



January 31, 2017 BFC Meeting Discussion of:

Proposed By-laws Changes for COIA

PART 1

What's COIA?

Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics

- Started in 2002 by faculty at IU, Oregon, and Penn State
- *Goal:* Cohesive and independent faculty voice on athletics reform
- Used to publish white papers
- Currently 61 member schools from FBS (Division 1A)
- <http://www.thecoia.org>



Current governance structure

1. One vote per FBS institution on all matters
2. Steering Committee with 1 or 2 reps per conference



Current issues

1. Lack of influence on reform issues
2. Lack of activity (or ability to act)



PART 2

Proposed By-laws Changes

Proposed Changes

1. Expand membership to all Division 1 Schools (previously only FBS)
2. Restructure the leadership to be volunteer-based instead of representational by conference
3. <http://www.thecoia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Proposed-COIA-By-Law-revisions-Draft-11.docx>



But first...

- Big Ten Academic Alliance faculty senate/council presidents discussed COIA in Fall '16
- Faculty Athletics Committee discussed by-laws in Dec. '16
- You are here now to discuss/vote



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