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**SS-S15-7, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Supporting the
Resolution Prepared by the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics
(COIA)**

Legislative History: At its meeting of May 11, 2015, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Backer for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
Supporting the Resolution Prepared by the Coalition on
Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA)**

Whereas: San José State University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA); and

Whereas: Concerns related to intercollegiate athletics have been raised nation wide, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the San José State University Academic Senate supports the attached resolution proposed by the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) calling for an endorsement of H. R. 275 which is a bi-partisan bill being considered by the 114th Congress, and be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be distributed to the bill's co-sponsors and our congressional representatives.

Approved: May 4, 2015
Vote: 12-0-0
Present: Kimbarow, Sabalius, Miller, Peter, Terry, Shifflett, Larochele,
Frazier, Brada-Williams, Grosvenor, Heiden, Backer
Financial Impact: None
Workload: There will be no workload changes



WHEREAS, San José State University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA); and

WHEREAS, the NCAA's recent restructuring effort has failed to effectively address critical issues currently confronting intercollegiate athletics: significant lapses of academic integrity, grave threats to the financial stability of athletic programs, the alarming escalation of coaches' salaries, the escalation of student fees and institutional general fund subsidies to support athletics, excessive athletics time demands that do not allow athletes to devote sufficient time to their academic studies, and ongoing concerns about the health and safety of college athletes, among others; effective reform of intercollegiate athletics is so complex and important to higher education that a blue ribbon commission of faculty, collegiate sports experts and members of Congress should be convened to objectively study these issues and propose solutions.

WHEREAS, the academic integrity and reputation of our higher education institutions and the education, health and welfare of college athletes are too important to allow these questionable practices to continue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Faculty Senate/Council that the Senate go on record in support of H.R. 275¹, a bi-partisan bill being considered by the 114th Congress, that would establish a blue-ribbon Presidential Commission "to identify and examine issues of national concern related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics and to make recommendations for the resolution of such issues;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individual faculty members consider contacting their respective Congressperson to ask that they co-sponsor the H.R. 275.

Current Co-Sponsors of the Bill include:

Bobby Rush (D-IL)
Joe Barton (R-TX)
Charlie Dent (R-PA)
Bobby Scott (D-VA)

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/275/text>

The Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics is an alliance of faculty governance bodies from the academic institutions in the Football Bowl Subdivision. COIA's mission is to promote the academic integrity of our universities, and to represent the interests of our faculties, non-athlete students and student-athletes in matters related to college sports that can significantly affect the health, sustainability and educational missions of our institutions.

<https://sites.comm.psu.edu/thecoa/>