

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

CC.18.13 Faculty Nominations to the Athletic Board

**BACKGROUND**

The Athletic Board consists of seven faculty members, appointed by the Chancellor from nominations by the Senate.

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. Continuing faculty members of the Athletic Board and the expiration of their terms are as follows:

James Anderson	EDUC	2021
Kelly Bost	ACES	2019
<i>Kathryn Clancy</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>2018</i>
Paul Heald	EDUC	2021
<i>Michael LeRoy</i>	<i>LER</i>	<i>2018</i>
Michael Raycraft	AHS	2019
Antonio Sotomayor	LIBR	2020

**NOMINATIONS**

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

The following faculty members are nominated to fill two faculty vacancies for a four-year term expiring in 2022. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of two.

CL Cole	MDA
Gary Crull	AHS
Michael LeRoy	LER
Endalyn Taylor	FAA

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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 STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE****CL Cole (MDA: Professor and Head, Media & Cinema Studies)**

CL Cole, a former college athlete and Division I coach, is now Head of the Media and Cinema Studies and editor of Journal of Sport and Social Issues. Her research and teaching focus on sports culture. Given her background in media, she is particularly interested in how the media skills needed by today's athletes (for example, "reading" a game film) are related to educational objectives. Cole created the College of Media's new interdisciplinary sport media; and developed Sportlandia, a Portland-based "industry immersion" course which provides university students with on-site visits to Nike, Adidas, Columbia, Wieden+Kennedy, and the Moda Center, and 360° Sports, a successful and popular sport media summer camp for high school students. Cole has served on wide range of committees charged with enhancing campus diversity and inclusion, and currently serves on EDGE and Chancellor's Committee for Access & Accommodation.

**Gary Crull (AHS: Lecturer, Department of Kinesiology)**

Gary Crull is a faculty member in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health. He has been personally and professionally involved in athletics during the past 27 years of his career at Illinois. He was a physical education teacher and varsity coach for three different high school teams, worked as an assistant coach at two universities, and served as an on-the-field NCAA Division I football official for over 17 years. He is a teacher educator for future physical activity and coaching professionals, and he developed and teaches an upper division course in coaching that emphasizes the management of an athletic program. Each of these experiences have shaped his knowledge of intercollegiate athletics in a way that will enable him to be a highly respected and knowledgeable member of the Athletic Board who values diversity and high educational standards in NCAA sponsored sports at Illinois and across the nation.

**Michael LeRoy (LER: Professor, Labor and Employment Relations)**

I began my current term (2014-18) with an academic interest in NCAA athletics, an outgrowth of my studies on unionization in professional and college athletics. Over the past four years, I have grown to appreciate the significant role that the athletic board plays in fostering accountability for the well-being and education of UIUC student-athletes-- in particular, creating effective linkages between the campus's academic community and the athletic department's professional administrators and coaches. With the end of Prof. Tom Ulen's term as chair in 2017, I was asked by my athletic board to take on this leadership role. I am willing to serve with interest and commitment.

**Endalyn Taylor (FAA: Assistant Professor, Dance)**

As a former ballerina, current professor of dance, track participant in my youth, and someone whose had a long standing interest in athletics on a professional, collegiate, high school and youth level, I see the correlation of dance to athletics and would be honored to serve on the University of Illinois Athletic Board. Throughout my college tenure, I maintained balance between academics and a physically and mentally taxing dance career. A goal of mine as a board member would be to help create and improve resources that help student athletes reduce stress and improve time management abilities in order to maximize success both on and off the field. As an African American single mother with two sons involved in athletics, I believe I can provide a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunity that our athletic program may face, particularly to our diverse collegiate athletes.