

Friends,

I'm writing the faculty governance leaders at our member, and non-member, institutions concerning the request, currently before the US Congress, for a Presidential Commission to look into issues facing Intercollegiate Athletics. I've attached a copy of a resolution (H.R. 275, is attached) for your information, and am asking for your help in presenting the matter to your Faculty Senate/Council/Governing Body's for their consideration of support for the bill. Your senate's statement of support for this resolution, if the senate can do so, would be very important. We are presently trying to get the bill out of committee (*Committee on Education and the Workforce* - U.S. House of Representatives), and faculty support of the resolution will be a powerful signal to the Congressional leadership. I should add that the bill, currently with four bi-partisan co-sponsors, is one of the very few bills receiving bi-partisan support in the U.S. Congress in the past several years.

Please note that the resolution urges your faculty to consider contacting your local congressional representative(s) for their support and to ask them to possibly sign-on to the bill as a co-sponsor. A large number of co-sponsors, of course, often play a significant role in the outcome of votes taken on an issue. We also believe that this will help get the bill more quickly to the floor of Congress for discussion.

I should add that Congress is currently being lobbied for COIA's inclusion on any President's Commission that is formed.

In short then, please consider asking your senate to consider the matter before the end of the academic year. Please let me know the outcome of any of their deliberations.

Thanks for your help and support in this effort, and please get back with me if you have any questions or concerns.

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