

**Minutes**  
**University of Kentucky Athletic Association**  
**Board of Directors Special Called Meeting**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower**  
**January 29, 2007**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Opened and Roll Call**

President Lee Todd called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and asked Barbara Jones, Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. The following members of the Board answered: Frank Butler, Dermontti Dawson, Luther Deaton, Alan Desantis, Bill Gatton, Sandford Goldberg, Steve Hricenak, Linda McDaniel, Raynor Mullins, Frank Shoop, Gerald Smith, Kumble Subbaswamy, Lee Todd, and S. T. Roach. Charles Cassis, Tara Ignacio, Bobby Perry, William B. Sturgill, and Patricia Terrell were absent. Ms. Jones announced that a quorum was present.

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, members of his staff, and members of the various news media were also in attendance.

President Todd did not give a President's Report since this was a special called meeting. He did, however, make several comments about athletics, including the Music City Bowl game and the celebration with the football athletes and coaches. He thanked Mr. Barnhart for his leadership in the football program. He noted that UK has had four coaches to receive Coach of the Year awards since the last Board meeting. The basketball team had a 3.2 GPA, which is the highest average among the male athletes and the second highest overall in the conference.

**Approval of Minutes**

President Todd asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2006 Minutes that were circulated. Mr. Deaton moved approval of the Minutes. Mr. Gatton seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

**Athletics Directors Report**

Mr. Barnhart gave an update on the things that have gone on in athletics since the last meeting.

- Women's soccer coach Warren Lipka led his team to a SEC championship win and UK qualified for the NCAA for the first time in a number of years.
- Rifle team proved to be extremely successful and won the rifle conference championship. This is the first time UK has won that championship in several years. Two members of the team will be competing in Europe.
- Football program finished 8 and 5 for the season and 4 and 4 in the SEC and won the Music City Bowl.
- Two members of the football coaching staff left the university to pursue other jobs. Two new assistant coaches have been added to the staff, David Lockwood,

- University of Minnesota, and Larry Brinson, Rice University. The coordinator positions are being occupied by Joker Phillips, who has done a remarkable job as the offensive coordinator, and Steve Brown, who was promoted to be the defensive coordinator, making UK one of three Division I-A schools in which both coordinators are African American.
- Mr. Barnhart thanked the people in Nashville who were involved in the Music City Bowl as well as his staff for their good work with the bowl game. UK had 55,000 people in Nashville.
  - Jenny Bradford, Women's Swimming, set the school record in the freestyle swimming event.
  - Ashley Moffett set the school record in the shot put in the Women's indoor track.
  - UK is to host several SEC and NCAA tournaments:
    - SEC Swimming and Diving championship
    - SEC Indoor Track and Field championship
    - SEC Women's Tennis championship
    - Men's basketball NCAA First and Second rounds
  - The new Joe Craft Center is to open in February. The basketball program has officially moved in, and other offices are scheduled to move in within two weeks.
  - A new scoreboard with video capability is being installed at the baseball stadium.
  - UK finished second in the SEC with the number of honor roll students. There were 51 UK student-athletes that made the SEC honor roll. Bob Bradley, Associate Athletics Director, and his CATS staff have done a very good job working with the athletes to make sure they stay on track for graduation.
  - The new APR rule evaluates a school's progress toward the student-athletes' degree. Schools must maintain a .925 percentage rate of success or the school gets penalized, causing the team to lose scholarship opportunities, post-season opportunities, or both. For the second year in a row, UK has not had any team to fall below the required percentage rate.

Mr. Barnhart distributed the contract extension for Head Football Coach Rich Brooks. He said that Coach Brooks had the tenacity and ability to take the football program to a bowl game. It was UK's sixth bowl win in school history. Having some stability in a program over a period of time usually proves its value. The contract is for four years with an option year at the university's discretion. It is a \$1 million contract for four years. There are some incentives to give Coach Brooks the ability to make more money as the team succeeds.

He noted that two-year contracts have been put together for the assistant coaches. This should give stability to the program for the next few years.

President Todd asked if there were any questions about the contract. He said he was glad to see the commitment of Coach Brooks to this institution. He called for a motion to approve the four-year contract for Coach Brooks. Mr. Deaton moved approval. Mr. Shoop seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

President Todd said that Coach Brooks and Mr. Barnhart received incentives for UK playing in the Music City Bowl. When Mr. Barnhart saw that his incentive was greater than that of Coach Brooks, he gave a portion of his incentive to Coach Brooks in order to equalize the two rewards. President Todd said that he admired Mr. Barnhart for doing that.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Butler reported that the Finance Committee met earlier that day and had two presentations. The first was a presentation by Rob Mullens about the current status of the FY07 budget and budget projections. The recommendation is that the Board approve the expense authority that was allocated to the university for the Music City Bowl for \$1.04 million and use \$950,000 of the current Athletics Fund Balance to balance this year's budget, which reflected a shortfall in some revenues specifically associated with football. He moved approval of the Budget Authority item. Mr. Deaton seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

Mr. Butler said that the committee reviewed in detail the recommendations regarding ticket prices for the 2007 through 2010 fiscal years. He referred to the K Fund/Tickets Adjustments handout and said that Mr. Barnhart or Mr. Mullens would be pleased to answer any questions. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Butler moved approval of the recommendation, and Mr. Deaton seconded the motion.

For the benefit of those who did not attend the Finance Committee, President Todd asked Mark Coyle, Associate Athletics Director, to give his K Fund/Tickets Adjustments presentation.

Mark Coyle presented the proposal to adjust ticket prices from FY08 through FY10. He provided background information leading up to the adjustments and gave the proposed increases for FY08, FY09, and FY10. He compared ticket prices at various institutions. He pointed out that the plan rewards the loyalty of the season ticket holder. It keeps UK near the bottom of the SEC in football ticket prices while generating the resources needed to continue the progress toward broad-based excellence.

Following the presentation, President Todd commended athletics for continuing to invest in academics through contributions to the President's Office and the Singletary Scholars. President Todd called for a vote, and the motion carried with Dr. Smith opposing the adjustments of tickets.

### **Long-Range Planning Committee Report**

Dr. Mullins, chair of the committee, reported that the committee met prior to the Athletic Board meeting. He reviewed the committee's work from last year, noting that the committee developed the university's first Strategic Plan for UK Athletics. He recognized the new members of the committee. He announced that the committee would be meeting in February to discuss the strategic issues that are emerging.

President Todd expressed appreciation for the formation and efforts of the various committees. He noted that a review of UK's master plan for the entire campus will be done this year.

**Meeting Adjourned**

President Todd announced that there would be a tour of the Joe Craft Center immediately following the meeting. He asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shoop so moved. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara W. Jones  
Secretary