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Importance: High

President Erickson asked that I distribute the below message for your information.

DATE: November 22, 2011
FROM: Rodney A. Erickson
TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
UPDATE 4

As discussed, it is my intent to provide updates on a regular basis.

- Yesterday, Trustees Ken Frazier and Ron Tomalis, chair and vice chair, respectively of the Special Investigations Committee held a press conference announcing that Louis Freeh had been engaged to lead an independent investigative review into all aspects of the University's actions with regard to the allegations of child abuse involving a former Penn State employee contained in the recent Grand Jury report. This announcement, I believe, has brought appropriate focus to our serious attention in this matter.

If you did not have a chance to view the press conference, you can do so by visiting: <http://archive.alliedpixel.net/announcements/11-21-11>

The related press release can be found at: <http://live.psu.edu/story/56476>

- A message was sent to the University Community yesterday and you should have received a copy. I noted that in the last two painful weeks, Penn State has been shaken to our foundation. But we are moving forward, and with every decision we're committed to doing the right thing for the victims, their families, and the Penn State community. Everyone at Penn State have all played a role in helping us define a path for the future. They've inspired us with their resilience, generosity, and hope. They have given me their confidence and encouragement.
- Attached is a letter from the US Department of Education regarding the program review subsequent to the Cleary Act. The investigative team will be on campus from November 28-30, and he has instructed everyone who plays a role in campus crime reporting to cooperate to the fullest possible extent in the review.

We will keep you apprised of the review and any related findings going forward.

- Acting AD Joyner and I wanted the Board to be aware of the attached NCAA letter regarding possible violations within the Wrestling program because of the potential seriousness of the inquiry that could result in Level 1 sanctions. Although the letter is dated September 13, we only became aware of it late last week. An experienced attorney is currently working with the Athletic Department to draft a response from Penn State, which will be shared with the Board when it is submitted to the NCAA.

On a related NCAA matter, I have a conference call scheduled for tomorrow with Mark Emmert about the allegations of sexual abuse occurring in the athletic facilities.

- I had written earlier about a number of initiatives that were under development, one of which was for the establishment of an institute for the prevention and treatment of child abuse. A draft proposal has been developed and is being circulated with our academic leadership. We expect to be able to announce this by mid-week next week. The proposal notes, "At Penn State, we are acutely aware of the need to redouble our efforts to better understand the cultural, behavioral, environmental and biological causes of child maltreatment, to develop improved methods of prevention and detection, and to implement these insights through education and policy. We are also prepared to dedicate considerable resources to the identification and treatment of survivors. We recommit ourselves and our University to harness all of our energy and intellect in the service of improving the wellbeing of children. To that end, we propose the creation of the Penn State Institute for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse."

Hal Paz has worked diligently to lead the initial team in developing the proposal. The Institute, a multi-campus, multidisciplinary collaboration, will bring together the University's clinicians, scientists, legal and policy scholars, and educators to improve the lives of children in our commonwealth and beyond.

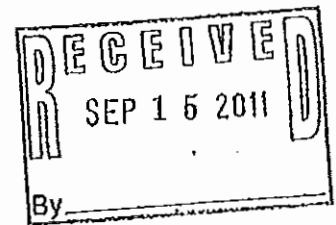
- President's Council continues to meet on a daily basis to receive updates on the initiatives identified. Again, we expect to make several announcements over the next two weeks regarding support for victims, partnerships with various agencies, research initiatives, and educational program developments.
- As noted earlier, we're continuing to track the applications to Penn State. As you can see from the attached charts, we're about 3 percent ahead in applications over last year, and I can report that applications to the Schreyer Honors College are up by 9 percent over last year's figures. We'll continue to monitor this data.
- We've continue to distribute daily Issues Updates electronically to all members of the Board--this will help to keep you apprised of the issues in the headlines and other events.

