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The Steering Committee of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) welcomes the release of the NCAA Presidential Task Force report, "The Second Century Imperatives: President Leadership – Institutional Accountability." We appreciate the effort of all the task force presidents and others involved in the preparation of the report, and would like to specifically acknowledge the leadership of the Task Force Chair, Dr. Peter Likins, former President of the University of Arizona.

While articulating the strengths of the intercollegiate athletic model, the report identifies critical problems and formulates an ambitious agenda to address them. Many of the steps it proposes are reasonable and practical. The major suggestions in the report – that university presidents exert strong campus leadership on athletic issues, that all intercollegiate athletics events, activities and actions adhere to institutional academic values and principles, that faculty be an integral part of governing the campus intercollegiate enterprise, and that uniform practices and fiscal transparency be adopted by athletic departments – are strongly endorsed by COIA.

The COIA membership, over fifty university faculty senates, stands willing to work closely with their individual campus presidents, directors of athletics, other faculty leaders, and the NCAA to implement proposals in the Presidential Task Force report and formulate further steps to resolve the longstanding problems that have undermined the values of intercollegiate sports.

This statement has been approved by the Steering Committee of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (<http://www.neuro.uoregon.edu/~tublitz/COIA/SC.html>)

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