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Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2003 6:31 PM  
To: Tony Brennan (Florida)  
Cc: Jean Larson (Florida)  
Subject: Athletics Coalition / Sponsorship for Attending AAUP Conference

Dear Professor Brennan,

I have learned from the Florida website that you are faculty senate leader at Florida this year. I'm forwarding below a message that was sent out today to faculty senate presidents of SEC schools from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics. Last year, Jean Larson preferred that Florida not be included on our SEC email list, but I did forward some messages in this way to keep Florida informed. We will be happy follow whatever method you prefer. A second message will be sent out tomorrow, and if I don't hear from you before, I hope you won't mind my forwarding it in this way.

Best,  
Bob Eno  
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Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2003 12:32:37 -0500 (EST)  
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Dear SEC Colleagues,

In a message we sent in July, we noted that the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics would have a major opportunity to make progress on athletics reform at the annual AAUP Governance Conference, scheduled for October 9-11 in Indianapolis. This year's conference will focus on college sports, and has been planned in cooperation with our Coalition and with the NCAA, which will host the opening day. Among the opening day speakers will be NCAA President Myles Brand, John Walda, Board Chairman of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (the AGB), and Jim Earl, co-chair of our Coalition. Working sessions on the remaining days will offer our Coalition the chance to gather and make real progress on specific reform goals - more details appear below.

The NCAA and AGB agree with us that this conference is a unique opportunity to capture the momentum that has grown for athletics reform and create a new context that can overcome the obstacles that have undermined past reform efforts. The key change is the engagement of faculty on a national level. In

order to make full faculty participation in the conference possible, a letter from Myles Brand, John Walda, and Jim Earl, has been sent to all Division I-A presidents, explaining the importance of the conference, and requesting that they sponsor the participation of their school's faculty senate leader or designated senate representative.

We hope very much that this initiative will make it possible for Coalition liaisons from all schools to attend the conference, and we encourage you to contact your president to explore this possibility.

The conference will be a working one for our group. The AAUP will provide the Coalition with space for a caucus session on the initial evening, at which we will be able to discuss our priorities and strategies for athletics reform. Over the two subsequent days, three workshop sessions will be scheduled on specific issues requested by the Coalition: a) developing standards for the appointment and function of Faculty Athletics Representatives; b) developing standards for the appointment and function of campus athletics committees; c) developing a strategy for how faculty can fulfill their oversight responsibilities to ensure the integrity of the academic experiences of athletes. All three issues are items in the proposed COIA Framework for Comprehensive Athletics Reform. Because good groundwork has been laid on the first two of these issues, our goal for these sessions is work products that can become formal proposals by the end of the Fall term.

More information on the conference can be found at:  
<http://www.aaup.org/events/03gov.htm> .

We hope that you or a designated Coalition liaison will be able to participate in the AAUP conference. Jim Earl will be chairing a subcommittee planning Coalition activities at the conference, and it would be very helpful if you could let Jim know before September 20 whether your campus will be represented (at [jwearl@oregon.uoregon.edu](mailto:jwearl@oregon.uoregon.edu) ).

A second message concerning the Coalition's revised "Framework for Comprehensive Athletics Reform" will follow very soon. In that message we will focus on our goal to build interest in and support for reform in faculty senates this coming year.

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