

Approved by the Board of Trustees
May 16, 2019

Board Meeting
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APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

Action: Appoint Members to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Funding: No Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois, Ms. Maureen Durack (alumna), Assistant Professor Neha Gothe (Applied Health Sciences), Ms. Julia Greuel (student), Clinical Assistant Professor Barry Houser (Fine and Applied Arts), Mr. Christian Nielsen (student) and Mr. Caleb Reams (student) are being proposed for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (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.

Maureen Durack – Alumna, term ending in 2023

Ms. Maureen Durack is Director of Operations at the Vedder Price law practice in Arlington Heights, IL, and has worked with Vedder Price for over 21 years. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and is a Certified Public Accountant. Ms. Durack is a member of the Illinois Alumni Association Board of Advisors, is the President of the University of Illinois Bands Alumni, and is a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

Neha Gothe – Assistant Professor, College of Applied Health Sciences, term ending in 2023

Professor Neha Gothe has been with the University since 2017 in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health and was a Graduate Research Assistant at the University from 2008 to 2013. Dr. Gothe directs the Exercise Psychology Lab at the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health. Her specific research training and expertise is in conducting social cognitive theory based exercise interventions to promote physical activity and assess cognitive aging. She has collaborated with the Associate Director of Athletics and the Men's Gymnastics Team to study the role of yoga and mindfulness to improve athletic performance, potentially reduce the rate of injury, and improve student athlete mental health. She has conducted an eight-week yoga program for the team and will track the athletes as they compete for the championship this spring.

Julia Greuel – Student, College of Applied Health Sciences, term ending in 2020

Ms. Julia Greuel is a junior majoring in Recreation, Sport and Tourism. She has been involved with the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics through Illini Pride since her freshman year and currently leads as the Vice President of Olympic Sports. She has a passion for the environment at a college gameday and for the athletes competing to make those environments. Ms. Greuel has spent time learning about the finance and logistics side of what goes into college athletics through both the Illini Pride and her education in the Recreation, Sport and Tourism major.

Barry Houser – Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Fine and Applied Arts, term ending in 2023

Professor Houser is the Associate Director of Bands and Director of the Marching Illini. His responsibilities include conducting the Hindsley Symphonic Band, the Athletic Bands, and the 375-member Marching Illini in addition to teaching marching band procedures. In his role as Director of Marching Illini, he is active in football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, and other Olympic sports. Professor Houser is also active with the University of Illinois Foundation in raising funds, and he has assisted with the capital campaign as well as extensive work to raise funds for the Marching Illini.

Christian Nielsen – Student, College of Applied Health Sciences, term ending in 2020

Mr. Christian Nielsen is a sophomore majoring in Recreation, Sport and Tourism. He is involved with the Applied Health Sciences Board of Visitors which provides ideas to the Dean on improving opportunities for students and alumni; the I-Leap Advisory Board which empowers students to feel a sense of belonging and become recognized at the University; and he is Vice President of the College of Applied Health Sciences Mannie L. Jackson Illinois Academic Enrichment and Leadership Program Board.

Caleb Reams – Student, College of Applied Health Sciences, term ending in 2020

Mr. Caleb Reams will graduate in May with a degree in Community Health and then begin his master's degree. After graduation, he plans to be a Speech Therapist where he can work with children and give back in his community. After a redshirt freshman year, he has played special teams, tight end and receiver on the football team. This past season he played in all twelve games and had a career high in receptions and receiving yards.