

Board Meeting  
July 25, 2013

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointments to the Athletic Board

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

On recommendation of the Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Vice President, University of Illinois, Mr. McKennon Biers (student), Associate Professor Vicente Diaz (Asian American Studies, Anthropology, and American Indian Studies), Ms. Sarah Hartwell (student), Mr. Nisar Qureshi (student), Mr. Audwin Rowe (alumnus), and Emeritus Professor Thomas S. Ulen (Law) are being proposed for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The appointments will be effective August 2013, and continue for the term designated or until a successor has been appointed. (Biographical sketches for the nominees are attached.)

The Athletic Board is a committee concerned with intercollegiate athletics at the Urbana-Champaign campus. In its oversight of the academic and educational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program, it is a committee of the Urbana-Champaign Senate. The board also 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.

The board consists of nineteen members: two faculty representatives to the Big Ten; seven other faculty members; four alumni of the Urbana-Champaign campus; three students; and three *ex officio* members without a vote: a designee of the Chancellor, the University Comptroller or designee, and the Athletic Director. A slate of faculty nominees is provided to the Chancellor by the Urbana-Champaign Senate. The slate of student nominees is provided to the Chancellor by the Urbana-Champaign Senate, the Illinois Student Senate, and the Student Athletic Advisory Board to fill one student position each. The slate of alumni is provided by the Urbana Campus Alumni Advisory Board. The Chancellor reviews the lists of nominees and forwards recommendations to the President of the University for action by the Board of Trustees.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.

**McKennon Biers**--Student, College of Business, term ending in 2014

Mr. Biers is a junior majoring in Accountancy. He graduated from Mendota High School in Mendota, Illinois, where he played both basketball and football. McKennon has served on the Illini Pride Executive Board with the position of Orange Krush Chair, working with DIA Administration to plan two Orange Krush road trips. He is currently serving as the Brotherhood Co-Chair for the Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity. McKennon plans to earn a graduate degree and become a Certified Public Accountant.

**Vicente Diaz**--Associate Professor, Departments of Asian American Studies, Anthropology, and American Indian Studies, term ending in 2017

Associate Professor Diaz has been a faculty member at the University of Illinois since 2012. He is an interdisciplinary historian whose research interests focus on comparative native cultural and historical studies, Pacific historiography and cultural critique, Pacific masculinities and sports, and indigenous postcoloniality, religiosity and nationhood. Dr. Diaz is the founder of the field of Native Pacific Cultural Studies and a proponent of comparative native and ethnic studies and indigenous political and cultural decolonization.

**Sarah Hartwell**--Student, Division of General Studies, Women's Basketball team member, term ending in 2014

Ms. Hartwell is a sophomore with an undeclared major. She graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma, Washington, where she participated in basketball and track. In high school, Sarah was the sports editor of the high school newspaper and was active in several community service projects including Feed Homeless and Habitat for Humanity. After graduation, Sarah would like to work in sports broadcasting or continue her education in the College of Law.

**Nisar Qureshi**--Student, College of Business and College of Law, term ending in 2014

Mr. Qureshi is a graduate student in the College of Business and College of Law and earned a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Sport and Tourism in August 2012. He graduated from Morton High School in Morton, Illinois, where he participated in football, baseball, and track. Nisar was Head Manager of the Men's Basketball team during the 2012-2013 season. He is the Relationship Manager for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, was a board member of the James Scholar Advisory Board, and was instrumental in the Orange Krush's 2009 win of the Coke Zero "Taste the Madness" contest. After graduation, Nisar would like to work for the Brooklyn Nets professional basketball team.

**Audwin Rowe**--Alumnus, term ending in 2017

Mr. Rowe owns an insurance agency through State Farm. He is a board member and past president of the Black Alumni Network (BAN), a University of Illinois Alumni Association affiliate partner. Mr. Rowe was an active committee planner and financial sponsor for the 2008 and 2012 Black Alumni Reunions and continues to serve on that committee. He was also instrumental in building a partnership between BAN and DIA for the popular Homecoming Diversity Tailgate events to increase awareness of student-athlete life and encourage alumni engagement.

**Thomas S. Ulen**--Director, Illinois Program in Law and Economics, term ending in 2017

Emeritus Professor Ulen joined the faculty in the Department of Economics in 1997 and has taught at the College of Law since 1982. He has served on and chaired several major campus committees and activities. In 1995, Dr. Ulen served on the Presidential Search Committee to find a successor to President Ikenberry. He also chaired the Chancellor Search Committee for this campus in 2000-2001. Dr. Ulen has been involved in sports all of his life as a participant and a fan winning three varsity letters in rowing in college and coaching several of his sons' teams.