

**Sense of the Senate Resolution to Endorse U.S. H.R. 275**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Approved May 4, 2015**

*Whereas* Ohio University's Intercollegiate Athletics programs are important to the University, Athens, and alumni communities; and

*Whereas* legal constraints and the economic disparity among NCAA Division I institutions threaten to make the NCAA programs at Ohio University unsustainable without further diverting student tuition and fees and/or donor subsidies away from academic programs and other services for the whole student body; and

*Whereas* all student-athletes at American colleges and universities should be assured effective health care and continued scholarships in the event of injuries, as well as real educational opportunities at their own institutions; and

*Whereas* it is unlikely that the NCAA can come to the best and fairest resolutions for the dilemmas of Intercollegiate Athletics without congressional action;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate endorses H.R. 275 ("To establish a commission to identify and examine issues of national concern related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics, to make recommendations for the resolution of the issues, and for other purposes"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the members of Congress representing congressional districts in which Ohio University maintains campuses and to the senators representing the State of Ohio:

Representative Steve Stivers (15<sup>th</sup> District)  
Representative Bill Johnson (6<sup>th</sup> District)  
Representative Pat Tiberi (12<sup>th</sup> District)  
Representative Brad Wenstrup (2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
Senator Rob Portman  
Senator Sherrod Brown