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**From:** Spanier, Graham [GSPANIER@psu.edu]  
**Sent:** 11/11/2011 10:59:00 PM  
**To:** Mark Emmert [mae@ncaa.org]  
**CC:** Berst, David [dberst@ncaa.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Penn State

Thanks for your good words. They mean a lot to me.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Emmert [mailto:mae@ncaa.org]  
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2011 4:52 PM  
To: Spanier, Graham  
Cc: Berst, David  
Subject: Re: Penn State

Graham,

First and foremost, I am so sorry that this sad affair has engulfed the university I know you love and have worked so hard to advance. I also know first hand your integrity and commitment to the values of higher education and to your students. As a friend and colleague I have been deeply saddened by the impact all this has had on you and no doubt your family. I'm not the least surprised that you took this responsibility on your shoulders, but it is a load most would not stand up to.

We will, of course, handle the convention schedule and working group tasks as you describe.

Look forward to talking with you in the future.

M.E.

Mark Emmert, President  
NCAA

On Nov 11, 2011, at 12:25 PM, "Spanier, Graham" <GSPANIER@psu.edu<mailto:GSPANIER@psu.edu>> wrote:

Dear Mark,

I know you are keenly aware on the news that I stepped down as president of Penn State yesterday in order to let the board have a clear hand in dealing with the turmoil surrounding the horrendous behaviors reported about a former coach. First, it is important to me personally to assure friends and colleagues, with all honesty and sincerity, that I had no knowledge of the terrible crimes that are being reported. I think you know me well enough to know that I would never for a moment hesitate to intervene if I had been advised of a possible sexual crime against children. Nevertheless, as the president of the university I have had to take the position that the buck stops here.

Rod Erickson will move into the presidency and no one could be better in this role at this time. With my stepping down as president, I think you would agree that I step off the panel discussion on January 11 at the NCAA meeting. I know you will find someone very good to take this spot. I will also need to turn over the reins of the committee I was chairing. I believe there were just two remaining issues, and I will be pleased to be available to Dave Berst and you to talk about such matters should you need me. Please know that as President Emeritus I will always be available to you. I hope our paths cross again soon and wish you well with the great challenges you have before you at the NCAA.

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