

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Committee on Committees
(Final;Action)

CC.14.10 Nominations to the Athletic Board

Background

The Athletic Board consists of seven faculty members, appointed by the Chancellor from nominations by the Senate, and two students appointed by the Chancellor from a slate of four candidates from the Illinois student government.

Terms of faculty ordinarily shall be four years; terms of students ordinarily shall be one year, with the possibility of reappointment for an additional year. Continuing faculty members of the Athletic Board and the expiration of their terms are as follows:

Cleo D'Arcy	ACES	2015
Vicente Diaz	LAS	2017
Adrienne Dixson	EDUC	2016
<i>Harely Johnson</i>	<i>ENGR</i>	<i>2014</i>
Michael Raycraft	AHS	2015
<i>Brent Roberts</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>2014</i>
Thomas Ulen	LAW	2017

The Committee on Committees recommends approval of the following slate of nominees.
(Submitted interest statements from nominees are attached.)

Nominations

The following faculty are nominated to fill two (2) faculty positions for four-year terms expiring in 2018. The four (4) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be forwarded to the Chancellor to fill the two faculty positions.

Martin Camargo	LAS
Kent D. Choquette	ENGR
Kathryn Clancy	LAS
Michael LeRoy	LER/LAW
Robert Olshansky	FAA

The following students are nominated to fill two (2) student positions for one year terms expiring in 2015. If no additional nominations are made, the four (4) nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor.

Brianna R Alston	ACES
Kyle Dettro	LAW
Brent E Nelson	ENGR
Laura Saldivar	LAS

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Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected, and a statement of interest. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice.

FACULTY NOMINEES

Martin Camargo (LAS, English)

Professor Martin Camargo (English) to serve on the Athletic Board. Besides having been Head of English and Interim Head of Classics and thus understanding the University's mission and having had experience in the business of managing a large department, Professor Camargo earned his Ph.D. at UI and the University has always been his image of the ideal public university.

In addition, he served in a similar capacity at his previous university (the University of Missouri) and so understands the relationship between a university's athletics program, its teaching mission, and the public.

Kent D. Choquette (ENGR, Electrical and Computer Engineering)

This letter is written to express my interest and willingness to serve on the Athletic Board. I have been a member of this campus as a Full Professor in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department for the past 14 years. During this time I have been an avid fan of Illini athletics: my wife and I have purchased football season tickets since the 2002 season and our entire family has attended many other UI athletic competitions, including women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women gymnastics, basketball, cross country, and track. As a faculty member I have served as an academic advisor of an undergraduate student athletic gymnast and have had a member of the men's tennis team work in my research laboratory in the Micro and Nanotechnology Lab (MNTL).

The educational goals of the University of Illinois are of paramount concern to me and I take my teaching responsibilities very seriously; I have been on the List of Faculty Rated Excellent by University of Illinois students for 6 of the 25 semesters I have taught. The interest and welfare of students at this University are also important aspects of my contributions to this campus. I served as Chair of the University Student Life Senate Committee for 2.5 years (Fall 2009 to Fall 2011) and have served on the subcommittee on Student Conduct which is under the Senate Committee for the past 8 semesters.

Finally as Interim Director, I became very familiar with the financial management of the MNTL within the College of Engineering, which included both internal and external funding sources. Finally, I have recently become intimately familiar with the outstanding educational and life-skill resources that are made available to our student athletes, because my freshman daughter is a member of the Women's Track team. This has enabled me to observe and appreciate a new perspective of our great institution. Hence I would like to give back to the University the time and effort needed to ensure the continued success of Fighting Illini athletes in the classroom as well as in Big10 competition.

FACULTY NOMINEES (Continued)

Kathryn Clancy (LAS, Anthropology)

Prof. Clancy is a former D1 athlete (track and field, soccer, rugby at Harvard), and a current competitive athlete. In her gen ed course she has taught dozens of student athletes and relates well to them. She is an avid Illinois sports fan (mostly football, men's and women's basketball, and women's volleyball). From her experience she knows a lot about what it takes to balance individual and team needs and how this plays out in collegiate sports. She has been on the faculty since 2008, teaches a gen ed course every fall of 750 students, is a member of the LAS Online Advisory Board, and has participated in several LAS teaching initiatives and service work on undergraduate teaching and research.

Prof. Clancy is very committed to student athletes and their having success at Illinois. She also is interested in thinking about the post-collegiate sport transition, particularly for women as there are so few athletic opportunities for them when they graduate.

Prof. Clancy has a passionate commitment to excellence in scholarship and athletics and cares deeply about students, particularly student athletes. She would make a great choice for the Athletic Board.

Michael H. LeRoy (LER/LAW)

I have a strong research and teaching interest in professional and college athletics. Recently, I published "An Invisible Union for an Invisible Labor Market: College Football and

the Union Substitution Effect," Wisconsin Law Review, Vol. 2012, No. 5 (2012), pp. 1077- 1136. The study takes an unusual middle-ground position, acknowledging that Division I football is heavily commercialized and players are de facto employees, but also recognizing that federal and state labor laws make traditional collective bargaining for Division I football players impossible to implement. The study concludes that players should have more direct representation in their affairs, and be allowed to deal with the NCAA over scholarship shortfalls, greater medical insurance, disability compensation for post-career injuries (e.g., concussion syndromes), greater flexibility to transfer to another school without loss of eligibility, and a grievance system outside a university's control to address allegations of abusive conduct by coaches. This approach would not involve pay-for-play, and would preserve and update the "student athlete" model. In 2014, I published a legal casebook, Collective Bargaining in Sports & Entertainment; and I have taught this course at UIUC since 2009.

