

University of Southern California

WHEREAS, the NCAA Committee on Infractions has investigated alleged violations of NCAA legislation by the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and reported its findings to the Council;

WHEREAS, the Council has found the University of Southern California to have been in violation of Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution in that from 1952 until the summer of 1956, the Southern California Educational Foundation provided student-athletes of the University with monthly cash allowances, the Foundation issuing checks to various individuals who were identified as "counsellors" and the "counselors", in turn, cashing the checks and giving the money to the student-athletes involved;

WHEREAS, the checks ranged between approximately \$10 and \$75 per month and averaged approximately \$41.50 for the year 1955-56, the variance in amounts being based upon "need";

WHEREAS, the Council has found the University of Southern California to have been in violation of Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution in that there was direct liaison between the University and the Southern California Educational Foundation in the form of an employee of the University Alumni Association, this individual recommending to the Foundation the amounts of the monthly gifts to be given to each of the student-athletes in accordance with his "need";

WHEREAS, the past records of the Foundation have not been made available to the PCC or the NCAA, although the Foundation was agreed that records of the future will be made available to inspection by the PCC and/or the NCAA,

WHEREAS, the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Athletic Conference conducted a thorough and diligent investigation into all of these matters and took action against the University of Southern California, July 8, 1956;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council support the action of the PCC in placing the University on probation until July 1, 1958, in ruling the University ineligible to participate in the Rose Bowl Game or any other post-season football contest during the period of said probation; in ruling the University ineligible for listing or consideration as Conference football champion during said period; in denying the University its share of receipts from the Rose Bowl football game; in prohibiting the University from appearing upon any national television program (exclusive of an existing contractual commitment); in fining the University \$10,000 for its refusal to cooperate completely with the Conference Commissioner in his investigation, and in ruling ineligible for part of their athletic careers various student-athletes who had been recipients of the illicit aid from the Foundation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in supporting the PCC's action, the NCAA Council places the University of Southern California on probation until November 13, 1958, it being understood

that the Committee on Infractions shall review the athletic policies and practices of the University prior to the expiration of this probation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the first year of this probation (November 13, 1956, to November 13, 1957), the University shall not be eligible to enter athletes or teams in National Collegiate Championship competition and those invitational and like events which cooperate with the NCAA in the administration of its enforcement program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the period of this probation, the University of Southern California's football team shall be ineligible to participate in the national television series administered by the Association, except for an existing contractual commitment for the 1956 season;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council wishes to commend the University in its successful effort in obtaining access to the records of the Foundation; at the same time, the Council must point out that the Foundation's decision not to make such records available to the Commissioner of the PCC and to this Association has been a factor in the Council's disposition of this case;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that record be made of the cooperation and assistance accorded the NCAA and its Committee on Infractions by the PCC and its Commissioner;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that record be made of the cooperation and assistance accorded the NCAA and its Committee on Infractions by the administration of the University of Southern California.

Adopted by NCAA Council: November 13, 1956

Approved by 51st Convention: January 9-11, 1957