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## APPOINT MEMBER TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

**Action:** Appoint Member to the Athletic Board

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Vice President, University of Illinois System, Clinical Associate Professor Brenda Lindsey (School of Social Work) is being proposed for appointment as Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) to the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association; the FAR also serves on the Athletic Board. (A biographical sketch for the nominee is attached.) Professor Lindsey will be filling the one vacant FAR position.

Appointed by the Chancellor, the University’s two FARs are charged with ensuring a close relationship between the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA) and the University’s faculty. Additional duties of the FARs, according to the University of Illinois, Institutional Governance Standards, page four, include being active participants in DIA efforts related to academic integrity, student-athlete well-being, and overall institutional control of the athletics program.

The Faculty Representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor, but for a period not to exceed ten years (barring extenuating circumstances as determined by the Chancellor). One of the primary responsibilities placed on FARs by the NCAA is, in coordination with the Athletic Director, sports’ head coaches, and a student-athlete representative, to conduct an annual end-of-year review of each sport’s student-athlete time management plan to ensure compliance with required overnight and days off time away from the sport.

Under NCAA and Conference Bylaws, procedures and practices, the FARs

also:

• Certify the eligibility of student-athletes to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

• Participate in the institutional reporting process for all NCAA infractions.

• Approve the submission of all eligibility waivers and petitions to the

NCAA and conference.

• Approve outside competition for student-athletes.

• Request and/or appeal interpretations of rules from the NCAA Interpretation Committee.

• Return phone calls from prospective student-athletes and/or their family members.

• Participate in the NCAA Enforcement and Infractions process as well as any appeals related to infractions.

Serving as the DIA representatives to the NCAA and the Big Ten, FARs are responsible for formal communication between the campus and these two organizations, including reporting rules violations to these conferences. The FARs are commonly called upon to support student-athlete nominations for various conference and national academic awards.

In addition, the FARs are regularly informed by the Director of Athletics and the DIA administration of significant matters related to student-athlete welfare and they may, as appropriate, participate in program reviews and investigations regarding matters related to student-athlete welfare or academics.

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 of Illinois System concurs.

**Brenda Lindsey**--Clinical Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Faculty Athletic Representative

Dr. Lindsey’s educational background includes an E.D. in Education Organization Leadership from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2005; an MSW from the UIUC School of Social Work in 1994; an M.A. in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado in 1984; and a BSW from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1980. She is a former school social worker and also has professional experience in providing children’s mental health services. Dr. Lindsey has an LCSW, a Type 73 School Social Work certificate, and a Type 75 Administrative certificate in Illinois. She is active in several professional social work organizations including the National Association of Social Workers-Illinois Chapter, the Illinois Association of School Social Workers, and School Social Work Association of America.