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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

## CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received allegations that a PI violated Title IX and, with respect to an NSF award, falsified time certification documentation; used NSF funds for purposes unrelated to the award; and broke university regulations to pay employees. We referred the Title IX allegations to NSF's Office of Diversity and Inclusion and found no evidence to substantiate the allegations related to the NSF award. However, we learned during the investigation that the PI was approved for and took a sabbatical and twice separated from the university during periods when the PI was either PI or Co-PI on three NSF awards. The university did not notify NSF of the PI's sabbatical or separations as required by policy. We issued a letter reminding the university of its obligation to notify NSF of long-term absences and withdrawals of PIs/co-PIs, as outlined in the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG).

This case is **closed** with no further action taken.