

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

CC.18.12 Student Nominations to the Athletic Board

BACKGROUND

The Athletic Board is the committee concerned with intercollegiate athletics (varsity sports) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This Board is responsible to the Senate for the intercollegiate athletic program as it relates to the University's academic and educational objectives as defined by the Senate. The Athletic Board serves also as an advisory committee to the Chancellor and the Athletic Director on the financial management, personnel, and other operational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program in the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Two of the students appointed to the Athletic Board are appointed by the Chancellor from a slate of four candidates from the Illinois student government. Terms of students ordinarily shall be one year and student may be appointed to a second one-year term.

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

NOMINATIONS

The following students are nominated to fill two student vacancies for a one-year term expiring in 2019. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of two.

Anthony B. Sullers Jr.	GRAD/EDUC
Na Ri Shin	GRAD/AHS
David T.Claverie	GRAD/AHS
Chumar Williams	AHS

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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.

STUDENT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE**Anthony B. Sullers Jr. (GRAD, EDUC – Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership)**

Anthony, a 2nd year doctoral student in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, has high aspirations of becoming a future professor and administrator in the field of higher education, striving for a complete critical understanding of its aspects, including the role of the athletics. Anthony's interest in Illini athletics is derived from multiple avenues including his tenure of support as an undergraduate student, his course-based knowledge of higher education finance, and his providing of professional-career based mentorship to several Fighting Illini athletes. Over the years, Anthony has participated in numerous campus committees including the Black and Latino Male Summit Committee and the Advisory Committee for the Bruce D. Nesbitt African-American Cultural Center. With this experience, Anthony plans to contribute by using his skills in diversity-based programming, program evaluation, and learning outcomes assessment to critically measure how well our student-athletes are obtaining the Office of the Provost's campus-wide learning outcomes.

Na Ri Shin (GRAD, AHS – Recreation, Sport, and Tourism)

Na Ri Shin came to the US from South Korea in 2014 to pursue her Ph.D. in sport management. Her motivation was to gain a better multicultural understanding of different cultures and peoples around the world, and by doing so, learn to appreciate and respect our differences to ultimately improve relations among all peoples. She has subsequently literally thrown herself into her studies, the community, and campus life, and has been ardently traveling when possible around different regions of the US in order to improve this understanding. Applying for the athletic board's student member is a perfect opportunity to deliver what she has been studying and experiencing within, as well as outside, of sport management academia and our campus. She competed as a professional snowboarder, through which she gained a life experience as an athlete. Her athletic career and cultural background will certainly contribute to expand the athletic board's perspective.

David T. Claverie (GRAD, AHS – Recreation, Sport, and Tourism)

David is a graduate student majoring in a Master's of Science with a concentration in recreation, sports, and tourism (RST). He developed a love for sports at a young age, and understands the value sports and recreation has on impacting marginalized youth. Prior to enrolling as a fulltime graduate student, David and his brother founded and led a successful non-profit organization for four years that specifically catered to underprivileged youth, in building character through sports. David's interests revolve around encouraging minority participation in intercollegiate sports. He knows firsthand the challenges minorities face in sports, including language barriers and financial hardship. As a member of the Athletic Board, David will help bridge the gap that minorities face in sports by raising awareness on cultural diversity and the positive impact sports has in fostering qualities such as resilience, determination, strategic thinking and teamwork.

Chumar Williams (AHS – Recreation, Sport, and Tourism – Sports Management)

As a former NCAA student-athlete with a degree in business administration, I believe I can contribute to the Athletic Board in a multitude of ways that coincide with the interests of the committee. Graduating from the University of Illinois Laboratory High School and volunteering there now as an Assistant Athletic Director has provided me with some quality transferable experience within an institution that seemingly shares the same goals and values. I aspire to be a collegiate athletic director one day in hopes of facilitating the futures of student-athletes while unifying individuals through sport in a time where the world seems to need it the most. The Athletic Board would offer me an amazing opportunity to further expand my knowledge and desire to work in collegiate athletic administration while doing so within the University that I embrace with the utmost respect and passion.