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## APPOINT HEAD COACH, WOMEN’S BASKETBALL, CHICAGO

**Action:** Appoint Head Coach, Women’s Basketball

**Funding:** Institutional (Non-State-Appropriated) Funds Operating Budget,

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois System recommends the approval of a multiyear employment contract which provides for the appointment of Ashleen Bracey, previously Assistant Coach of Women’s Basketball at the University of Missouri, as the Head Coach of Women’s Basketball, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, University of Illinois Chicago, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time at an annual salary of $200,000, effective May 19, 2022. Ms. Bracey was appointed as Interim Designate Head Women’s Basketball Coach, under the same terms beginning March 24, 2022.

The term of the contract is five years, beginning on May 19, 2022, and ending on April 30, 2027, subject to early termination by either party without cause. In the event of early termination without cause, liquidated damages are payable by the terminating party, subject to a duty on the part of Ms. Bracey to mitigate their damages in the case of termination by the University. No liquidated damages are payable to Ms. Bracey in the event that their employment is terminated by the University for cause.

This appointment follows a national search. This recommendation is made with the advice of the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, supported by the executive search firm Parker Executive Search, and University personnel.

Ms. Bracey will be eligible to receive incentive compensation for achieving specific academic and athletic goals as determined in advance by the Chancellor and the Director of Athletics. They will be eligible for full standard benefits on the same terms as provided by the University to all academic professional employees, with contributions and benefit amounts based upon the base salary, where relevant. Additional compensation will be paid from revenue generated from external sources. Ms. Bracey’s base salary will be funded by the institutional funds operating budget of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics which are non-state-appropriated funds.

Ms. Bracey will succeed Tasha Pointer, whose employment ended on March 7, 2022.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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 of Illinois System concurs.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

ASHLEEN BRACEY

Education

Illinois State University, Normal, IL, B.S., 2010

Professional and Other Experience

Das Ano Liosia, Athens, Greece, 2010, Professional Basketball Player

Eureka College, Eureka, IL, 2011, Assistant Coach

Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 2012, Assistant Coach

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, 2012-15, Assistant Coach

and Recruiting Coordinator

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 2015-22, Assistant Coach