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## APPOINT DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Appoint Director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the appointment of Laura Liesman as Director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield. This will be a non-tenured appointment, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of $130,000 effective September 24, 2021. Ms. Liesman was appointed as Director-Designate of Intercollegiate Athletics under the same terms beginning September 1, 2021.

Prior to accepting this appointment as Director of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, she has served since 2016 as the Assistant Vice President for Athletics and Recreation at Georgian Court University. At Georgian Court University, she has also served as Chair, NCAA Division II Management Council and Director of Athletics and Recreation.

Ms. Liesman succeeds Roy Brown, who has served on an interim basis since February 19, 2021.

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 the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

This recommendation is made with the advice of a search committee.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The President of the University concurs with this recommendation.

(A biosketch follows.)

LAURA LIESMAN

Education

Monmouth College, Illinois, B.A., 1992

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, M.S., 1994

Professional or Other Experience

Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy, Aurora, 1999-2001, Resident Counselor; EXCEL Program Coordinator; Girls Basketball Coach

College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota, 2001-03, Assistant Athletics Director; Director of Summer Camps

Georgian Court University, Lakewood, New Jersey, 2003-16, Director of Athletics and Recreation; 2019-20, Chair, NCAA Division II Management Council; 2016-date, Assistant Vice President for Athletics and Recreation

1. Marie Watson, Chair, Associate Director of Student Life; Matt Brock, Head Men’s Basketball Coach; Carolyn Franke, Softball Student-Athlete, SAAC President; Jeff Lorber, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, UIS and Senior Vice President, University of Illinois Foundation; Cassandra Thousand, Head Women’s Basketball Coach; Marcel Yoder, Faculty Athletics Representative and Associate Professor of Allied Health. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)