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# AMEND MULTIYEAR CONTRACT WITH HEAD COACH,

# WOMEN’S BASKETBALL, CHICAGO

**Action:** Amend Multiyear Contract with Head Coach, Women’s Basketball

**Funding:** Institutional (Non-State-Appropriated) Funds Operating Budget,

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

On May 19, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the multiyear non-tenured appointment of Ashleen Bracey as head coach of women’s basketball, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Chicago. The Board approved an initial appointment for a five-year term, beginning May 19, 2022, and ending on April 30, 2027, at an annual base salary of $200,000, subject to annual increases consistent with System and University of Illinois Chicago policies and programs. This employment agreement included incentive compensation for achieving specific academic and athletic goals as determined in advance by the chancellor and director of athletics, and full standard benefits on the same terms as provided by the University to all academic professional employees.

In her first year leading the program, Ms. Bracey led UIC’s women’s basketball team to one of the best seasons in program history. The team improved from two wins to 19 wins, marking the greatest program turnaround in Missouri Valley Conference history, and the second-largest win improvement nationally last season. The team also earned its first conference postseason tournament win since the 2016-2017 season and participated in the Women’s Basketball Invitational, the third postseason appearance in program history.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, now recommends amending Ms. Bracey’s employment agreement to increase Ms. Bracey’s annual base salary from $200,000 to $230,000 and extend the contract term by one year through April 30, 2028. All other terms and conditions of Ms. Bracey’s original employment agreement will remain in effect. Funding is provided from non-appropriated institutional funds in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics operating budget.

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.