

Board Meeting
July 21, 2016

APPOINT DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS,
SPRINGFIELD

Action: Appoint Director, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the appointment of James M. Sarra, Jr., as Director, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, University of Illinois at Springfield, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$110,000, beginning August 1, 2016.

Prior to accepting this appointment as Director, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, he served as the Deputy Director of Athletics at the University of Texas at San Antonio since 2009. At the University of Texas at San Antonio, he also served as Senior Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs, Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs, Associate Director of Athletics for Administration, Executive Director, Roadrunner Athletics Fund, and Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance.

Mr. Sarra succeeds Hayley Treadway, who has served on an interim basis since May 7, 2016.

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

The President of the University concurs with this recommendation.

(A biosketch follows.)

¹ Jeffrey D. Lorber, Vice Chancellor for Development, Office of Advancement, and Senior Vice President, University of Illinois Foundation, *Co-Chair*; Marcel S. Yoder, Associate Professor of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Faculty Athletics Representative, *Co-Chair*; Ashley Beaton, Student-athlete; Vernadean Brown, Associate Chancellor for Access and Equal Opportunity, Office of Affirmative Action, and Ex-officio committee member; Eli Cook, Student-athlete; Michelle Green, Director of Marketing, Campus Relations; Kathryn A. Kleeman, Assistant Director of Admissions (Events and Materials), Office of Admissions; Marc A. Klingshirn, Associate Professor of Chemistry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Director, Capital Scholars Program; James Koeppe, Director of Recreation Sports, Campus Recreation, and Acting Dean of Students Designate, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Shannon M. Nicholson, Head Softball Coach, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics; Charles Emmanuel Osiris, Associate Vice Chancellor/Dean of Students, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Christopher Michael Ramirez, Visiting Head Baseball Coach, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics; Carolyn Noel Schloemann, Associate Director of Financial Assistance and Acting Director of Financial Assistance, Office of Financial Assistance; Ann E. Strahle, Assistant Professor of Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Guerry Suggs, Community Member/STARS Booster Club Member.

JAMES M. SARRA, JR.

Education

St. Bonaventure University, New York, B.S., 1989; M.S., 1990
Western Illinois University, Macomb, M.S., 1993

Professional or Other Experience

St. Bonaventure University, New York, Department of Athletics, 1992-94,
Administrative Intern; 1994, Coordinator for Academic Support Services
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, Department of Athletics, 1994-95,
Assistant to the Director for Academic and Student Services
Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, Department of Athletics, 1995-96, Academic
Development Coordinator for Athletic Support Services
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Department of Athletics, 1996-99, Assistant
Director for Athletics Academic Services; 1998-99, Compliance Coordinator
Portland State University, Oregon, Department of Athletics, 1999-2001, Assistant
Athletics Director for Compliance
Washington State University, Pullman, Department of Athletics, 2001-02, Assistant
Athletics Director for Compliance and Special Projects; 2002-04, Associate
Athletics Director for Compliance and Administrative Services
University of Maryland College Park, Department of Athletics, 2004-05, Senior
Associate Athletics Director for Compliance and Student Services
University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Athletics, 2005-06, Assistant
Director of Athletics for Compliance; 2006-07, Executive Director-Roadrunner
Athletics Fund and Associate Director of Athletics for Administration; 2007-08,
Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs; 2008-09, Senior Associate
Director of Athletics for External Affairs; 2009-date, Deputy Director of Athletics