

## What is COIA and what does the OSU COIA Representative Do?

- COIA is the *Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics*, an alliance of 57 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS, or what used to be called Division 1-A) university faculty senates whose aim is to uphold the academic side of intercollegiate sports.
- The COIA has emerged as a faculty voice on a variety of issues related to the overall problems facing intercollegiate sports.
- COIA issues include, but are not limited to, academic integrity, athlete welfare, governance of athletics at the school and conference level, finances, and commercialization.
- The COIA encourages efforts to compile and analyze relevant data, and remains open to rethinking its positions as information becomes available.
- The long term goal of the COIA is to work with all groups to develop a comprehensive plan that can be practically implemented as a series of scheduled steps.
- Additional information about COIA can be obtained from the website at <http://sites.comm.psu.edu/thecoia/>.
- The OSU COIA rep will represent the Faculty Senate at COIA national annual meetings, which typically occur during OSU's winter term, and will provide a written report about the conference activities and discussions to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
- The COIA rep will meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee as requested to discuss general issues related to intercollegiate athletics or specific issues related to COIA business.
- When requested, the COIA rep will report on COIA activities at Faculty Senate meetings. Unless specific issues are being debated, this is typically no more than once per year.
- The COIA rep will serve as a voting member on the University's Athletics Advisory Committee, which meets 1-3 times per term.