I have also served the UIUC campus as Chair, Task Force on Academic Integrity; Chair, Stewarding Excellence Committee to Review Police Training Institute; and Member, Professional Graduate Studies, Curriculum and Degrees; and have chaired LER's Master's degree admissions committee continuously for the past 18 years. I have no pre-conceived agenda for serving on the Athletic Board, and would strive to be a team player.

Robert Olshansky (FAA, Urban and Regional Planning)

Professor Robert Olshansky is Professor and Interim Head of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning in the College of Fine and Applied Arts. He is an expert in community recovery following large disasters, such as the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan Province, China (for which he has a National Science Foundation grant, along with colleagues at several other universities), 2010 earthquake in Haiti, and 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northern Japan. He and colleagues have published on the recovery following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, 1995 Kobe, Japan Earthquake, 2004 Chuetsu, Japan Earthquake, and 2010 Haiti earthquake. He has been active in leadership in the university as a unit administrator and via service on the Faculty Senate, he is familiar with financial and business management concerns via his role as a unit head, and he is a long-time season ticket holder (Illini Basketball) with an interest in campus athletics programs and their intersection with the academic mission.

STUDENT NOMINEES

Brianna R Alston (ACES)

My name is Brianna Alston, I am a sophomore this year of 2013-2014 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. I represent first generation of my family being that I am African American and Mexican American. I intend to peruse a career in environmental studies with a concentration in climate change and world conservation. I have a strong passion to be involved with my school in anyway shape or form, because I feel that everyone here on campus encounters a different experience and I see my job as being a voice to create inclusivity throughout the campus. I love to play all sports, I have created a first year womens soccer team last semester of 2013 and I am currently on the womens bowling team. I consider myself a well rounded and passionate person because I care and love my school. I also have a job working for the catering service at the Illini Union. I have taken part in the event called "Tunnel of Oppression" which organizes a path that displays different issues of Oppression that are relevant on our campus and to bring awareness for other students to experience and learn from. Being here at the University has led me to be a great leader and individual.

Kyle Dettro (LAW)

I am originally from Mattoon, Illinois, and have kept up with Illinois athletics despite living in Kentucky for most of my life. My educational and sport-related work experience is listed in detail above. In 2013 I was admitted to the University of Illinois College of Law and I am currently in my second semester as a 1L law student. My educational background, prior work experience, and current proof of work ethic in school makes me an excellent candidate to join the Athletic Board for the University of Illinois.

Brent E Nelson (ENGR)

My name is Brent Nelson, I am a junior here majoring in Industrial Engineering with a track option in Supply Chain, Manufacturing, and Logistics. Growing up and all throughout high school I was involved in many sports, including basketball, baseball, soccer, track and field, and cross country. However since coming to the University of Illinois I have refocused my efforts as an engineering student, as a supporter of Illinois Athletics, and as a member of the community. Through the Institute of Industrial Engineers I was given the opportunity to manage a volunteer group at the Campus Bike Project. I was tasked with leading a team of five other members to diagnose and fix a problem with inefficiencies within the shop. During our two months working there, we were able to construct a rack for handlebar storage from scratch, as well as create a system for sorting and labeling spokes of different lengths. Besides volunteering, I worked last summer as a Facilities Engineering Intern for ThyssenKrupp Crankshaft Company in Danville, IL. I successfully created Lockout/Tagout placards for all 500+ machines in the facility and proposed the installation of energy meters on all production lines. These meters were used to gauge electricity usage per production line and were set up to utilize phase-imbalance-detection abilities to emergency-stop machines during a power surge. The project was estimated to have a cost-avoidance of \$780,000 annually. I am a hard working individual who is passionate about the athletic program here, and I am a good candidate for the Athletic Board.

STUDENT NOMINEES (Continued)

Laura Saldivar(LAS)

Born and raised in Algonquin, IL, Laura Saldivar is a sophomore majoring in Communication. In high school she spent her time working on educational policy and youth safety advocacy. Through her four years she was able to work in prevention and later serve on multiple national volunteer boards. Her role involved creating programming and developing projects on a national scale with other student leaders. After starting at UIUC, she soon joined the Community & Governmental Affairs Committee, which inspired her to continue her work on the university level. Currently, she serves as one of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS-B) senators and serves on the Campus Affairs Committee. Additionally, she serves as the Chairwoman on the Subcommittee of Cultural, International and Minority Student Affairs. During her summers she spends her time interning at the National Safety Council in their advocacy department. Laura works on their program outreach initiatives.

Her experiences regarding athletics includes helping to manage a semi-pro minor league football team (McHenry County Pirates). This included learning how an organization functions, budgeting, finding sponsors, recruitment, implementation, public relations outreach and the liability that goes along with sports. During the duration of the 2012-2013 school year Laura was a member of Illini Pride. This included her membership in Block I and Orange Krush.

In high school, she was on her high school's (Harry D. Jacobs) track and field varsity team serving as a co-captain her junior and senior year. Additionally, she earned the Fox Valley All Conference Honors Athlete Award and a leadership award from her team. It is her hope to be a voice for students on campus and continue the tradition of Illini Athletics.