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Retraction and Correction of Haskell Indian Nations University's Statements Regarding the Status of the Office of Inspector General's Investigation into Allegations Against President Chenault

Haskell Indian Nations University previously stated that the investigation regarding Dr. Chenault, President of Haskell Indian Nations University, has been concluded with a finding of no wrongdoing. This statement, which was made in good faith, was erroneous.

An internal investigation conducted by the Bureau of Indian Education - Human Resources Office ("BIE Human Resources") into allegations of nepotism has been completed. In summation, BIE Human Resources' investigation found that no evidentiary basis exists to support a finding of wrongdoing on Dr. Chenault's part. Accordingly, BIE Human Resources closed its internal investigation and issued a finding that no disciplinary or other corrective action needed to be taken. For transparency and mutual cooperation purposes, the BIE Human Resources submitted its final investigation report to the Office of Inspector General. Submission of the final investigation report by BIE Human Resources to the Office of Inspector General was not the completion of an Office of Inspector General investigation.

The University incorrectly assumed that the internal investigation was the only investigation and that it was being conducted cooperatively between BIE Human Resources and the Office of Inspector General. Currently, we are still awaiting the issuance of a final investigation report from the Office of Inspector General regarding the complaint filed against Dr. Chenault. Haskell Indian Nations University sincerely apologizes for its oversight and for not being more careful in ensuring the accuracy of its initial release of information on this matter.