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RE: *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill* – Case No. 00231

To All Parties:

Since the issuance of the first notice of allegations on May 20, 2015, the Committee on Infractions (COI) has worked to facilitate a fair, complete and timely resolution of this matter. The panel continues to do so today. While the panel was prepared to consider this case in June (consistent with bylaw timelines), due to recent developments, a new hearing date will be established for August 2017.

On March 7, 2017, the institution requested an extension to file a response to the December 13, 2016, second Amended Notice of Allegations (ANOA). In the week since that request, four developments occurred:

- Ms. Deborah Crowder filed a response to the second ANOA;
- I proposed a modified briefing schedule that ensured the parties had adequate time to file complete responses, preserved the panel's opportunity to diligently prepare for the hearing and set a June 2017 hearing date, consistent with the timeline established by the bylaws;
- The enforcement staff responded on behalf of the participating parties, identifying that the parties had taken initial steps to schedule an interview with Ms. Crowder and that the institution, Ms. Boxill and Ms. Crowder did not agree with my proposal and continued to request additional time to respond to the second ANOA; and
- The institution notified the Office of the Committees on Infractions that it was not feasible for Chancellor Folt to participate in the case under the legislated timeline.

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Based on Ms. Crowder's very late engagement in this process, I am aware of the parties' intention to interview her. While it was not the panel's intention to delay this case, additional time presents the parties with an opportunity to present the panel with the best information pertinent to deciding this case. In order to develop the best record and prevent further delays, the parties should also use this additional time to inquire whether other individuals with information pertinent to this case (e.g., Dr. Julius Nyang'oro, Ms. Mary Willingham, former student-athletes, etc.) remain unavailable or unwilling to interview and participate in this process. The infractions program is predicated on a cooperative process that develops full information about potential violations and protects confidential case-related information. *See Bylaws 19.01.3 and 19.2.3.* Those principles are fundamental in all cases.

Pursuant to Bylaws 19.3.8-(e) and 19.7.6 and COI Internal Operating Procedure (IOP) 3-11, I request that the enforcement staff on behalf of the parties provide me with an update on the participation of Ms. Crowder (and any other individuals) no later than **March 31, 2017**. After receiving that update, I will set a fair and efficient briefing schedule consistent with the timeframes contemplated by Bylaw 19.

All parties are reminded that 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* COI IOP 4-1 Confidentiality. If you have any questions, please contact Joel McGormley, managing director, at (317-917-6774) jmcgormley@ncaa.org or Matt Mikrut, associate director, at (317-917-6838) mmikrut@ncaa.org.

Sincerely,



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