

Board Meeting
July 23, 2009

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

Action: Approve Appointments to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor at Urbana, Ms. Emily Ganschinetz (student), Professor Margaret Kelley (Department of Sociology), Ms. Cecilia Marizu (student), Mr. Daniel O'Connor (student), Mr. J. Ryan Potts (alumnus) and Professor Thomas Ulen (College of Law) have been nominated for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The appointments will be effective August 2009, and continue for the term designated or until a successor has been appointed. (Biographical sketches for the nominees are attached.)

The Athletic Board is a committee concerned with intercollegiate athletics at the Urbana-Champaign campus. In its oversight of the academic and educational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program, it is a committee of the Urbana-Champaign Senate. The board also serves 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.

The board consists of twenty members: two faculty representatives to the Big Ten; seven other faculty members; four alumni of the Urbana-Champaign campus;

the chair of the Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee; three students; and three *ex officio* members without a vote: a designee of the chancellor, the University comptroller or designee, and the athletic director. A slate of faculty nominees is provided to the chancellor by the Urbana-Champaign Senate. The slate of student nominees is provided to the chancellor by the Urbana-Champaign Senate, the Illinois Student Government, and the Student Athletic Advisory Board to fill one student position each. The slate of alumni is provided by the Urbana Campus Alumni Advisory Board. The chancellor reviews the lists of nominees and forwards recommendations to the President of the University for action by the Board of Trustees.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.

Emily Ganschietz, Senior, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for a term ending in 2010

Emily Ganschietz will be a senior majoring in Chemistry. She graduated from high school in Collinsville, Illinois, participated in track, and was a varsity cheerleader. Emily is currently a mat aid for the University of Illinois Wrestling Team and has been a blockhead for Block I for the past two years. She is also a part of Colleges Against Cancer and has helped coordinate the Relay for Life, which is the American Cancer Society's signature activity.

Margaret S. Kelley, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, for a term ending in 2013

Professor Kelley brings a wealth of experience from serving on the Big Twelve Athletics Council at the University of Oklahoma for three years. Last year, while at Oklahoma, she chaired the Gender Equity and Sportsmanship Committee and wrote a substantial report addressing the Athletics Department's progress in that area. During her term on the Athletics Council, she also chaired the Academic Integrity Committee and served on the Academic Review Sub-Committee. She was a Division I athlete while in college playing volleyball for Wichita State University. Professor Kelley has a record of excellence in service in national academic organizations and on this campus.

Cecelia Marizu, Senior, College of Media, for a term ending in 2010

CeCe will be a senior majoring in Broadcast Journalism. She graduated from high school in Reno, Nevada, and participated in the sports of swimming and water polo. As a high school athlete, CeCe was selected as a High School All American and was also Student Body Treasurer. She is an outstanding member of our varsity women's swim team, having earned such honors as being selected to All Big-Ten Academic Team and earning the team's Most Improved Award and the Coach's Award. She hopes to pursue a career in journalism and/or broadcasting and is considering entering graduate school.

Daniel O'Connor, Sophomore, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, for a term ending in 2010

Dan O'Connor will be a sophomore majoring in Agribusiness Markets and Management. He graduated from high school in Palos Heights, Illinois, where he participated in track and was involved in many high school student activities such as Student Ambassador. He is active in campus student government and serves on the Assembly Hall Advisory Committee.

J. Ryan Potts, Alumnus, for a term ending in 2012

Ryan Potts is currently an associate at Clifford Law Offices. Since 2003, Ryan has been an active member of the Illinois Connection --a coalition of University alumni, business, civic, and community leaders and others interested in the University of Illinois. Through Illinois Connection, he and other volunteers have actively worked with

elected officials on specific issues of importance to the University and in general, he promoted a greater understanding of the impact the University has on the State, nation, and the world. Ryan is also a former University of Illinois athlete.

Thomas S. Ulen, Director, Illinois Program in Law and Economics, for a term ending in 2013

Professor Ulen joined the faculty in the Department of Economics in 1997 and has taught at the College of Law since 1982. He has served on and chaired several major campus committees and activities. In 1995, he served on the Presidential Search Committee to find a successor to President Ikenberry. He also chaired the Chancellor Search Committee for this campus in 2000-2001. Professor Ulen has been involved in sports all of his life as a participant and a fan winning three varsity letters in rowing in college and coaching several of his sons' teams. He would be an important asset to policy formation and management issues that face a major undertaking such as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.