

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee  
Tuesday, January 29, 2013  
Boardroom, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower 10:00 a.m.

### Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr., chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

### Approval of Minutes

Chair Akins said that the minutes of December 11, 2012 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Mr. Mobley moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Shoop seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

### Department Report

President Capilouto and Sandy Bell, Executive Associate Athletics Director for Student Services gave a presentation regarding the academic success of UK student-athletes.

President Capilouto stated that excellent progress has been made under AD Barnhart's tenure. He presented a slide on the enrollment distribution of the student-athletes and regular students by college. At UK, student-athletes are not clustered in specific majors, but take full advantage of the vast array of majors offered at UK.

Sandy Bell reviewed the academic resources available to student-athletes. These include the Center for Academic and Tutorial Services (CATS), a 20,000 square foot facility that provides 1000 – 1300 hours of tutoring per week. It was the first center of its kind in the nation and continues to be a state of the art facility. There was a discussion of the time management of the student-athletes involved in Division I athletic participation. She shared with the Committee the academic standards for initial and continuing eligibility established by the NCAA. She also shared the missed class policy and the missed tutor policy, both of which hold the student-athlete accountable for academic responsibilities.

Ms. Bell then discussed two real-time measures of academic progress, the multi-year academic progress rate and the fall 2012 team grade point averages. It was reported that all UK varsity athletic teams are well above the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) cutoff score of 930 and it was also reported that only 2 SEC programs have never been penalized under the APR program, Vanderbilt and UK. 17 of the 20 varsity teams achieved a fall 2012 GPA above a 3.0. The GPA for all teams was also above a 3.0, which exceeds the UK student body GPA of 2.9 for the same period.

President Capilouto discussed the 6 year federal graduation rate for both UK undergraduate students and student-athletes. The cohort for determining the federal graduation rate is comprised of only those freshman students entering in the fall semester of a given academic year. No credit is given for transfers who enter UK and graduate and the institution is penalized for student-athletes who transfer and graduate at another institution.

The Athletics Department makes a commitment to student-athletes who leave the University early to pursue a pro opportunity, to financially support their efforts to complete their degree.

#### Other Business

Executive Vice President Eric Monday updated the Committee on the timeline of the expansion and renovation of the Nutter Training Center and Commonwealth Stadium. The proposed \$110 million dollar expansion and renovation to UK football facilities includes spectator driven improvements, recruiting rooms, suites, club seats, and press box improvements at the stadium and other day to day student athlete facility improvements at Nutter Training Center. The project is to be financed through agency bonds with debt serviced by the Athletics Department. During the months of February and March, UK will request approval from the General Assembly. If approved by the Legislature and the Board of Trustees, the debt service is projected to be \$6.6 million per year for 30 years, with a 4% interest rate. Detailed financial information related to the Athletic Department's ability to service the debt will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Pending Board of Trustees approval the schedule would be:

- Spring 2013 – Design team is selected.
- Fall 2013 – Site development and utility package.
- Fall 2013/Spring 2014 – Begin facility construction/ renovations.
- Fall 2015/Spring 2016 – Complete construction.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.