

From: [Jones, Kenneth Jones](#)
To: ["Doug King"](#)
Cc: [Herron, Laura](#)
Subject: RE: Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 9:51:00 AM
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Our academic coordinator discovered this yesterday when reviewing her courses for fall registration and reported it to me. The date on the first transcript is October 23, 2018. This transcript only included the classes that were in progress for fall 2018. We received the updated transcript yesterday showing that she successfully completed 6 hours.

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From: Doug King <dking@socon.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 7:51 AM
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Cc: Herron, Laura <Laura-Herron@utc.edu>
Subject: Re: Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree

Ken,

1. You are correct. Pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.2.3, % of degree requirements kick in "at the beginning of that student's third or later academic year (fifth semester or seventh quarter) of full-time enrollment." If this SA has only completed 2 FT semesters she is not subject to the 40% requirement.
2. How do you know the SA was certified eligible to compete without proof of meeting the 6 hours requirement? What is the date on first transcript you viewed?

Thanks,

Doug

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From: Jones, Kenneth Jones <kenneth-jones01@utc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:23:13 PM
To: Doug King
Cc: Herron, Laura
Subject: Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree

Hey Doug,

Two questions for you.

1. We are trying to determine if an incoming transfer student has to meet 40% prior to enrolling full time in the fall of 2019. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Before moving forward, I want to confirm that percentage of degree is based upon the number of full time terms the student was enrolled in. Which leads me to this question. Will the student be required to meet 40% prior to enrolling fall 2019? Our academic office believes she has to meet 40%, but I was always under the impression that it's the number of full time terms the student was enrolled in.

2. We have a situation where an incoming transfer student (Enrolled Fall 17, Spring 18 and Fall 18 at previous institution) was certified as eligible to compete for the spring 2019 semester without proof of passing 6 hours. The transcript on file only showed that the courses were in progress for the fall 2018 semester. We just received an updated transcript from the previous institution confirming that she passed 6 hours. However, the student competed in WTO and WTI prior to this. Would the NCAA look at this as a student competing while ineligible? Does the student have to be reinstated?

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From: [Jones, Kenneth Jones](#)
To: [Doug King](#)
Cc: [Herron, Laura](#); [Anthony, Dave](#); [Blackman, Emily](#)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 3:02:00 PM
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Just heard back from Emily. Yes, she is scheduled to graduate in December.

From: Doug King <dking@socon.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Jones, Kenneth Jones <kenneth-jones01@utc.edu>
Cc: Herron, Laura <Laura-Herron@utc.edu>; Anthony, Dave <david-anthony@utc.edu>; Blackman, Emily <Emily-Blackman@utc.edu>
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Ken,

Just heard back from the NCAA regarding my interpretation request.

Will [REDACTED] graduate in December?

If yes, you can apply 14.4.3.1.7.1 to her final 2 terms (S19 and F19) which means you should be able to use [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to meet the 6 hour requirement for the S19 term. This would satisfy the requirements of 14.4.3.4.3 and no PTD waiver would be necessary.

Please keep in mind that if you use this exception and she does not graduate in December she forfeits eligibility in all sports.

Let me know if you have any questions.

I will send you the written interpretation as soon as it is posted.

Thanks,

Doug

From: Jones, Kenneth Jones <kenneth-jones01@utc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Doug King <dking@socon.org>
Cc: Herron, Laura <Laura-Herron@utc.edu>; Anthony, Dave <david-anthony@utc.edu>
Subject: [REDACTED]

Doug,

Do you have a contact at the NCAA that can help us expedite the attached PTD waiver? The waiver

was submitted today due to a deficiency in the 6 hour requirement. We are hoping to receive a decision before the next [REDACTED] scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 at 3:00 pm.

We would like to use the previously approved waiver criteria below as a “High Achieving Student,” but the cases listed are not pulling up for me.

High achieving students.

Nontransfers with a 3.0 or above cumulative grade-point-average:

- The student-athlete is a continuing undergraduate student, not a transfer student, presents a cumulative GPA above 3.00 and on an academic track to graduate within five years of initial full-time enrollment.
- Institution has on file an academic recovery plan that shows graduation within five years.
- The mitigation asserted must conform to the current directive regarding the standard of review of progress-toward-degree waivers and any documentation corroborating the mitigation must be kept on file.
- In cases of misadvisement, the institution must complete an institutional recovery and it must be kept on file.
- See Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver RSRO Case No. 998866; 997089 and 991667.

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From: [Jones, Kenneth Jones](#)
To: [Doug King](#)
Subject: RE: NLI Release Request for [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 3:18:00 PM
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Thank You Doug.

