APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

**Action:** Appoint Members to the Athletic Board

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Vice President, University of Illinois, Professor James D. Anderson (Education), Ms. Brianna Franklin (student), Ms. Dana Gattone (student), Professor Paul Heald (Law), Mr. Paul B. Hunt (alumnus) and Mr. Steven Singer (student) are being proposed for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Chancellor at Urbana also recommends a one-year extension of the appointment of Professor Matthew Wheeler (Animal Sciences) as Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) to the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association; the FAR also serves on the Athletic Board. The appointments will be effective August 2017, 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 nineteen members: two faculty representatives to the Big Ten; seven other faculty members; four alumni of the Urbana-Champaign campus; 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 Senate, 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.
James D. Anderson—Professor, Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, term ending in 2021

Professor Anderson has been with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1974 and is currently the Edward William and Jane Marr Gutsgell Professor of Education; is serving as Interim Dean of the College of Education; is the Head of the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership; and affiliate Professor of History. His main focus of study is the history of U.S. education with a specialization in history of African American education in the South, public school and higher education desegregation, and history of African American school achievement in the twentieth century. In 2012, Professor Anderson was selected as a Fellow for Outstanding Research by the American Educational Research Association and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

Brianna Franklin—Student, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, term ending in 2018

Ms. Franklin is a first-year graduate student in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. She is an alumna with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. Brianna has worked with Teach for America and as an Extension Agent in Tennessee. She expects to graduate in 2020 and would like to work with the NCAA focusing on the well-being of student athletes.

Dana Gattone—Student, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, women’s golf team member, term ending in 2018

Ms. Gattone is a junior majoring in Communication. She graduated from Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois. While in high school, Dana was a four-year varsity letter winner and four-time varsity team MVP member. She was selected as Saint Viator’s 2014 Female Athlete of the Year and qualified for match play during the 2013 U.S. Girls’ Junior Championship. As an Illinois golf team member, Dana has earned Academic All-Big Ten honors, the Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar, and was an Illini Female Newcomer of the Year finalist. She expects to graduate in 2018 and would like to continue her education as a graduate student.

Paul Heald—Professor, College of Law, term ending in 2021

Professor Heald has been with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 2011 and is currently the Richard W. and Marie L. Corman Professor 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 épée at the 1981 NCAA championships.

**Paul B. Hunt**—Alumnus, term ending in 2021

Mr. Hunt is partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP law firm and practices in the intellectual property law area in Indianapolis, Indiana. Paul has been an avid sports participant although not an Illini athlete. He is an Illinois sports fan and has traveled to a Rose Bowl and Final Four. He is a Loyalty Circle member of the I Fund. Paul also participates in the Indianapolis Illini Club events including hosting events in his home.

**Steven Singer**—Student, College of Business, term ending in 2018

Mr. Singer is a sophomore majoring in Business Administration. He is the current president of Illinois Sports Business Conference which has collaborated with the College of Business the past three years. While in high school, Steven was part of the Track and Field team. He expects to graduate in 2019 and would like to pursue a sports related career.

**Matthew Wheeler**—Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, service as Faculty Athletic Representative

Professor Wheeler holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of California at Davis, and a Ph.D. from Colorado State University. He teaches courses in reproductive and developmental biology. His research goals are to identify genes that regulate reproduction, lactation, and growth, and to develop methodologies to transfer and utilize these genes for the genetic improvement of livestock. His work also focuses on the identification of embryo viability using microfluidics and microelectromechanical systems. He has served on numerous departmental, college, university, and national committees. Professor Wheeler is a former chair of the Athletic Board. He has been a mentor of the Board’s Executive Committee, and chair of the Board’s Academic Progress and Eligibility Committee.