

University Athletics Committee
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Boardroom, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Dr. Akins, Chair of the Athletics Committee called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

President Capilouto thanked the members of the Committee for agreeing to serve. He shared that part of the committee's responsibility will be the continued best practices of internal audit review, budget review, and the review of certain capital projects. He thanked Director Barnhart, Ms. Sandy Bell, and Dr. Joe Fink for their care for the students and the fierce protection of the integrity of the University.

Dr. Akins welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their willingness to serve. The following members of the Committee answered the roll call: CB Akins, Keith Gannon, Sheila Brothers, Frank Shoop, Terry Mobley, Davis Marksbury, Paula Hansen, Vicki Bell, and Joe Fink.

Dr. Akins acknowledged the strengths and insight the members brought to the Committee and said "every voice is valued". He shared his appreciation of the well run Athletics Program and introduced Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart to educate the Committee regarding the structure of UK Athletics.

Mitch Barnhart thanked the Committee and highlighted the following sports and coaches:

- Coach John Calipari and the Men's Basketball Championship and Anthony Davis, Naismith Player of the Year.
- Coach Matthew Mitchell and the Women's Basketball SEC Championship and Elite Eight Appearance, his Coach of the Year award and SEC Player of the Year A'dia Mathies.
- The Rifle team and Coach Harry Mullins took second in the country. He and his rifle teams have been in the top five the last five years.
- Coach Dennis Emery and the Men's Tennis Team's SEC Championship win and Coach Emery's Coach of the Year award. Ed Quigley from Pee Wee Valley, KY, was named Player of the Year.
- The Men's Baseball team with Coach Gary Henderson was in the hunt for a championship as well. The team is in the top five in the country.
- The Women's Softball team swept LSU for the first time in school history. Senior Chanda Bell, who holds the school record for strikeouts and a wonderful ambassador for Kentucky athletics, threw a no-hitter on Senior Day.

A.D. Barnhart educated the Committee on the structure of the Athletics Department, commenting that the staff is moderate in size, but incredibly passionate about what they do. Each and every day the staff's job is to help the coaches and athletes have the best chance to be successful. Recently with the departure of some key senior staff, the opportunity presented itself to rethink the structure of the department, to streamline and consolidate. The new structure includes three executive associate athletic directors. The first, Sandy Bell is in charge of student athlete services,

which encompasses everything from the training room, CATS program, compliance office, to the ticket office. DeWayne Peevy is Executive Associate Athletics Director dealing with external relations such as external media relations, development and fund raising, and finally marketing. Mark Hill is the Executive Associate Athletics Director for internal operations. Formerly a UK strength and conditioning coach, he moved into the administrative side a few years ago. This area contains event management (over 100 per year), strength and conditioning, equipment, the business office, and facilities and operations.

Director Barnhart also reported:

- UK has 22 sports, the most in the Southeastern Conference.
- The new Track and Fieldhouse facility will be open in mid-July
- The Softball Complex update should begin soon and be ready to host the SEC Championship next May.

Executive Associate Athletics Director Sandy Bell explained her area of student services: compliance, CATS, training and the Ticket Office.

With a staff of four full-time people, the Compliance area involves scholarships and squad list numbers, NCAA regulations, academics and eligibility (initial and continuing), recruiting, and student conduct and responsibility. Committee member Dr. Joe Fink is the academic liaison and reviews and certifies student athlete eligibility.

Ms. Bell explained the Academic Performance Rate (APR), which is based on the retention and eligibility of “scholarship only” student athletes. There are only two institutions in the SEC that have not been penalized to date, Vanderbilt and Kentucky. Ms. Bell commended the tutors and academic counselors who work with different teams to help them manage their academic life, including study skills and time management skills.

The Center for Academic and Tutorial Services (CATS) is also a tool used to help student athletes succeed. It opened in 1981 and was the first academic center for student-athletes in the nation. The current Center opened in 1998 with over 20,000 square feet dedicated to academic services. Other highlights of CATS are:

- 8 full-time Academic Counselors
- A full-time Life –Skills Coordinator who manages the career development program
- A full-time tutor Program Coordinator
- 11 part time academic graduate assistants
- Employs 100 part-time tutors each semester
- All freshmen receive a tutor
- 1300 hours of tutoring per week on average
- Mentoring program that includes retired school teachers
- Post –Eligibility Scholarship Program (Cawood Ledford Scholars)

Ms. Bell also shared that in the Fall of 2011, 243 of 500 student athletes had a GPA of 3:00 or better. In 2011-2012 UK’s student athletes also recorded over 4000 hours of community service to organizations such as God’s Pantry of Lexington, SEC “Together We CAN” Food Drive,

Salvation Army and UK Children's Hospital. Student-Athlete led initiatives include projects such "Soles4Souls", tornado disaster clean-up and aid, and "Cats Cultivating Character" to name a few.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12am.

Respectfully Submitted

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