

Board Meeting
May 20, 2010

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

Action: Approve Appointments to the Athletic Board

Funding: No New Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor at Urbana, Mr. Kyle Branyik (student), Ms. Christina Fertl (student), Professor Rayvon Fouché (Department of History), Ms. Krystin Miller (student), Mr. Nick Piazza (Alumnus), and Professor Brent Roberts (Department of Psychology) have been nominated for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The appointments will be effective August 2010, 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.

Kyle Branyik, Graduate Student, College of Business, for a term ending in 2011

Kyle graduated from the University of Illinois with an accounting degree in the spring of 2010 and graduated from Lincoln Way Central High School in New Lenox, Illinois. In high school, Kyle participated in tennis and was a member of the student council. While attending Illinois he was a member of the Student Fee Advisory Committee, the Tenant Union, and the Illini Union Board. Kyle will be a graduate student in Accounting.

Christina Fertl, Graduate Student, College of Business, for a term ending 2011

Christina graduated from the University of Illinois with an accounting degree in the spring of 2010. Christina graduated from Homestead High School in Mequon, Wisconsin, where she participated in softball and basketball. She also volunteered as a coach for an inner-city basketball program. At Illinois, Christina was a member of the Business Council, was the College of Business student events chairperson, and assisted in planning graduation activities. Christina will be a graduate student in Accounting.

Rayvon Fouché, Associate Professor, Department of History, for a term ending 2014

Professor Fouché serves on the Graduate College's fellowship board for underrepresented students, advises the Science and Technology in Society minor, is a member of the Campus Advisory Committee for Stewarding Excellence at Illinois, and currently directs the Center for Advanced Study initiative "Interpreting Technoscience: Explorations in Identity, Culture and Democracy." His research and teaching focuses on the relationship between sport, science, and technology. He is a competitive cyclist and co-founded the Illini Cycling Team as a University of Illinois undergraduate.

Krystin Miller, Undergraduate Student, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for a term ending in 2011

Krystin will be a senior majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology. She graduated from St. Ursula High School in Berkey, Ohio, and participated in soccer. As a high school athlete she was named to the Academic All District Team and led her team to four consecutive district championships. She was also class president and student council vice president. She is an outstanding member of our varsity women's soccer team having earned such honors as being selected to the Academic All-Big Ten Team, named recipient of the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award, and received the team's Jeremy L. Daly award. Krystin plans on attending medical school after college.

Nicholas Piazza, Alumnus, for a term ending 2014

Nick Piazza is the Director of Human Resources for a division of Emerson, a Fortune 100 diversified industrial conglomerate. He is an active alumnus within the School of Labor and Employment Relations and has acted as a guest presenter for first year graduate students. He has also worked with the School alumni panel to discuss strategic recruiting and personal branding. Nick was a member of the football team from 1997 through 2001 where he was elected an Academic All-Big Ten Team honoree four

times, and received the Bruce Capel Award given to the Illini player who displays the most courage, dedication and accomplishment. As an athlete, Nick was an active participant in Athletes in Action and the Hometown Hero's program.

Brent Roberts, Professor, Department of Psychology, for a term ending 2014

Professor Roberts served on the NCAA certification review committee for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. He worked with student athletes on NCAA-funded research on the cognitive benefits of high level sporting activities on cognitive functioning. His research and teaching has also focused on the issues of health and the psychological factors that contribute to better health. He is an amateur tri-athlete and has played competitive volleyball and tennis for many decades.