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 (15th District)
Representative Bill Johnson (6th District)
Representative Pat Tiberi (12th District)
Representative Brad Wenstrup (2nd District)
Senator Rob Portman
Senator Sherrod Brown