University Athletics Committee  
Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
Boardroom, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower 9:00 AM

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr., chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

The following members of the Athletics Committee were present: C.B. Akins, Sr. (chair), Sheila Brothers, Keith Gannon, Terry Mobley, and Frank Shoop, community members Vicki Bell and Paula Hanson, and Faculty representative Joe Fink. Community member Davis Marksbury was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Akins said that the minutes of June 19, 2012 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Mr. Mobley moved that the minutes be approved. Ms. Brothers seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

Action Item Discussion

Dr. Akins stated that per the Governing Regulations, the University Athletics Committee is responsible for reviewing the construction of Athletics Department facilities if the cost is expected to exceed $400,000. Dr. Akins requested that this amount be reviewed and, if appropriate, should be revised to be consistent with the campus capital project amount of $600,000. President Capilouto agreed to undertake a review the Governing Regulation.

FCR 7 – Renovate/Upgrade Softball Complex

Dr. Akins introduced FCR 7, Renovate/Upgrade Softball Complex. Athletics Director Barnhart continued that on February 23, 2012 the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee approved the Renovate/Upgrade Softball Complex project in the amount of $7,500,000 of private funds. The project included a new softball stadium and batting pavilion. On July 6, 2012 the bids received exceeded the approved authority.

In order to accommodate the completion of construction of the stadium portion prior to the start of the softball spring season and the SEC tournament which UK is hosting this year, the Board is asked to increase the scope of the project by $2,200,000 for the batting pavilion and coach’s office components. This increase will be funded with private donations. Director Barnhart asked for approval of the recommendation of FCR 7 to the Finance Committee.

Chair Akins opened the floor for discussion. Having no further discussion, Mr. Shoop moved approval of the recommendation to the Finance Committee. It was seconded by Trustee Gannon and passed without dissent.
FCR 8 – Renovate/Expand Soccer Facilities

Chair Akins introduced FCR 8, Renovate/Expand Soccer Facilities. Director Barnhart introduced the men’s and women’s head soccer coaches Johan Cedergren and John Lipsitz respectively. Director Barnhart detailed the renovation/expansion activities to the Committee. The additional work will complete the player facilities area, additional seating, and press box to create a cohesive complex. The estimated project scope is not expected to exceed $7 million and will be funded with UK Athletics’ private funds.

Chair Akins opened the floor for discussion. Trustee Shoop asked if this request for funds completed the project. AD Barnhart answered affirmatively. Mr. Mobley moved approval of the recommendation to the Finance Committee. It was seconded by Mr. Shoop and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Mobley shared that while committee members were touring the soccer and softball complexes, they should take a tour of the new track facility.

Dr. Akins also reminded the Committee of the September 18th ceremony honoring Joe B. Hall at Wildcat Coal Lodge at 8:00 a.m.

Department Report

Director Barnhart reintroduced new men’s soccer coach Johan Cedergren. Formerly an assistant head coach of Dartmouth College, he helped lead Dartmouth to a number of NCAA appearances and he brings great energy to the program.

Coach Cedergren thanked Director Barnhart and expressed his appreciation at being a part of the UK family. He thanked the Committee for their support of the renovation/upgrades to the Soccer Complex.

Director Barnhart stated that women’s soccer coach John Lipsitz had been here a few years and methodically built a strong program. Coach Lipsitz thanked the Committee and was excited to talk about the future of women’s soccer. He thanked UK Athletics for the support of the department and the extraordinary young women he is fortunate to coach.

Director Barnhart stated that the football program is coming off a win. The Volleyball program is off to good start, with SEC Conference play starting soon.

Director Barnhart was pleased to highlight today a recent trip by eight female student athletes on a humanitarian trip to Ethiopia. Associate Athletic Director Jason Schlafer, one of the chaperones for the service trip, introduced Brooke Keyes (soccer), Megan Moir (golf), Kayla King (soccer), Kayla Hartley (gymnastics) and Kastine Evans (women’s basketball) to come forward to share their experience.

On behalf of the eight athletes, Kayla King thanked Director Barnhart, Associate Director Jason Schlafer, Assistant Director Nathan Schwake, and Athletics Committee Member Vicky Bell for
the roles each played in the trip. She went on to tell of her life changing events and people that she had met on their service trip to Ethiopia. Brooke Keyes shared an overview of Ethiopia and some of her observations of the service trip.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.