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Dear Mr. Curley:

Information recently was reported to the NCAA enforcement staff that questioned whether the men's wrestling program violated NCAA legislation.

Specifically, it was reported that the institution has violated the provisions of NCAA Bylaws 11.7.4 (Limitations on the Number of Coaches), 11.01.7 (Supplemental Pay), 12.5.1.6 (Camps) and 17.29 (Playing Rules).

It was reported that the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club (Club) provides instructional opportunities for scholastic and collegiate wrestlers in that the club offers off-season camps and practices for prospective student-athletes and collegiate wrestlers, funding for travel to non-NCAA national and international competitions, seminars and clinics by nationally recognized experts on nutrition, dieting, weight control and sports psychology and strength training.

Aaron Anspach is employed by the club, and although he is not a member of the institution's men's wrestling coaching staff, he has an office within the institution's athletics department. It was further reported that Anspach attends and participates in men's wrestling coaching staff meetings, provides coaching instruction to members of the men's wrestling team, travels with the men's wrestling program, sends correspondence to prospective student-athletes and their parents and sits on the institution's bench during wrestling meets with other members of the men's wrestling coaching staff, including Cael Sanderson, Cody Sanderson, Casey Cunningham and Troy Letters.

Additionally, it was reported that strength and conditioning coach Shawn Contos practiced with the men's wrestling team and that the men's wrestling coaches utilize the assistance of former elite wrestling athletes to train with the institution's wrestling student-athletes. Finally, it was reported that Cael Sanderson uses his relationship with Undefeated Sports Incorporated to secure energy drinks, nutritional cookies and T-shirts, which he provides to members of the institution's wrestling team at no cost to the student-athletes, that several

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student-athletes used a sauna to lose weight during the 2009-10 academic year and that Ken Chertow's Summer 2011 Gold Medal Training Camp System used student-athletes Nic Bedelyon and Quentin Wright in his camp brochure to help promote his camp, even though neither young man worked as members at the camp.

In order for the enforcement staff to determine if violations of NCAA bylaws occurred, please provide the following information in writing to this office by November 16, 2011.

1. A description of the association of Aaron Anspach to the institution and its men's wrestling program. Please indicate whether Anspach attends wrestling coaching staff meetings, travels with the wrestling team, sits on the institution's bench during intercollegiate wrestling competitions, attends and participates in wrestling practice sessions and is involved in drafting and transmitting wrestling recruiting correspondence.
2. A statement describing the institution's policies regarding team travel for men's wrestling. Please include information regarding the institution's policies for including individuals not associated with the conduct and operation of the men's wrestling team on the wrestling team transportation used for away-from-home contests.
3. A statement indicating whether Shawn Contos engaged in practice activities with the men's wrestling program. If so, please indicate the level of his participation and the number of occasions on which he participated in practice activities.
4. A statement indicating whether the institution utilizes the assistance of former elite wrestling athletes to train with the institution's wrestling squad. If so, please indicate the circumstances under which each session occurred.
5. A statement indicating whether any members of the wrestling team used a sauna to lose weight during the 2009-10 academic year. If so, please identify each occasion and each student-athlete.
6. A statement indicating whether Cael Sanderson provided wrestling team members with energy drinks, nutritional cookies and T-shirts from Undefeated Sports Incorporated. If so, please identify all members of the wrestling team who received these benefits and the level of benefits received by each young man.
7. A statement indicating whether Nic Bedelyon and Quentin Wright appeared on Ken Chertow's Gold Medal Training Camp System brochure for the Summer 2011 session. . .

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Your assistance and cooperation in this matter are appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] at your convenience.

