Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
Tuesday, December 17, 2013
Boardroom, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower

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 University Athletics Committee were present: C.B. Akins, Sr. (chair), Sheila Brothers, Oliver Keith Gannon, Terry Mobley, C. Frank Shoop, community members Vickie Bell, Paula Hanson, Davis Marksbury and faculty representative Joe Fink.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Akins welcomed the committee members and said that the minutes of September 11, 2013 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Seeing none, Trustee Mobley moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Shoop seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

President’s Report

President Capilouto stated that Athletics Director Barnhart and Executive Associate Director Sandy Bell, were attending the SEC Athletic Directors meeting and he welcomed Deputy Director DeWayne Peevy to share the department’s report.

Departmental Report

Deputy Director Peevy began the report with highlights from fall sports. They included:

- In Mark Stoops first year as coach, the football program finished the 2013 season with a 2-10 record. Three Wildcats received All-Southeastern Conference honors: Avery Williamson (Second Team – AP and coaches), Bud Dupree (Second Team – coaches), Jon Toth (All-Freshman – coaches). Dupree and Za’Darius Smith, both standout defensive ends, announced last week they will bypass the NFL Draft and return for their senior seasons. UK’s 2014 class remains on track to be the best in school history and currently ranks 12th according to Rivals.com. The first five members of that class signed scholarship papers in November and will enroll for the spring semester. Lastly, UK unveiled plans for a $110-million renovation of Commonwealth Stadium in November and launched a corresponding website (www.TheNewCWS.com).

- Volleyball reached its ninth consecutive NCAA Tournament under Coach Craig Skinner and finished the season 22-9. The Wildcats were chosen to host NCAA first and second rounds for the second straight year, receiving the No. 15 overall seed. The Wildcats
advanced to the second round of the tournament. Seniors Whitney Billings and Alexandra Morgan were named All-SEC, while Anni Thomasson was a All-Freshman performer.

- Women’s soccer finished with a record of 14-7-1, falling in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to eventual national champion UCLA. UK was chosen as a host in the NCAA Tournament for the third straight season under Coach Jon Lipsitz. Record-setting junior Arin Gilliland had 12 goals and 10 assists en route to third-team All-America honors. Cara Ledman, Stuart Pope and Zoe Swift joined her in receiving All-SEC recognition. All four will return next season.

- Men’s soccer closed its season in the semifinals of the Conference USA Tournament with a record of 7-10-3. Brad Doliner, Callum Irving, Napo Matsoso and Steven Perinovic earned all-conference accolades, while Perinovic and Tyler Riggs were named NSCAA All-Midwest Region.

- The men’s and women’s cross country teams continued to show improvement in Coach Edrick Floreal’s second season, finishing fifth and third, respectively, at the SEC Championships. The women’s finish was the best since 2002. For the second year in a row, Cally Macumber earned All-America honors. She overcame an early fall at the NCAA Championships to finish 14th in the 253-runner field.

- Men’s golf concluded a successful fall season, logging four top-five finishes in as many tournaments.

- Women’s golf, ranked No. 21, completed its final fall tournament of the season with an eighth-place finish at the Stanford Intercollegiate.

Deputy Director Peevy continued with an update of winter sports. This included:

- Men’s basketball has an 8-3 record with all three losses coming by five or fewer points to teams currently ranked in the top 25. UK will face Belmont and rival Louisville in Rupp Arena before moving into SEC play.

- Women’s basketball moved to a perfect 11-0 with a win over East Tennessee on Sunday, tying a school record for the best start to a season. The No. 5/6 Wildcats are third in the nation in scoring (96.2 points per game) and own top-10 wins over Louisville and Baylor. The team will host No. 2 Duke on Sunday in Rupp Arena.

- Rifle is 5-2 after the fall semester portion of its schedule with the only two losses coming on the road to No. 2 Alaska-Fairbanks. In search of its fourth top-two NCAA finish in a row, UK will return to the range at Ohio State on Jan. 11.

- The men’s and women’s track teams participated in their first meet of the indoor season, winning six events at the Hoosier Open on Friday, December 13, 2013. Senior Kayla Parker set a school record in the 60-meter hurdles. UK will next host two indoor meets – the Kentucky Invitational and Rod McCravy Memorial – in January.
The men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams’ fall schedule was highlighted by a 3-1 outing in a meet against Missouri and SIU, giving first-year head coach Lars Jorgensen his first wins. Christina Bechtel, Greg Ferrucci and Brandon Flynn all won SEC weekly awards this fall after strong individual performances.

Gymnastics is ranked No. 21 in the preseason, a school record, and had a productive Blue/White Intrasquad meet last week.

Deputy Director Peevy reported that “off the field”:

- 30 current or former student-athletes are set to receive degrees at the December Commencement on Friday, December 20;
- Jarrod Polson (men’s basketball) and Kastine Evans (women’s basketball) are each nominees for the Allstate Good Works Team for their dedication to volunteerism and civic service;
- Tyler Riggs (men’s soccer) – a mechanical engineering major with a 3.93 GPA – was named First-Team Academic All-America;
- Women’s basketball participated in a Thanksgiving service project, encouraging fans to donate toiletry items and delivering them at the Bluegrass Hospitality Group’s Thanksgiving Dinner for the less fortunate;
- In the spirit of the holiday season and led by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, UK student-athletes made blankets and delivered them to patients at the UK Children’s Hospital; and
- Former Wildcat All-America football player Steve Meilinger was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December at the annual National Football Foundation Awards Dinner in New York.

Deputy Director Peevy shared a video produced by UK Public Relations and Marketing of interviews with some of the student-athletes who have participated in the service trips to Ethiopia. The student-athletes, through their own words and images, gave the Committee a heartfelt glimpse into the life-changing impact of this experience. Over 25 student-athletes in the past three years have participated in the opportunity.

**Business Items**

The Committee was updated on the 2012-13 Audited Financial Statements and the Independent Auditors’ Report on Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Susan Krauss, Interim Treasurer, reviewed the Management’s discussion and analysis of the statements of net position. This included assets, liabilities and operating revenues and expenses.
Chair Akins recommended the acceptance of the 2012-13 Audited Finance Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report as presented. Trustee Brothers moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gannon and it passed without dissent.

Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday reviewed the interim financial statements of the Department for the three months ended September 30, 2013. The information included the statement of net position, the statement on revenue and expenses, and the change in net position.

Chair Akins recommended acceptance of the Interim Financial Report as presented. Trustee Shoop moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mobley and it passed without dissent.

Mr. Monday reviewed FCR 12, the resolution for the authorization, issuance and sale of approximately $265,000,000 General Receipts Obligations for the Gatton Building, Academic Science Building and Commonwealth Stadium project.

Chairs Akins recommended approval to the Finance Committee of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletic’s full debt service for the Commonwealth Stadium project portion and the partial debt service for the Academic Science building. Trustee Shoop moved approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gannon and passed without dissent.

Chair Akins recognized Athletics Committee Community member Davis Marksbury and offered his grateful appreciation for his and wife Beverly’s generous pledge to UK Athletics. The pledge is detailed in FCR 1 and will be accepted as one of the consent items at meeting of the full Board.

Other Business

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.