

Immediate Press Release!
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“Dr. Russell Ahn Reappointed as FISU Taekwondo Technical Committee Chair”
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The University of California Martial Arts Program is pleased to announce that UCMAP Director Dr. Russell Ahn has been reappointed as Taekwondo Technical Committee Chair (TCC) of the [International University Sports Federation \(FISU\)](#). He will be serving the next four years as the technical committee chairman for the taekwondo events at the [Summer Universiade games](#), a biennial competition between universities worldwide. For the past 16 years, Dr. Ahn has been serving the university taekwondo movement. He also previously served as the [World Taekwondo \(WT\)](#) technical delegate for both the 2011 Shenzhen Summer Universiade and the 2015 Gwangju Summer Universiade. Furthermore, he served as the FISU Technical Delegate for 2017 Taipei Summer Universiade. It was the first time taekwondo appeared as a compulsory sport for the Summer Universiade. Dr. Ahn was also reappointed as Vice-Chairman of the Youth and Collegiate committee of the WT (World Taekwondo, formerly known as World Taekwondo Federation), a role in which he has served in since 2010. Additionally, he served in other leadership positions within the WT, including as the Collegiate Committee Chairman in 2009. He also currently serves as the president of the [US National Collegiate Taekwondo Association](#) and is on the board of directors of [USA Taekwondo](#), the national governing body of taekwondo in the United States.



This impressive array of responsibilities continues the University of California, Berkeley's leadership in the international taekwondo world, as the previous taekwondo TD to FISU, Dr. Ken Min, also hails from the university. In addition to starting UCMAP, Dr. Min also initiated the university taekwondo movement worldwide, hosting both the 1st and 7th World University Taekwondo Championship (WUTC), a FISU-sanctioned event, at UC Berkeley.

FISU hosted the WUTC until taekwondo's inclusion as an optional event at the Summer Universiade games in 2003. The Summer Universiade only has 11 compulsory sports, but hosts over 60 sports in total. FISU has been engaging universities worldwide to promote sports values and encourage sports practice since 1949. The 30th Anniversary Summer Universiade will be held in Naples, Italy in 2019.

About FISU

The FISU (International University Sports Federation) was established in 1949 and formed within university institutions in order to promote sports values and encourage sports practice in harmony with and complementary to the university spirit. Promoting sports values means encouraging friendship, fraternity, fair-play, perseverance, integrity, cooperation and application amongst students, who one day will have responsibilities and even key positions in politics, the economy, culture and industry. As allies or competitors, perhaps even as antagonists, these men and women will have learned how to collaborate and deal with every eventuality, whilst respecting the ethical code enshrined in these values. Promoting sports values and sports practice also implies giving a new dimension to the university spirit in study, research, and discipline, through the strong affirmation of the full humanist development of the individual and of society at large. This development is not just intellectual, but also moral and physical.