

May 26, 2014

President Kirk Schulz Anderson Hall Kansas State University Manhattan, KS 66502

## Dear President Schulz:

I appreciate the trust that you have shown in me over the last five years. It is an honor to serve the University and our student-athletes as director of athletics and CEO of K-State Athletics, Inc.

An important component of that responsibility is to recommend any needed changes to university policies regarding intercollegiate athletics. The university's policy regarding the appeals process for student-athletes who have been denied in their request to be released from their obligation to the University under NCAA grant-in-aid rules predates your and my arrival at K-State and has not been modified in many years. Recent events have revealed inflexibility in the process with regards to the ability for the athletic director to retract a denial of a release if new information relevant to the original denial becomes relevant.

It is my recommendation that the following language and step be added to our existing process. We are bound by NCAA rules to respond to a student-athlete's request for a transfer release within seven business days and the committee is obligated to provide a hearing within ten days. The reality is that because of various circumstances, sufficient communication and or other relevant information simply may not develop fully during such a compressed time period.

## Director of Athletics Review Provision

If the Appeals Committee decides that the requested release is not justified, the Director of Athletics may, in his sole discretion and within 15 business days of the Appeals Committee's decision, begin a process to review new information to determine whether the requested release is justified. If this review is initiated within 15 business days, then the Director of Athletics' decision (which shall be made in writing) is final. If this review is not initiated within 15 business days, then the Appeals Committee's decision is final. Decisions by the Appeals Committee to approve a student-athlete's appeal and grant a student-athlete release are final and will not be subject to this review.

As a matter of institutional control, I believe that the proper step to institute this change would be by approval by the KSA, Inc. Board of Directors and with your approval I will call for a Board meeting as soon as possible to consider this policy change.

Sincere

John Currie Director of Athletics







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