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(Neb.)-Chadron State posts response to NCAA Notice of Allegations

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LINCOLN – The Nebraska State College System announced today it has posted Chadron State College's and Bill O'Boyle's responses to the NCAA Notice of Allegations on the NSCS website. The responses were filed with the NCAA on December 21, 2012.

In its response to the allegations, the college agrees that NCAA violations did happen, but emphasizes that they were self reported after the college discovered them. It admitted that it should have monitored the football program's fundraising and expenses more closely, but said it had no way of knowing about many of the expenses because O'Boyle did not report or document them.

The college says that since the investigation began, it has improved the compliance program and hired a full-time accountant for the athletic department. It also self-imposed punishments, including the suspension of O'Boyle before deciding not to renew his contract, reprimanding Athletic Director Brad Smith, imposing two years of probation and limiting its football recruiting.

In O'Boyle's response, he accepts responsibility for the violations and failing to fully educate himself on the appropriate procedures. He also concedes that he should have kept receipts for expenses but denies that he ever intentionally misled Smith or former CSC President Dr. Janie Park.

O'Boyle says he believed the outside bank accounts were permissible because Smith established the C-Club account before CSC moved to Division II and maintained it up until it was closed as part of the investigation.

O'Boyle also says that it was hard to know whether or not there were violations being committed because from the time Chadron State joined Division II up until the start of the investigation the college did not have a full-time compliance officer or full-time business manager for the athletic department.

O'Boyle says he has learned from the experience and will follow NCAA rules in all future coaching jobs.

Both documents can be viewed online at www.nscs.edu. The NCAA has scheduled a hearing in Indianapolis on February 22.