

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
(Final; Action)

CC.20.17 Faculty Nominations to the Athletic Board

**BACKGROUND**

The Athletic Board serves 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. The Athletic Board consists of seven faculty members, appointed by the Chancellor from nominations by the Senate.

Terms of faculty ordinarily shall be four years and faculty may be reappointed to a second term but are then ineligible for reappointment until a period equaling the length of their second term has passed. Continuing faculty members of the Athletic Board and the expiration of their terms are as follows:

James Anderson	EDUC	2021
Neha Gothe	AHS	2023
Paul Heald	LAW	2021
Barry Houser	FAA2	2023
Michael LeRoy	LER	2022
<i>Brenda Lindsey</i>	<i>SSW</i>	<i>2020</i>
Endalyn Taylor	FAA	2022

**NOMINATIONS**

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

The following faculty members are nominated to fill one faculty vacancy, with a term ending in 2024. If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of one.

Caitlin Clarke	LAS
Brenda Lindsey	SSW

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*Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice. All nominations must be in accordance with Senate Bylaws.*

## **FACULTY STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE**

### **Caitlin Clarke (LAS: Sociology)**

Dr. Clarke holds a PhD in Kinesiology and Community Health with a specialization in the Sociology of Sport and Health. She is also an alumna of UIUC who taught many UIUC student athletes over the past years as a TA and now faculty. Currently she teaches 3 courses for Sociology including SOC 396 Sport and Mental Health. She is well versed in the UIUC academic expectations for student athletes and hopes to assist with advocating for student athlete mental health and general welfare.

### **Brenda Coble Lindsey (SSW)**

Brenda Coble Lindsey I am interested in continuing to serve as a member of the Athletic Board and believe I can provide a unique perspective on ways to address the academic and emotional needs of student athletes. As the mother of a former Division I student athlete, I have firsthand knowledge about the challenges faced by student athletes. It is not easy for them to balance academic and athletic responsibilities. As an instructor, I have had student athletes in my classes. Some of them grappled with mental health problems including depression and anxiety, but were reluctant to seek help.

My teaching and scholarship interests focus on ways that schools can support students with mental health problems. I applied my expertise in my role as co-chair of the 2016-2017 campus Task Force for Promoting Student Mental Health and Emotional Resilience. My experiences give me a wider lens to better understand how to effectively address the academic and emotional needs of undergraduate students. If selected as a member of the Athletic Board, I will advocate for a seamless systems of support with a compendium of resources to address the academic and emotional needs of student athletes.