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FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES (FAR)

Academics & Athletics as an Integrated Whole: on Campus, in Governance

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Nathan O. Hatch
President, Wake Forest University
Chair, NCAA Division I Board of Directors

Dear President Hatch:

On behalf of the 1A FAR I write in strong support of the letter that FARA transmitted to you earlier this week regarding active participation by FARs in the groups being appointed to consider Division I governance and, in turn, in any new Division I governance structure that is ultimately instituted.

The 1A FAR have long advocated that no issue in intercollegiate athletics is exclusively athletic or academic. In consequence, we believe that the perspectives of senior athletic administrators with broad-based responsibilities and FARs as representatives of the greater campus must be at the same table, early, and in sufficient numbers to assure thorough discussion so that presidents and chancellors are provided the fullest and most well considered articulation of issues and advancement of policy proposals. Equally, we believe both FARs and senior athletic administrators need to be fully involved in the development of proposals regarding the form that a new Division I governance structure might ultimately take.

Sincerely,



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