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**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

Committee on Committees
(Final;Action)

CC.16.04 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:

Kathryn Clancy	LAS	2018
Kelly Bost	ACES	2019
<i>Vicente Diaz</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>2017</i>
Adrienne Dixson	EDUC	2016
Michael LeRoy	LER	2018
Michael Raycraft	AHS	2019
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 members are nominated to fill one faculty vacancy created by the resignation of Vicente Diaz (LAS) for the remainder of the term ending in 2017. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor.

James D Anderson	EDUC
F. William Simmons	ACES

The following students are nominated to fill one student vacancy unfilled during the spring 2015 elections for a one year term expiring in 2016. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor.

Brianna R Alston	ACES
Titus Potter	LAW

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George Gross
Sarah Hochman
Prasanta Kalita
Randy McCarthy
Lisa Monda-Amaya
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Titus Potter
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Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

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

ANDERSON, James D (EDUC: Education Policy, Organization and Leadership)

James D. Anderson is the Edward William and Jane Marr Gutsell 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 scholarship focuses broadly on the history of U.S. education, with specializations in the history of African American education in the South, the history of higher education desegregation, the history of public school desegregation, and the history of African American school achievement in the 20th century. His book, "The Education of Blacks in the South, 1860-1935," won the American Educational Research Association outstanding book award in 1990. He is senior editor of the *History of Education Quarterly*. Anderson has served as an expert witness in a series of federal desegregation and affirmative action cases, including *Jenkins v. Missouri*, *Knight v. Alabama*, *Ayers v. Mississippi*, *Gratz v. Bollinger*, and *Grutter v. Bollinger*. He served as an adviser for and participant in the PBS documentaries *School: The Story of American Public Education* (2001), *The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow* (2002) and *Forgotten Genius: The Percy Julian Story*. He was elected to the National Academy of Education in 2008. In 2012, he 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). In 2013, he was selected Center for Advanced Study Professor of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois. He is a past chair of the Athletics 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.

SIMMONS, F. William (ACES: Crop Sciences and Natural Resource and Environmental Sciences Departments)

I would be happy to serve the University if selected to fill a four-year term on the University of Illinois Athletic Board. I would bring interest, enthusiasm, institutional knowledge, and experience to such a role. I have been on faculty at the University of Illinois in the College of ACES since 1987, and just recently retired to an emeritus appointment where I continue some teaching and research on campus.

I closely follow most of the Illinois athletics portfolio and have done so since arriving on campus. My children have participated in many of the summer camps offered by our intercollegiate coaching staff and I have a son, Bradley Simmons, who was a high jumper on the Track Team a decade ago. Through him I learned about and came to respect the strong institutional structure surrounding athletic achievement. I firmly believe that Brad's academic foundation put in place by DIA counselors put him in a strong position to graduate (which he did). As an instructor I have had numerous athletes in my classes and have provided them with flexibility and understanding as they split their time between athletics and academics.

As an ACES assistant dean (2005-2014) I became even more familiar with the academic-athletic interface. I worked with DIA to evaluate transfer courses for athletes coming into our programs. I was the main contact for NCAA certification and "progress toward graduation" metrics, working with Chris Byron in DIA. On occasion I represented the College at CASA meetings where we evaluated academic strengths of recruit/applicants. I took advantage of opportunities to become familiar with academic counselors and some coaches. I am sensitive to the delicate balance of academic and athletic achievement and am proud of The Illinois tradition. I have viewed Illinois athletics as a professor, Assistant Dean, father, social friends of coaches, and most of all a fan. If I could be of service I would be happy to fill this role.

STUDENT NOMINEES

ALSTON, Brianna R (ACES)

My name is Brianna Alston, and I am a senior at the University of Illinois studying Natural Resource Environmental Studies. I plan on furthering my educational career in graduate studies in the field of Marine Biology with a concentration in physical oceanography. I created a women's intramural soccer team in the fall of 2013 and had continued to grow with my team. This fall marks three years since the creation of the intramural team and it has had great success. This past year, we made it to the semifinals of the intramural championships. Optimistically, we look forward to accomplishing many more milestones this year. I have had the honor of holding a chairman position for the Public Affairs Committee in Student Senate. Holding this position has opened many doors to many student- inclusive projects with the involvement of a wide range of students including student athletes. Having the opportunity to serve on both the Public Affairs and Student Services Committee has given me the ability to utilize ideas and specific projects from the Athletic Board to be able to apply it to the student body. I have found that student athletes are much more involved with student senate and other organizations than ever before. Now, there are more student-athletes inquiring about different ways to get involved at the University. From my experience of serving on the Athletic Board, one of the main goals that we focus on is to figure out a way to expose our student-athletes to different resources on campus. It is also the goal of the Athletic Board to continue to grow connections between student athletes and faculty, and also other students. Being a part of the Athletic Board has surely opened many doors for me to help do so. To be able to continue holding a position on the Athletic Board would be an honor for me. I would be able to continue to help accomplish new goals for the University, the success of our student athletes, and their athletic programs in the 2015-2016 school year.

POTTER, Titus (LAW)

I was born in Long Beach, CA, but lived most of my life in Compton, CA. In 2006, I graduated from Junipero Serra High School in Gardena CA, after lettering in football and track and field. After graduation, I began attending California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) where I graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Political Science and Legal Studies Certificate. During my tenure at CSULB, I served as President of Black Business Student Association, Vice President of Social Affairs for Financial Management Association, and as an Academic Senator. In addition, I interned for the Los Angeles Superior Courts, Warner Music Group's Rhino Record, and the Central Intelligence Agency. After graduating from CSULB, I became a member of JB Hunt Transportation RISE Management Training Program. After completing JB Hunt's Management Trainee Program I was promoted to Fleet Manager. As a Fleet Manager I managed over 40 company drivers and oversaw all driver and customer related concerns. In 2014, I left JB Hunt to pursue my legal education at the University of Illinois College of Law. During my first year at the College of Law I served as the 1L representative for Student Legal Relief and Government Interest Law Association. In spring 2015, I was elected to the University of Illinois Student Senate for the Fall 2015-Spring 2016 term. In addition to the Senate, I Chair the Committee on Community and Government Affairs Committee. Lastly, I clerked for the Honorable Chrystel Gavlin of the Will County Court over the 2015 summer and am currently clerking for the Federal Public Defender in Urbana. My overall goal is to impact social policy through law and to work towards improving political and social awareness among minority children in low-income and urban communities.