

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

CC.19.18 Student Nominations to the Athletic Board

BACKGROUND

The Athletic Board is the committee concerned with intercollegiate athletics (varsity sports) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This Board is responsible to the Senate for the intercollegiate athletic program as it relates to the University's academic and educational objectives as defined by the Senate. The Athletic Board serves also 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 in the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Two of the students appointed to the Athletic Board are appointed by the Chancellor from a slate of four candidates from the Illinois Student Government. Terms of students ordinarily shall be one year and students may be appointed to a second one-year term. Continuing student members of the Athletic Board and the expiration of their terms are as follows:

<i>Anthony B. Sullers</i>	<i>GRAD</i>	<i>2019</i>
<i>Chumar Williams</i>	<i>AHS</i>	<i>2019</i>

NOMINATIONS

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

The following students are nominated to fill two student vacancies, with terms ending 2020. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of two.

Julia Greuel	AHS
Kate Joyce	GRAD
Christian Nielsen	AHS
Anthony B. Sullers	GRAD

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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 of willingness to serve will suffice.

STUDENT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE**Julia Greuel (AHS - Recreation, Sport, and Tourism)**

Julia Greuel has been involved with our Division of Intercollegiate Athletics through the organization Illini Pride. She has been a part of Illini Pride since her first days as a freshman, and now leads as the Vice-President of Olympic Sports with prospects to even greater leadership in the days to come. Illini Pride is a Registered Student Organization dedicated to supporting all of our student athletes at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has a passion for the environment at a college gameday and for the athletes competing to make those environments. She has also spent time learning about the finance and logistics side of what goes into college athletics through both Illini Pride and her education in the Recreation, Sports, and Tourism major. With a position on the Student Athletic Board, it will give her the opportunity to grow her passion for this university's athletic programs and its members.

Kate Joyce (GRAD – Food Science and Human Nutrition)

Kate Joyce is a Graduate Student in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition M.S degree program with future plans of attending medical school. Kate had the rewarding experience of being a former four-year Student-Athlete (Aug 14' - May 18') on the Illinois Varsity Swim and Dive team where she served as a mentor to freshmen student-athletes, received Academic All-Big Ten honors, and was a finalist for the Illini Athletics Female Spirit Award. Kate has a sincere passion for serving others and Student-Athlete welfare. As a member of the Athletic Board, Kate will contribute to making well-informed decisions that put the welfare of Student-Athletes first while ensuring Student-Athletes have a successful experience both in the classroom and in their sport. Kate will bring a unique perspective to the Athletic Board due to her undergraduate experience as an Illinois Student-Athlete and the critical successful transition she made into her post-athletic career.

Christian Nielsen (AHS – Recreation, Sport, and Tourism)

As a former multiple sport and minority athlete, Christian has a great sense of the rigors and involvements of student-athletes. He is involved with the Applied Health Sciences Board of Visitors which provides ideas to the Dean on improving opportunities for students and alumni; the I-Leap Advisory Board which empowers students to feel a sense of belonging and become recognized at the university; and he is Vice President of the College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) Mannie L. Jackson Academic Enrichment and Leadership Program Board. As a leasing consultant on campus as well as managerial position this past summer, Christian has a broad array of knowledge spanning the disciplines of business, management, and leadership. His passion for sports are what have driven him to seek out this position, and his prior knowledge makes him an exceptional candidate.

Anthony B. Sullers (GRAD – Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership)

Anthony, a 4th year doctoral student in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, has high aspirations of becoming a future professor and administrator in the field of higher education, striving for a complete critical understanding of its aspects, including the role of athletics. Anthony's interest in Illini athletics is derived from multiple avenues, including his tenure of support as an undergraduate student, his course-based knowledge of higher education finance, and his experience providing professional-career based mentorship to several Fighting Illini athletes. Over the years, Anthony has participated in numerous campus committees including the Black and Latino Male Summit Committee and the Advisory Committee for the Bruce D. Nesbitt African-American Cultural Center. With this experience, Anthony plans to contribute by using his skills in diversity-based programming, program evaluation, and learning outcomes assessment to critically measure how well our student-athletes are obtaining the Office of the Provost's campus-wide learning outcomes. Anthony served as a student member on the Athletic Board in 2018-2019, and he would be honored to continue to serve the students and the university in this role.