

Board Meeting  
November 12, 2015

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 at Urbana-Champaign and Vice President, University of Illinois, Professor James D. Anderson (Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership) is being proposed for the vacant faculty appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The appointment will be effective December 2015, and continue for the term designated or until a successor has been appointed. (A biographical sketch for the nominee is 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 nineteen members: two faculty representatives to the Big Ten; seven other faculty members; four alumni of the Urbana-Champaign campus;

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 Senate, 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 nominees and forwards recommendations to the President of the University for action by the Board of Trustees, pursuant to the bylaws of the Senate. As previously discussed and at the direction of the President and the Board of Trustees, the Urbana-Champaign campus is evaluating possible modifications to this approval process.

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.

**James D. Anderson**--Professor, Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, term ending in 2017

Professor Anderson has been with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1974 and is currently the Edward William and Jane Marr Gutsgell Professor of Education; the Head of the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership; the Executive Associate Dean for the College of Education; and, affiliate Professor of History. His main focus of study is the history of U.S. education with a specialization in history of African-American education in the South, public school and higher education desegregation, and history of African-American school achievement in the twentieth century. In 2012, Professor Anderson was selected as a Fellow for Outstanding Research by the American Educational Research Association and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). He is a past chair of the Athletic Board for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics and has been instrumental in the creation and maintenance of CASA (Committee for the Admission of Student Athletes) and the first summer Bridge/Transition Program for student athletes.