

Resolution
Authorizing the Auburn University Senate to join the Coalition on Intercollegiate
Athletics
February 8, 2005

Whereas, the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) is an organization representing university or faculty senates at 45 universities participating in Division IA of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, including eight of 12 Southeastern Conference Schools; and

Whereas, the COIA seeks to become a faculty voice in the national debate over the future of college sports and to this end has developed a Framework for Intercollegiate Athletics Reform; and

Whereas, the COIA is developing a series of policy papers dealing with athletics governance, admissions and scholarship issues, and the protection of academic integrity in college sports programs; and

Whereas, the COIA has established a close working relationship with the NCAA, the Association of Governing Boards, and with the American Association of University Professors, and is committed to developing responsible and workable approaches to preserving and enhancing the contributions athletics can make to academic life; and

Whereas, membership in the COIA provides an opportunity for our Senate leadership to participate in on-going discussions with Senate leaders from other universities on matters of faculty concern regarding intercollegiate sports; and

Whereas, the position and policy papers and documents developed through open debate within the COIA do not represent any obligations on the part of Auburn University, but simply represent the collective wisdom of Senate leaders across the country regarding best practices for the governance of intercollegiate athletics; and

Whereas, member universities of the COIA are represented at meetings and in votes by chairs of their university or faculty senates;

Therefore, by passage of this Resolution, the Auburn University Senate expresses its intent to join the COIA and to take part in continuing discussions regarding the future of intercollegiate athletics.