From: Doug King <dking@socon.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Jones, Kenneth Jones <kenneth-jones01@utc.edu>
Cc: Herron, Laura <Laura-Herron@utc.edu>; Anthony, Dave <david-anthony@utc.edu>
Subject: RE: NLI Release Request for [REDACTED]

Ken,

The ACC doesn't enforce the NLI recruiting ban; the ban is enforced by the NLI office. You appear to have 3 options:

1. Deny the release and provide the NLI office with the information you have regarding the violation of the ban during the appeal of the no release decision; or
2. Report the alleged violation to the NLI office through the NLI Portal; or
3. Do both.

During NLI appeal process: During an NLI appeal of an institution's no release decision, if information is brought forward to the NLI office regarding an allegation of a violation of the NLI recruiting ban,

communication with the NLI signee and/or his or her family members by another institution will be presented to the NLI Committee. The standard for review in considering all factors associated with the NLI appeal will also include an analysis under a reasonable-person standard, focusing on whether the communication would have affected a "reasonable-person's" decision to attend the institution. If a significant recruiting advantage is gained, the committee may impose conditions impacting both the institution and student-athlete (e.g., withholding competition) to address the recruiting advantage gained.

NLI POLICY VIOLATIONS: Any NLI policy violations must be reported to the NLI office through the NLI Portal, not through RSRO. **Facts associated with the violation can be submitted through the NLI Portal.** Examples of NLI violations are: NLI recruiting ban, signing of four-year college transfers. Once the facts are reviewed, the institution will receive notification of the violation and any corrective actions.

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,

Doug

From: Jones, Kenneth Jones <kenneth-jones01@utc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 2:36 PM
To: Doug King <dking@socon.org>
Cc: Herron, Laura <Laura-Herron@utc.edu>; Anthony, Dave <david-anthony@utc.edu>
Subject: FW: NLI Release Request for [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Doug,

We received the email below from a parent requesting an NLI release for her son, [REDACTED]. Our head football coach, Rusty Wright, believes that Florida State violated the NLI recruiting band and would like to report it to the ACC conference office. The email below does not provide concrete evidence of any violation, but Coach Mims (Assistant Coach) and Rusty informed me that during a conversation over the phone the parents mentioned that Florida State's football staff had been in contact with their son. The conversation occurred on Monday, April 15.

Let me know your thoughts and if you think this is something we should report.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 4:28 PM
To: Anthony, Dave <david-anthony@utc.edu>; Jones, Kenneth Jones <kenneth-jones01@utc.edu>;

Mims, Adam <adam-mims@utc.edu>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: NLI Release Request for [REDACTED]

Importance: High

Good afternoon gentlemen – I am following up with you via email because this afternoon we submitted to the University of Tennessee Chattanooga a NLI release request for our son [REDACTED]. After submitting the request I realized that a few characters were transposed to ??? and there was one typo in the comments field of the submission. Therefore, I have included below the comments again in an effort to provide you with a clear and concise explanation of why we are submitting the NLI release request. If there are any additional questions please feel free to contact us at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Also, please note that I was unable to locate an email address for Coach Wright to include him on this correspondence. Thanks in advance for your time and attention to this request.

We, [REDACTED] are submitting this release request from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga (UTC) because on 04/16/19 [REDACTED] received a letter of acceptance from the Admissions Office of Florida State University (FSU). This letter of acceptance also allows him the opportunity to be a PWO in the Seminole football program. While we were well in the midst of exploring other secondary education opportunities inclusive and exclusive of FSU over the last 4 years FSU has always remained at the top of the list for [REDACTED]. We appreciate the opportunity for [REDACTED] to attend and play at UTC; however, until January of 2019 UTC did not have [REDACTED] on their radar and we were unaware of their interest. We will say that UTC did a great job of impressing [REDACTED] in the short timeframe they had with the final national signing day fastly approaching. And when signing day rolled around and the submission of [REDACTED] NLI was due (02/13/19) none of the other opportunities we were pursuing had materialized. [REDACTED] had 3 full scholarship offers on the table and of those 3 he decided that UTC was the best fit for him academically and athletically based on the financial obligations they were offering him. We understand that this decision to request release is a very unfortunate change for UTC. And we apologize for having made a premature decision. Attending FSU is a long-time dream & [REDACTED] 1st choice for a secondary education. Unlike UTC, [REDACTED] has attended several FSU summer camps (June 2016 & 2017) and this is how his desire to attend FSU grew over the years. [REDACTED] has been following the FSU football program as a child and we all as a family believe that his decision to forego a full scholarship offer with UTC and be a PWO at FSU is the best decision for his future. Again, we humbly appreciate UTCs offer and interest in [REDACTED] ability to play in their program. Unfortunately, [REDACTED] heart is with FSU and we greatly will appreciate the

opportunity for him to continue his education and pursue his passion of playing football with the Florida State University and the Seminoles.

Thanks.

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