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Subject: RE: Football opinion

Ok.

From: Pisarik, Holly
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Subject: FW: Football opinion

Here's a draft of the revised opinion. I'll send the final once I have it from the Commission. Legal will need to closely analyze the attendee list for each game next season to ensure compliance with this opinion. Note in this revised opinion the permissive "personal use" language no longer exists.

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Here is the revised opinion. The final draft should also include the change that I suggested below.

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Good suggestion and I will make that change.

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Michael – My primary concern is the inconsistency in the last 2 sentences in the next to last paragraph. That passage reads as follows:

"State-related purposes would include, though not be limited to, economic development and the hosting of out-of-state dignitaries. So long as the Governor's Office follows the guideline that these tickets are used only for official state business, then we believe the practice of the University donating these tickets may continue without restriction."
"

The first sentence uses the term "state-related purposes" and then includes a non-exhaustive list of what that might entail. Then, in the very next sentence, the phrase used is "official state business." Presumably those mean the same thing, but to avoid any questions and ambiguity I would recommend changing "official state business" in the second sentence to "state-related purposes" to ensure consistency.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow. Best,

Butch

From: Burchstead, Michael [<mailto:mburchstead@ethics.sc.gov>]
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Butch,

Attached is a copy of a redlined version of the existing Advisory Opinion. Let me know if you have any thoughts.

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