

Boulder Faculty Assembly
Executive Committee
Resolution: Ratification of COIA Charter
BFA-R-0404 March 1, 2004

WHEREAS intercollegiate athletics provides an important enhancement to a vibrant academic community, and the positive contributions of intercollegiate athletics are something that faculty at the Boulder campus seek to sustain; and

WHEREAS over the last several decades the practice of college sports has seen more than its share of serious problems that have conflicted with and at times outweighed its constructive potential; and

WHEREAS the Faculty of the Boulder Campus of the University of Colorado are very concerned about the growing problems associated with intercollegiate athletics in higher education, both for student life and the overall mission of the university; and

WHEREAS these problems are far from simple and require a sustained, focused and nation-wide as well as campus-wide effort to clarify a long-term vision of the appropriate role of college athletics;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Boulder Faculty Assembly ratifies the charter of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), originally issued in March, 2003, thereby joining a growing list of faculty governance councils across the country in their prolonged effort to seek reforms in how athletics is operated and is governed at the college level and to ensure that athletics enhances rather than undermines the academic mission.

Resolution presented to the BFA: March 4, 2004
Passed by the BFA: March 4, 2004

Background:

See the charter and call for call for a coalition at the COIA website:

<http://www.math.umd.edu/~jmc/COIA/COIA-Home.html>