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, Mr. David Claverie (student), Mr. Michael Engelhardt (alumnus), Professor Michael LeRoy (School of Labor and Employment Relations and College of Law), Ms. Elizabeth Prince (student), Assistant Professor Endalyn Taylor (College of Fine and Applied Arts), and Mr. Chumar Williams (student) are being proposed for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Chancellor at Urbana-Champaign also recommends the appointment of Associate Professor Tiffany Barnett White (Gies College of Business and College of Media) 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 2018 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.
David Claverie--Student, College of Applied Health Sciences, term ending in 2019

David is a graduate student in the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism’s Master’s of Science degree program. Prior to graduate school, he founded and led a successful non-profit organization focused on building character through sports for underprivileged youth. David’s interests include increasing minority participation in intercollegiate sports by finding ways to reduce the obstacles created through language and financial barriers.

Michael Engelhardt--Alumnus, term ending in 2022

Michael is an insurance benefits advisor for GCG Financial in Naperville, Illinois. He is an avid Illinois fan and the President of the Suburban Illini Club, where he has been working to create networking and engagement events for fellow alumni throughout the suburbs. Michael is also active as a board member for The Compassion Foundation, a not for profit organization working with local charities serving those most in need.

Michael LeRoy--Professor, School of Labor and Employment Relations and College of Law, term ending in 2022

Professor LeRoy has been with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1994. His research includes antitrust in professional sports, immigration, and employment policy. He has served on and chaired several major campus committees and activities including Chair of the Task Force on Academic Integrity and Chair of the Stewarding Excellence Committee to review the Police Training Institute. Professor LeRoy received the Student Senate Teaching Excellence Award in 2013, the Vice Chancellor’s Teaching Scholar in 1991 and numerous other teaching awards during his career at the university.

Elizabeth Prince--Student, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, women’s volleyball team member, term ending in 2019

Elizabeth is a junior majoring in Communication. She graduated from Avon High School in Avon, Indiana. While in high school, Elizabeth was a four-year varsity letter winner and four-time All-Conference member. She was ranked number 52 on PrepVolleyball.com’s ‘Senior Aces’ list. As an Illinois volleyball team member, Elizabeth has earned Academic All-Big Ten honors, the Illini Networkers’ Sandy Scholtens Award for Athletic Achievement, Effort and Attitude, and was a finalist for the Illini Athletics Female Spirit Award.

Endalyn Taylor--Assistant Professor, College of Fine and Applied Arts, term ending in 2022

Professor Taylor has been with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 2014. Her focus of study is ballet and musical theater dance. She has been an advocate for diversity in ballet and promoter of using dance as a tool of empowerment and healing for women and children recovering from abusive situations. Prior to being faculty at Illinois, Professor Taylor was the director of the Dance Theatre of Harlem School, where she joined the company in 1984. She has performed on Broadway; is an original cast member of multiple shows, including The Lion King and Aida; and, has performed for multiple dignitaries including Nelson Mandela, the late Princess Diana, and Coretta Scott King.
**Tiffany Barnett White**--Associate Professor, Gies College of Business and College of Media, Faculty Athletic Representative

Professor White has been with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1999. In addition to her faculty appointments, she is a Bruce and Anne Strohm Faculty Fellow and provides training and mentoring to students of Illinois Business Consulting. Professor White’s teaching and research interests are in the area of consumer psychology with an emphasis on affective cognitive and behavioral aspects of consumer-brand relationships.

**Chumar Williams**--Student, College of Applied Health Sciences, term ending in 2019

Chumar is a graduate student in the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism’s Master’s of Science degree program. He is a former collegiate student athlete who aspires to become a collegiate athletic director. Chumar is a graduate of Illinois’ University High School and currently volunteers there as an assistant athletic director.