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Dear Shep:

Please regard this letter as follow up to my June 28, 2011, email to you and an update on the status of The Ohio State University infractions case.

In that email, I indicated that the enforcement staff recently conducted a conference call with institutional officials regarding the status of the continuing investigation and pending August 12, 2011, hearing. During the call with the institution, it was agreed that (1) additional issues remained for investigation, (2) written responses to the notice of allegations were still due July 5 and (3) we would reconvene with the institution on July 11 to determine if we need to push back the hearing date. I also mentioned in my email to you that no additional allegations had been made by the staff. Please note that since that email, an amended notice of allegations containing one additional violation related to the first allegation was issued to the involved parties.

On Monday, the enforcement staff conducted another call with institutional officials and determined that it is possible to move forward with the August 12 hearing while acknowledging the additional review is necessary. At this point in the inquiry, the available evidence does not warrant additional allegations; however, the investigation remains open. As a result, the staff and institution agreed not to postpone the currently scheduled hearing date of August 12 while we finalize the investigation of the remaining open issues. The institution understands and agrees that additional allegations may result from the ongoing inquiry and that the violations set forth in the current notice of allegations may form the partial basis for a failure to monitor or lack of institutional control when viewed in light of any additional violations. The institution also understands that if new violations are discovered, a second hearing may be necessary.

I also updated Gene Marsh, counsel for Jim Tressel, with the above information, and he indicated his agreement to moving ahead with the August hearing date, with the note that he is not privy to the information that has been gathered subsequent to the issuing of the notice of allegations. Mr. Marsh also stated that he understood that the continuing investigation could potentially lead to additional allegations involving Mr. Tressel.

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Please note that the enforcement staff and institution are not requesting the committee to take any action regarding this matter but agreed that it was appropriate to provide the committee with this information given the unique circumstances. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SJH', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Stephanie J. Hannah
Director of Enforcement

SJH:pjp

cc: Mr. Gene Marsh
Mr. Chuck Smrt