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Mr. Curtis Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing to provide you with the results of your hearing of August 27, 1998 before the Athletic Financial Aid Committee, the purpose of which was to consider your appeal of the earlier decision to not renew your athletic financial assistance for the 1998-99 year. The Committee's findings and conclusions are provided below.

Findings

After carefully considering the information presented during the hearing, including statements from you and Mr. Bayard, the Committee found:

- It was not aware of any evidence that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) provided you with an early warning that your scholarship for 1998-99 was in jeopardy or that it no longer wanted you to be a part of the athletic program. In fact, the Committee found that ICA took actions last year that could reasonably lead you to believe that it wanted your continued participation. The Committee noted particularly the fact that Coaches Linehan and Milus intervened on your behalf last January by vouching for you before the judge presiding over your case and that they recommended that you be released from jail. Additionally, ICA provided financial support so that you could attend the University this summer.
- The original decision not to renew your scholarship was based on two concerns: first, that at that time you had failed to make satisfactory academic progress and, under NCAA, rules you were unable to compete in 1998-99, and;

second, that your personal problems—notably the domestic difficulties you had encountered with your wife—had not been resolved.

- With the successful completion of 15 credits for summer quarter you are now fully eligible to compete this season. Moreover, your personal difficulties appear to have been eliminated, largely because your wife has relocated to Alaska.

Conclusion

Given the forgoing—notably that you have taken steps to bring yourself into good academic standing and that the principle source of your personal difficulties has been eliminated—the Committee has concluded that the earlier decision to not renew your athletic assistance should be reversed. Accordingly, by copy of this letter, I am informing Ms. Barbara A. Hedges and Coach James Lambright that your scholarship for 1998-99 is to be renewed.

If there are questions, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



Eric S. Godfrey
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Director of Student Financial Aid

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cc: Mr. Ralph S. Bayard
Ms. Barbara A. Hedges
Coach James Lambright
Members, Athletic Financial
Aid Committee