

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Senate Executive Committee
(Final; Action)

SC.17.11 Extension of the Term for the Athletic Board Faculty Representative to the Big Ten Conference

BACKGROUND

In a letter dated February 24, 2017 to Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Chair Gay Miller, Chancellor Robert Jones requested the Senate extend Matthew Wheeler's term as one of the Faculty Representatives to the Athletic Board.

Senate *Bylaws* Part E.1.c.1.a states that "The two Faculty Representatives of this campus to the Big Ten Conference, appointed annually by the Chancellor, following consultation with the Athletic Board. The Faculty Representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor, but for a period normally not to exceed ten years. The Senate shall approve any extensions beyond ten years."

In 2012, the Senate approved a five year extension of Wheeler's term through 2017. Chancellor Jones is requesting the term be extended one additional year to 2018. Wheeler has been assisting the Athletic Board through the recent transitions of the Athletic Director and the Chancellor. Additionally, he serves on several Big Ten committees and to not extend his service at this juncture in time could prove detrimental to the Illinois Athletic program.

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The SEC recommends a one year extension of Matthew Wheeler's term as the Athletic Board Faculty Representative to the Big Ten Conference with his term ending in 2018.

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