

Approved by the Board of Trustees,  
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## APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointments to the Athletic Board, Urbana

**Funding:** No Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor Designate at Urbana, Professor Larry DeBrock (Economics), Dr. James T. Frakes (Alumnus), Ms. Brianne Knue (student), Professor Ann Nardulli (Molecular and Integrative Physiology), Mr. Ernest Powell (student), and Mr. Justin Volker (student) have been nominated for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The appointments will be effective August 2005, 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 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 Athlete Advisory Board to fill one student position each. The slate of alumni is provided by the Urbana-Champaign Council of the Alumni Association. 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.

**Larry DeBrock**, Professor of Economics, for a term ending in 2009.

Professor DeBrock holds a B.S. in Economics from Bradley University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell University. He has been a professor in the Economics Department since 1980, and is also Associate Dean for Professional Programs in the College of Business.

His research interest is applied microeconomics focusing on health economics, topics in industrial organization, and labor market issues. He has published numerous articles and authored several chapters in books. Professor DeBrock has served as a consultant and expert to several public panels. In particular, he served as health care consultant to the government of Kuwait, evaluating the state of health care delivery in that country. He has won numerous department, college, and university awards for outstanding teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

**James T. Frakes, M.D.**, Alumnus, Director of the Digestive Disease Unit at St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, for a term ending in 2009.

Dr. Frakes holds a B.S. in engineering and an M.S. in Bioengineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and an M.D. from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at the University of Missouri Medical Center, Columbia, Missouri, and his fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Frakes is clinical professor of medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, Director of the Digestive Disease Unit at Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois. He is in private practice with and managing partner of Rockford Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd. Accomplished in teaching and clinical research, Dr. Frakes has authored numerous scientific articles and books and serves as a scientific reviewer and editorial board member of several peer-reviewed journals. He also has been recognized for outstanding teaching by the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Dr. Frakes is past president of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). He has also served on the boards of the University of Illinois Foundation and Alumni Association. He resides in Rockford, Illinois.

**Brianne Knue**, student, junior in Physiology with an emphasis in pre-med, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for a term ending in 2006.

Ms. Knue is a member of the Women's Tennis Team and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Ms. Knue is from Western Springs, Illinois.

**Ann Nardulli**, Associate Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, for a term ending in 2009.

Professor Nardulli holds a B.S. in Education from Northern Illinois University and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Physiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her primary research areas of interest focus on molecular and cellular endocrinology. She has published widely in professional journals, and has been a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Chemistry* and is currently on the editorial boards of *Molecular Endocrinology* and the *Endocrine Review*. Professor

Nardulli has received numerous awards and honors, including American Cancer Society and NIH Postdoctoral Fellowships, and the James Heath Award for Excellence in Teaching Physiology. She has also served on numerous review panels for the American Heart Association, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and the Army Breast Cancer Research Program.

**Ernest Powell**, student, sophomore in Economics with an emphasis in pre-med, College of Business, for a term ending in 2006.

Mr. Powell has been active with the National Organization of Black Chemists and Engineers (NOBCE). He has traveled to South Africa for NOBCE, and served most recently in Orlando, Florida, as a judge for a high school science competition on behalf of NOBCE. He is employed as a student laboratory technician in plant and biological sciences within the Department of Crop Sciences. As a high school student he played football, basketball, and participated in track. Mr. Powell is from Chicago, Illinois.

**Justin Volker**, student, sophomore in Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering, for a term ending in 2006.

Mr. Volker has had a long-standing interest in sports, and participated in high school in several sports – baseball, basketball, golf, and wrestling. While a high school student, he served as a student director on the Clinton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as a Peer Helper and was an Illinois State Scholar. Mr. Volker is from Clinton, Illinois.