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Subject: Appointing a COIA Representative for the Rutgers University Senate

Dear Ann,

I'm writing on behalf of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics to request that you and the Rutgers University Senate consider appointing a continuing senate representative to COIA. In our experience, because of the regular turnover of faculty senate leadership and the varied levels of interest that senate chairs have in athletics issues, it is very helpful when a faculty colleague engaged with athletics issues can represent the senate within COIA over a period of several years.

Three-quarters of COIA member senates have designated "COIA Reps." They are the most frequent participants at our annual meetings, where we generally conduct business essential to the Coalition, and we rely on them as active liaisons with their local senates and sources of new ideas. Most members of our national Steering Committee became involved with the Coalition as COIA Reps, and many continue in that role.

The specific qualifications, terms, and expectations for COIA Reps are determined by each senate, and the degree of engagement of each colleague varies widely. Though we hope for active contributions, the involvement of COIA Reps is theirs to determine.

If you yourself have an interest in athletics matters, we would certainly welcome you if you wished to take on the role of COIA Rep. This has worked successfully in a number of cases. However, given the time commitment involved with serving as senate chair, most chairs prefer not to take on an added burden. Because we need to maintain direct touch with member senates, we do keep all member senate chairs updated about COIA issues and activities (sometimes more than they wish!), whether they serve as COIA Rep or not.

This year, we expect to involve COIA Reps more directly via email than we have in the past: we have already circulated messages to a COIA Rep email list and more will be coming soon. Because we don't want to exclude any member senates from those conversations, so long as the Rutgers senate has no designated COIA Rep, we do plan to include you as a blind-copy recipient of messages sent to the COIA Rep list.

As always, I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have, whether about COIA Reps or any other Coalition issue.

Best wishes,

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