

## **Report to the UAAC – November, 2004. Prepared by Jim Augustine, Faculty Senate Chair**

The [Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics \(COIA\)](#) was formed in 2002. COIA is a coalition of faculty senates, welcoming membership from all Division IA schools. It seeks to become a faculty voice in the national debate over the future of college sports. The Coalition functions through a Steering Committee of thirteen members, nominated by faculty leaders of schools in their conferences, and through ongoing communication with its membership.

COIA works with the American Association of University Professors, the Association of Governing Boards (a national organization representing college and university trustees), the NCAA, and other groups to promote serious and comprehensive reform of intercollegiate sports. Its goal is to preserve and enhance the contributions athletics can make to academic life by addressing longstanding problems in college sports that undermine those contributions. Its goals are set forth in its [Framework for Intercollegiate Athletics](#).

In May of 2003, faculty representatives from all 12 of the Southeastern Conference schools concluded a two-day meeting on the role of academics in college sports at Vanderbilt University by forming the SEC Association of Faculty Leaders and urging "significant reform of intercollegiate athletics." Rob Wilcox, Chair of the Faculty Senate represented USC at that [meeting](#).

In October, 2003 the AAUP Governance Conference in Indianapolis was devoted to intercollegiate athletics reform. COIA took part in the conference at NCAA headquarters, where representatives of more than fifty schools participated in work-sessions. Jim Augustine, Chair of the Faculty Senate represented USC at this meeting. COIA subsequently published a document titled: "[Campus Athletics Governance, the Faculty Role: Principles, Proposed Rules, and Guidelines](#)."

In February, 2004 the University Athletics Advisory Committee recommended that the Faculty Senate endorse the spirit of the "Framework for Comprehensive Athletics Reform" published by the Coalition and actively participate in on-going discussions on athletics reform by appointing a representative to the COIA. Further, they recommend that Jim Augustine be appointed to represent the Faculty Senate in these discussions. This recommendation was approved by the Faculty Senate. This set the wheels in motion for USC to be represented at discussions on athletics reform at a national level.

The UAAC then turned their attention to the significant issue of whether the UAAC is adequately charged to play the kind of significant role that the spirit of the "Framework" delineates. In April of 2004 the UAAC proposed to the Faculty Senate that the current charge to the UAAC be changed as found on the attached page.

COIA has been working on a second document entitled "[Academic Integrity in Intercollegiate Athletics: Principles, Proposed Rules, and Guidelines \(Draft Report, Sept. 2004\)](#)" This document is under discussion by COIA members and will be finalized at a meeting in Nashville in January of 2005. Part of COIA's purpose for that meeting is to set an agenda for 2005 and a strategy to accomplish it. The Steering Committee anticipates that next year they will tackle the very tough issues of cost control and commercialization.

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**Report From The University Athletics Advisory Committee (UAAC) – April 4, 2004**

**APPROVED by the Faculty Advisory Committee (April 20, 2004), the General Faculty (April 29, 2004), the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the Board of Trustees (November 5, 2004).**

The committee shall review and monitor admissions decisions and the academic performance of all student-athletes by regularly receiving appropriate and relevant information regarding the academic eligibility and progress of student-athletes, including graduation rates. The committee also receives reports on, reviews and advises, as appropriate, the Faculty Senate, the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), the President, the Director of Athletics, and the Board of Trustees on the following: annual inter-collegiate athletic program schedules and major changes to them; the annual budget of the Athletics Dept.; admissions decisions for athletes receiving grants-in-aid; NCAA certification reports, including Title 9 reports; major requests for waiver of any institutional athletic policies; major changes in Athletics Department personnel (specifically the Director of Athletics, Director of the Academic Support Unit, and head coaches for each sport); the needs, interests, and concerns of student athletes; all other issues regarding inter-collegiate activities as referred to it by University officials. The committee shall make at least an annual, written report of its activities to the Faculty Senate, the President, and the Director of Athletics.

Membership of the committee shall be six elected faculty members; three student members, (one undergraduate student-athlete who serves as either president or president-elect of the Student Athletics Advisory Committee; one undergraduate student appointed by the president of the student body; and one graduate student appointed by the student government with the consent of the Association of Graduate Students); one member of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee of the Board of Trustees appointed by the chair of that committee; and four presidential appointees (one at-large representative from the faculty; the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR); one representative from the Division of Student Affairs; and the Director of Athletics). The chair shall be a member of the faculty. The chair and the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR) shall sit with the Intercollegiate Activities Committee at its meetings, *ex officio*.