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Mr. Gord Grace,  
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Mr. Grace,

**RE: Black, Biracial, and Indigenous (BBI) Task Force.**

The Canadian Student-Athlete Association would like to commend the OUA for continuing to establish ways to better emphasize, celebrate, and encourage the conference's diversity as evidenced by the recent formation of the Black, Biracial, and Indigenous (BBI) Task Force.

It is encouraging to see a significant student-athlete presence on the BBI Task Force.

The Canadian Student-Athlete Association applauds this move to make positive change across the province, through building strategies to increase diversity and representation across the OUA, and to drive policy change to remove systemic barriers regarding racism.

The removal of systemic barriers regarding racism has been identified as a key issue in Canadian university athletics and a key area of focus for the Canadian Student-Athlete Association.

If there is any way the Canadian Student-Athlete Association can assist the BBI Task Force in achieving its goals, please let me know how we could work together to that end.

Stay safe.

Regards,

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