

**Proposition:** 09-16/17, revised 9.27.16 and 10.20.16

**Title:** Memorial in support of ideas to reduce incidents of sexual violence on university and college campuses.

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**Proposed Committee:** University Affairs

**Assigned Committee:** University Affairs

**Prior Approvals:** None – N/A

**Background:**

In the past few years, the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA)<sup>1</sup> has worked diligently to explore how best to help curb the increasing number of incidents of sexual violence that many universities and colleges have experienced. In this work, the Coalition has reached out to Dr. Mark Emmert, the president of the NCAA, and shared with the leadership of the NCAA various ideas on how campuses can effectively deal with this growing problem. In a letter to Faculty Senate Chairs written by Dr. Michael Bowen, Chair of the COIA, we learned that NCAA President Emmert and the Executive Committee of the NCAA issued a resolution entitled, “Sexual Violence Prevention and Complaint Resolution,” in which several very positive ideas are proposed. (Copy of the letter from President Emmert to Dr. Bowen and the NCAA Resolution are attached to this memorial).

**Proposal:**

By this memorial, we respectfully request that NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and Athletic Director Mario Moccia do two things:

- Formally applaud efforts by COIA and NCAA leadership to reduce instances of sexual violence on campus, as stated in the attached NCAA resolution and
- Work together with relevant campus units (Office of Institutional Equity, Faculty Athletic Representative, and Office of the General Council) to fully implement the actions recommended by the NCAA resolution at NMSU

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<sup>1</sup> The COIA is a coalition of representatives of faculty senates in the US that came together in 2002 to explore and advance reform ideas related to athletic issues on university and college campuses and NCAA leadership.

**Rationale:**

Sexual violence is a very serious issue on many campuses in the US, and several very high profile instances have occurred whereby leadership at the universities and colleges involved have been slow to respond to these incidents, failed to respond to these incidents, or actually hindered responses to these incidents. By this memorial, NMSU faculty, as represented by the NMSU Faculty Senate, request that senior leadership at NMSU do all it can to reduce instances of sexual violence on campus, including applauding ideas proposed by the NCAA and COIA leadership and working to implement the actions recommended in the NCAA resolution. This memorial is in no way alleging or implying that NMSU has failed to adequately respond to these incidents. Rather we are asking senior leadership at NMSU to applaud efforts of the NCAA and COIA, and to do all that is possible to reduce the number and severity of sexual violence incidents that may occur on university and college campuses.