requires that all infractions-related information such as location, date/time, panel identification and involved parties remain confidential throughout the infractions process. See also Division I COI IOP 4-1 Confidentiality. This includes, among other things, the substance of the case, panel identification and involved parties.

Hearing Logistics

If you have any questions regarding the hearing, please contact me at (317-917-6774) jmcgormley@ncaa.org, Jim Elworth, associate director, at (317-917-6954) jelworth@ncaa.org, or Matt Mikrut, associate director, at (317-917-6838) mmikrut@ncaa.org. The NCAA has reserved a block of rooms with a rate of \$155 per night. We have set aside rooms in this block for the institution and involved individuals. Please contact Evelyn Gross at (317-917-6014) egross@ncaa.org by Monday, August 14, 2017, with the number of rooms needed and the names of the individuals attending the hearing.

Sincerely,



Joel D. McGormley, Managing Director
NCAA Office of the Committees on Infractions

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cc: Mr. Matt Ball
Mr. Ross Bjork
Mr. Mike Glazier
Mr. Maurice Harris
Mr. Brian Kappel
Mr. Derrick Nix
Ms. Julie Owen
Dr. Ron Rychlak
Commissioner Greg Sankey
Mr. Lee Tyner
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Selected NCAA Staff Members