The NCAA is investigating Louisiana-Lafayette's football program over allegations that a former assistant coach gave improper financial benefits to a recruit and arranged to alter the ACT scores of six other student-athletes during the recruiting process.

In May, the NCAA notified the university of the allegations accusing former cornerbacks coach David Saunders of unethical activity while recruiting players to the team. The NCAA alleges that Saunders coordinated with an ACT supervisor in Wayne County, Mississippi, to modify the scores of prospective student-athletes on three separate occasions. The violations reportedly occurred in February 2011, June 2012, and June 2013, the association said.

The NCAA also accused Saunders of providing cash gifts amounting to around $5,000 to another recruit to help the student pay for his living and educational expenses while attending another institution. The NCAA said Saunders then gave the student $1,500 in cash to help pay for his housing expenses at the institution.

The NCAA also maintains that Saunders may have given misleading information during the investigation and refused to cooperate with the association's inquiry.

The university said it "agrees with the majority of the substantive allegation relating to Saunders' involvement in ACT exam fraud" in a statement released Sunday. It also said, however, that the allegations involving improper financial benefits do not have enough evidence to support them.

In response to the allegations, the

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