Approved by the Board of Trustees

July 11, 2024

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Board Meeting

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APPOINT HEAD COACH, WOMEN’S BASKETBALL, DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Appoint Head Coach, Women’s Basketball, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends the appointment of Olivia Lett to serve as head women’s basketball coach, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield. Ms. Lett served as head women’s basketball coach designate from June 3, 2024, through July 11, 2024. This will be a twelve-month, 100 percent time academic professional appointment, with an annual salary of $87,500 effective July 12, 2024.

Prior to accepting this appointment as head women’s basketball coach of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Ms. Lett served from 2018-2024 as the head women’s basketball coach at Millikin University.

Ms. Lett succeeds Summer Quesenberry, who served as head women’s basketball coach since July 18, 2022.

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.

This recommendation is made with the advice of a search committee.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs with this recommendation.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

Olivia Lett

Education

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL, BA

Illinois State University, Normal, IL, MS

Professional or Other Experience

National Champion Basketball Team, 2012

Universitario de Ferrol, Ferrol, Spain, 2012-13, professional basketball player

Illinois Wesleyan University 2013-16, graduate assistant women’s basketball coach

University of Chicago, 2016-18, assistant women’s basketball coach

Millikin University, 2018-24, head women’s basketball coach

1. Adam Eberhard, *chair,* assistant men’s basketball coach*;* Abby Kain, assistant athletic trainer; Celest Weuve, associate professor, College of Health, Science and Technology; Izaih Gulley, assistant athletic director; Kenzie Westlake, human resources [↑](#footnote-ref-1)