

Board Meeting
May 31, 2012

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ATHLETIC BOARD, URBANA

Action: Approve Appointments to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

On recommendation of the Vice President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Mr. McKennon Biers (student), Associate Professor Adrienne Dixson (Education Policy, Organization & Leadership), Ms. Marissa Holden (student), Mr. Imran Kazmi (student), and Mr. Richard Stockton (alumnus) are being proposed for appointment to the Athletic Board of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The appointments will be effective August 2012, 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 2013

Mr. Biers is a sophomore majoring in Accountancy. He graduated from Mendota High School in Mendota, Illinois, where he played both basketball and football. Mr. Biers 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. Mr. Biers plans to earn a graduate degree and become a Certified Public Accountant.

Adrienne Dixson--Associate Professor, Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, term ending in 2016

Professor Dixson has been a faculty member at the University of Illinois since 2011. She is a leading scholar in Critical Race Theory and President of the Critical Race Studies in Education Association. Dr. Dixson has an outstanding record of working effectively with diverse groups of graduate and undergraduate students. She is co-chair/president of the Black Faculty and Academic Professionals Alliance. While a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin and a professor at The Ohio State University, Dr. Dixson worked informally with collegiate student-athletes either advising them academically and/or providing academic support. As a graduate student, she was a mentor for student-athletes of color while the President of the Black Graduate Student Association. As a professor, she worked with the Todd A. Bell Center for African American Males at The Ohio State University. In this capacity, she helped young men, again, many of whom were athletes, maintain their academic achievement and advised them in considering graduate school upon graduation from OSU.

Marissa Holden--Student, College of Business, Women's Soccer team member, term ending in 2013

Ms. Holden is a junior majoring in Business Marketing. She graduated from Plano East High School in Plano, Texas, where she played soccer and track. In high school, Ms. Holden participated in the PALS program--a Peer Assistance and Leadership Skills program; she was also active in Student Council, Orchestra, National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Imran Kazmi--Student, College of Applied Health Sciences, term ending in 2013

Mr. Kazmi is a junior majoring in Community Health. He graduated from Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where he played tennis. Mr. Kazmi is a member of the Athletic Bands; is a participant in the Marching Illini, Basketball Band, and serves as the Section Leader for the Sousaphone Section. He is an Assistant Teaching Assistant and serves as Executive Vice President of Finance of the registered student organization Future Health Care Executives. Mr. Kazmi plans to have a career in public health.

Richard Stockton--Alumnus, term ending in 2016

Mr. Stockton practices patent, trademark, and copyright law as a principal shareholder at Benner & Witcoff, Ltd. Mr. Stockton was a student member of the Athletic Board in 1999. He has been involved in the I-Fund and Oskee Club for several years. Mr. Stockton has served on the Urbana Campus Alumni Advisory Board, College of Law Board of Visitors, and Law Alumni Association Board.