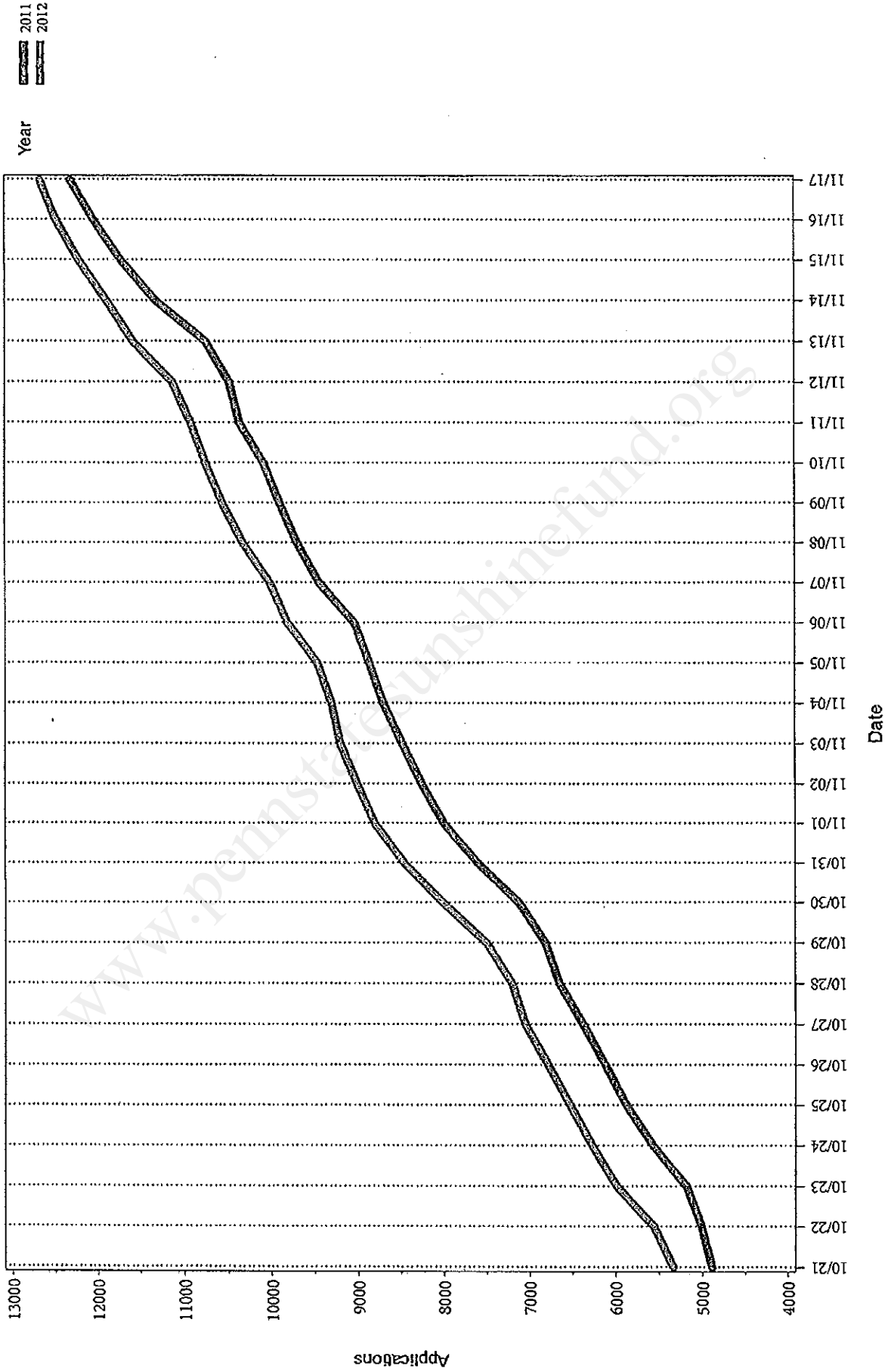
Sincerely,

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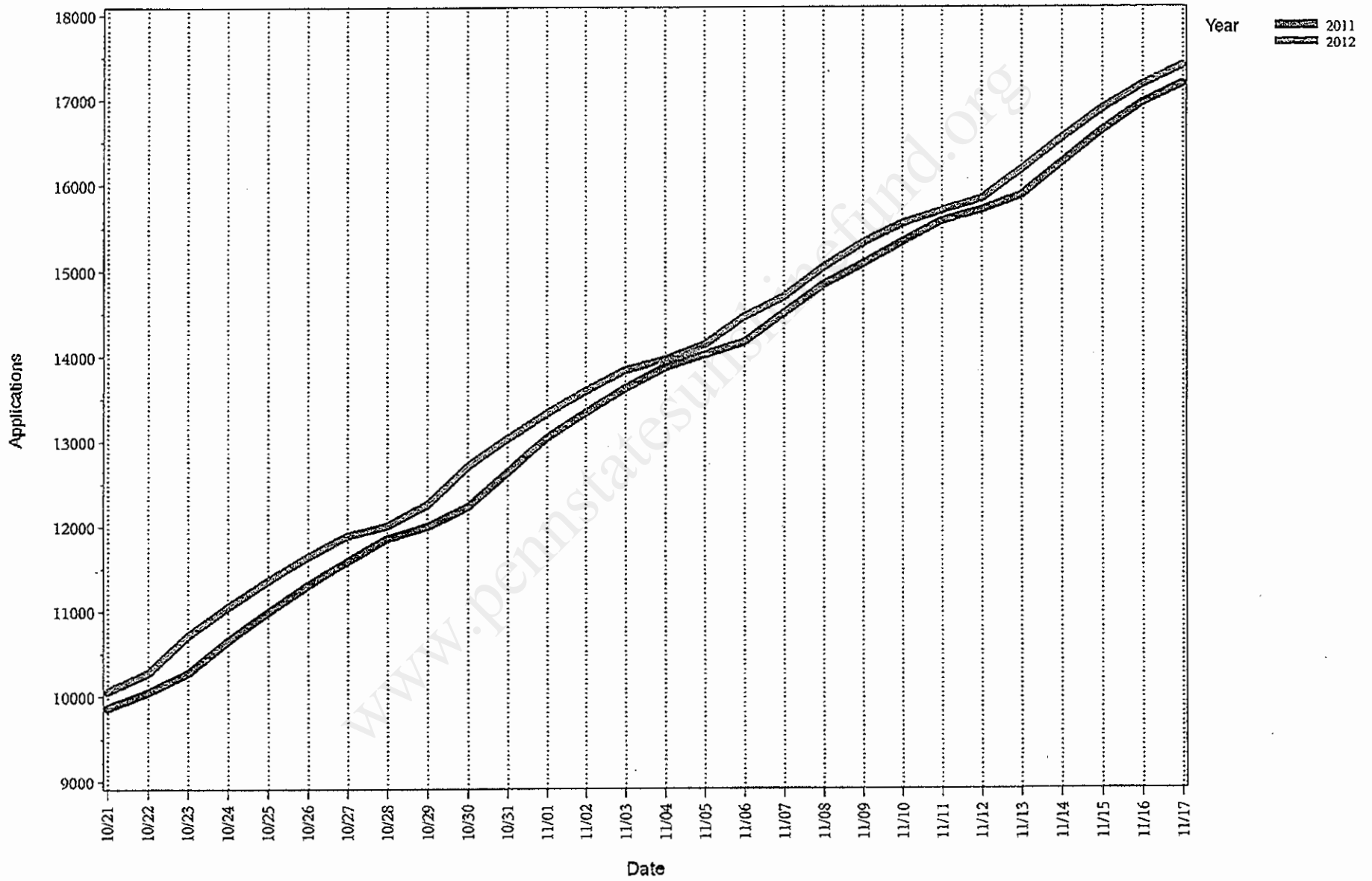
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2011 to 2012 Application Cycle Comparison Cumulative Application Submission International All Campuses Summer/Fall Freshman Baccalaureate

