CC.16.10 Nominations to the Athletic Board

Background
The Athletic Board consists of seven faculty members, appointed by the Chancellor from nominations by the Senate, and two students appointed by the Chancellor from a slate of four candidates from the Illinois student government.

Terms of faculty ordinarily shall be four years; terms of students ordinarily shall be one year, with the possibility of reappointment for an additional year. Continuing faculty members of the Athletic Board and the expiration of their terms are as follows:

- James D Anderson (EDUC 2017)
- Kathryn Clancy (LAS 2018)
- Kelly Bost (ACES 2019)
- Adrienne Dixson (EDUC 2016)
- Michael LeRoy (LER 2018)
- Michael Raycraft (AHS 2019)
- Thomas Ulen (LAW 2017)

The Committee on Committees recommends approval of the following slate of nominees. (Submitted interest statements from nominees are attached.)

Nominations
The following faculty are nominated to fill one faculty position for a four-year term expiring in 2020. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of one faculty member to fill the faculty vacancy.

- Matthew Allender (VMED)
- Antonio Sotomayor (LIBR)
- Arlette Ingram Willis (EDUC)

Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected, and a statement of interest. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice.
FACULTY NOMINEES

ALLENDER, Matthew (VMED)
I am a 2000 graduate of the U of I with a BS in Ecology, Ethology, And Evolution. I went on to complete a DVM in 2004, MS in 2006, and PhD in 2012 all from the U of I. I was the resident veterinarian at the Knoxville Zoo and University of Tennessee from 2009-2012 and became board certified in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine in 2011 from the American College of Zoological Medicine. I am currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine where I teach, perform research, and provide clinical service.

SOTOMAYOR, Antonio (LIBR)
Antonio Sotomayor is Assistant Professor, Historian, and Librarian of Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with faculty appointments in the Departments of Spanish and Portuguese, Recreation, Sport, and Tourism, and a faculty affiliate at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. His book, The Sovereign Colony: Olympic Sport, National Identity, and International Politics in Puerto Rico (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2016), studies the political process of Puerto Rico’s entry into the Olympic movement. His work also appears in journals such as Caribbean Studies, CENTRO Journal (Puerto Rican Studies), and Journal of Sport History. He is currently working on a study of religion, sport, and imperialism through the YMCA in Cuba and Puerto Rico, and an anthology on Latin American Olympic Movement.

WILLIS, Arlette (EDUC)
Arlette Ingram Willis, Ph. D., is a full professor at the University of Illinois (1991 - ); Fulbright Scholar (2014); University Scholar (2000); University Distinguished Teacher/Scholar (2002-2003); Campus Awardee for Excellence in Guiding Undergraduate Research (2001); and a Fellow in the Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society (2004), Committee on Institutional Cooperation, Academic Leadership Program, Center for Advanced Study (1997-1998). She has won numerous scholarship and teaching awards in the College of Education and served on University and College of Education committees, e.g., Campus Budget Oversight, NCAA Athletics Certification, College Executive, and CI Faculty Advisory. Willis’ professional service includes, Co-Editorships and the presidency of the Literacy Research Association (2014-2015) and the National Conference on Research in Language and Literacy (2008-2009). Willis is married to a former Illinois assistant football coach, the current Director of Sports Facilities, and she has two sons (Lenny and Jacob) who played football for Illinois.