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**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**  
**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
Committee on Committees  
(Final;Action)

CC.17.12 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 and faculty may be reappointed to a second term but are then ineligible for reappointment until a period equaling the length of their second term has passed. Terms of students ordinarily shall be one year and student may be appointed to a second one-year term. Continuing faculty members of the Athletic Board and the expiration of their terms are as follows:

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| <i>James D Anderson</i> | <i>EDUC</i> | <i>2017</i> |
| Kathryn Clancy          | LAS         | 2018        |
| Kelly Bost              | ACES        | 2019        |
| Michael LeRoy           | LER         | 2018        |
| Michael Raycraft        | AHS         | 2019        |
| Antonio Sotomayor       | LIBR        | 2020        |
| <i>Thomas Ulen</i>      | <i>LAW</i>  | <i>2017</i> |

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

**NOMINATIONS**

The following faculty members are nominated to fill two faculty vacancies for a four year term expiring in 2021. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of two.

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| James D. Anderson | EDUC |
| Paul Heald        | LAW  |
| Jonathan Keeble   | FAA  |
| Robert Morrissey  | LAS  |

The following students are nominated to fill two student vacancies for a one year term expiring in 2018. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of two.

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| Brianna Franklin | GRAD |
| Matthew Haugen   | GRAD |
| Steven Singer    | BUS  |
| Joe Zender       | LAW  |

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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 of willingness to serve will suffice.

**FACULTY NOMINEES****James D. Anderson (EDUC, Professor of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership)**

James D. Anderson is the Edward William and Jane Marr Gutsgell Professor of Education; currently the Interim Dean of the College of Education and former Head of the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and affiliate Professor of History. His scholarship focuses on the history of U.S. education, with specializations in the history of African American education in the South, the history of higher education desegregation, the history of public school desegregation, and the history of African American school achievement in the 20th century. He was elected to the National Academy of Education, selected Fellow for Outstanding Research by the AERA and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the AACTE. He is a past chair of the Athletics Board for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics and has been instrumental in the creation and maintenance of the Committee for the Admission of Student Athletes and the first summer Bridge/Transition Program for student athletes. He would be honored to serve on the Athletic Board to promote excellence and success among our athletic teams, and to create ethical supportive conditions for the wellbeing of our student-athletes.

**Paul Heald (LAW, Professor, Law)**

Paul Heald, the Richard W. and Marie L. Corman Professor of Law, joined the Illinois faculty in 2011 after 22 years at the University of Georgia School of Law. He is also a fellow and associated researcher at CREATE, the RCUK Centre for Copyright and New Business Models in the Creative Economy, based at the University of Glasgow. Heald lectures on patent, copyright and international intellectual property law around the world and has previously held visiting positions at universities in Buenos Aires, Bournemouth, London, Lyon, Regensburg, and at the University of Chicago, University of Texas, and Vanderbilt University. He also ran the UGA/OSU program at St. Anne's College, Oxford University, during the spring of 2009. He was Herbert Smith Visitor at Cambridge University in 2012. Heald earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in comparative literature from the University of Illinois. As an undergraduate there, he fenced for two Big Ten championship teams and placed 18th in epee at the 1981 NCAA championships. He has also written three novels, *Death in Eden* (2014), *Cotton* (2016) (selected as an Okra Pick by the Southern Booksellers' Association), and *Courting Death* (2016).

**Jonathan Keeble (FAA, School of Music, Professor of Flute)**

Though my background as a Professor of Music may seem an odd pairing with athletics, I bring a lifetime of sports enthusiasm and participation as a prerequisite to consideration. As a member of the Campus General Education Board, I have a deep awareness of Illinois' educational priorities, and its efforts to reinvest in Campus diversity issues. As the former president of a million-dollar budget professional association (the National Flute Association), I oversaw all components of a complex budget, and successfully grew the Association's endowment by 30% during a period of fiscal challenge. Finally, I am the parent of a member of Illinois' Cross Country and Track and Field teams. I have enjoyed the myriad benefits athletic competition brings my son, and have a sincere desire to contribute back to the environment that has enriched him so deeply.

**Robert Michael Morrissey (LAS, Associate Professor of History)**

I write to nominate myself for service on the Illinois Athletic Board. I have a broad and longstanding interest in college athletics. I am a former NCAA varsity athlete myself (Division III, cross-country and track, Carleton College, 1995-1999). My connection to the U of I athletic department dates to the early 2000s, when a family member was a standout member of the Illini Men's Baseball Team, and my interest in Illini sports continues to this day. I have several other family members who have played and coached NCAA college sports. Given this background and my role a professor, I have a strong appreciation for the values of college sports. Meanwhile, as a professor and former athlete, I well understand the particular challenges student-athletes face while pursuing academic and athletic success simultaneously. My knowledge of financial management comes from volunteer and professional activities; I was treasurer of the Midwestern History Association and am currently chapter advisor for the Illinois Evans Scholar House (Western Golf Association Caddy Scholarship).

**STUDENT NOMINEES****Brianna Franklin (GRAD, Human Development & Family Studies)**

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a student member of the Athletic Board. I am a first year doctoral student in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and can present an interdisciplinary approach to supporting student-athletes. I consider myself an athlete (at the club level) and am personally invested in the health and developmental wellbeing of student-athletes from a research perspective. As both an alumna (B.A. Spanish, 2012) and a current student, I am familiar with the academic goals and reputation of the University of Illinois. I have a wide range of experience working with diverse populations through my time with Teach for America and as an Extension Agent in Tennessee. I believe my experience qualifies me not only to represent the interests of student-athletes, but also to support the educational objectives of the University.

**Matthew Haugen (GRAD, Kinesiology)**

I would like to nominate myself, Matthew Haugen, for service on the Athletic Board. As a Ph.D. student and teaching assistant in the Kinesiology department, I have a qualified interest in the fiscal and social operations of the athletic department. As a scholar I want to ensure funding is utilized to take care of our most important stakeholder, the student-athlete. The quality of their education and their experience as an athlete should be the utmost priority. My viewpoint has been shaped by many professional experiences; as a student athlete, collegiate and professional tennis coach, admissions and development associate, graduate student, and now as an instructor at this great University. My hope is to have informative conversations with individuals who wish to create a responsible environment that promotes a positive image for our athletic department. It would be an honor to serve on the Athletic Board advisory committee.

**Steven Singer (BUS, Business Administration Management)**

As the President of the Illinois Sports Business Conference for the past year, I believe I can bring a unique perspective on each of the important topics addressed by the Athletic Board. Regarding academic objectives, the conference has been a partner with the College of Business for the past 3 years. As President, I meet frequently with the academic Deans to discuss how to better integrate our work with the goals of the college. In addition, through working with athletes during the past year - two of which are on the executive board - I have gained unique insights into what it takes to be an elite student and athlete here at the University of Illinois. This Athletic Board would be a tremendous opportunity for me to continue to make a positive impact here at the University of Illinois in an area I am incredibly passionate and knowledgeable about.

**Joe Zender (LAW)**

Men's and women's athletics and the success of the athletes in their academic and educational pursuits is a cornerstone of our university, serving as a visible sign of our success as students and as an institution. My work experience and educational background can contribute substantially to the functions and objectives of the Athletic Board. I worked for major financial institutions during the completion of and after completing my undergraduate degree in economics. Working in finance taught me the importance and skills necessary for business and financial management, something I can bring to the Athletic Board. As a second year student at the College of Law, among the top students in my class, and having served as a clerk for a District Court Judge, I can also offer the Athletic Board another voice of integrity and someone with experience on making important decisions that will affect our campus community.