# Minutes of the University Athletics Committee Tuesday, September 10, 2013 Boardroom, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 9:01 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 and faculty representative Joe Fink. Community member Davis Marksbury was not in attendance.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Akins welcomed the University Athletics Committee members and the new Members of the Board of Trustees and said that the minutes of June 11, 2013 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Trustee Mobley moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Shoop seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

# President's Report

President Capilouto thanked Athletics Director Barnhart for the continued progress on the academic front, on the athletic fields, and in the recruitment of talented staff. He was pleased to have one of these new staff hires, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Compliance Rachel Baker speak to Board today. Her presentation is critical in the understanding of the Board's responsibilities in complying with NCAA rules and regulations.

# Departmental Report

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart gave an update on the fall season sports. Items of note included:

- Football is off to a 1-1 start after Mark Stoops won his first game as head coach on Saturday, 41-7 over Miami (Ohio). The Wildcats will play host to rival and No. 7 Louisville at noon ET on Saturday. Recruiting continues to go well under the new staff, as UK's 2014 class currently ranks No. 7 in the country.
- Women's Soccer is 4-1-1 to start 2013 and has won four straight matches. The Wildcats' only loss came on the road against No. 7 Wake Forest. UK swept a pair of matches this weekend, including a 2-0 victory over Louisville on Friday and a 3-1 win over Dayton this on Sunday.
- Volleyball hosted and won the Kentucky Classic this weekend, to move to 4-2 in 2013. UK has a tough three-game stretch this week, starting with a home match against Louisville at 7 p.m. tonight in Memorial Coliseum.

- Men's Soccer is 2-1-0 thus far in Johan Cedergren's second season as head coach.
- Cross Country opened the 2013 season with a dual meet against Vanderbilt and Tennessee on August 30 in Nashville. The UK men defeated Vanderbilt, while the women bested Tennessee. On Saturday, UK will host the Bluegrass Cross Country Invitational. It will be UK's first home meet since the 1990s.
- The men's basketball program held its second-annual Alumni Game last evening at Rupp Arena. By the time dollar amounts are totaled, Coach Calipari hopes to raise approximately \$1,000,000 for charity through the event. The funds will be distributed to 15 different organizations, most of which operate in Kentucky.

Athletics Director Barnhart acknowledged Senior Associate AD Jason Schlafer as the coordinator of efforts to engage UK's student-athletes in humanitarian work. He shared with the Board a compiled book of thoughts by the student-athletes that visited Ethiopia this past July. He was very pleased to see the impact these trips are having on their lives.

Athletics Director Barnhart introduced Rachel Baker, Senior Associate Director for Compliance to make a presentation to the Board regarding the Compliance Office and NCAA rules and regulations.

Ms. Baker began by familiarizing the Board with the five dedicated areas of compliance within the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Office of Compliance. They are:

- Educate: Educate student-athletes, coaches, staff, donors/supporters, parents, local merchants, alumni and former players in order to avoid NCAA rules violations.
- Interpretations: Provide coaches, staff, student-athletes and donors/supporters interpretations of how NCAA/SEC rules should properly apply in order to avoid NCAA/SEC rules violations; provide coaches/staff with permissible alternative ways of accomplishing their goals
- Monitor: Collect and review information from coaches, student-athletes and staff to monitor adherence to NCAA and SEC rules and report all violations of NCAA/SEC rules
- Waivers: Research, write and submit waivers to the NCAA/SEC that would allow us to do something that otherwise would be in violation of NCAA/SEC rules
- Investigate: Investigate possible violations of NCAA rules and report to the NCAA/SEC all confirmed violations; declare involved student-athletes/recruits ineligible and seek reinstatement through the NCAA.

In addition, per the NCAA constitution, the President "has ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program and the actions of any board in control of that program. The term "president or chancellor" refers to the individual with primary executive authority for an institution and does not include an individual who has executive responsibility over a system of institutions."

Ms. Baker also provided an overview of general NCAA rules education to the Committee, including guidance regarding their interaction with prospective student-athletes and their families and general information regarding autograph and ticket requests. Specifically, Ms. Baker stated that as members of the Board, they cannot be involved in the recruiting process. Recruiting contacts on or off campus are impermissible under NCAA rules. Additionally, Board members cannot provide benefits to a prospect, their parent, or other family members. Ms. Baker encouraged Board members to contact the Athletics Compliance Office with any specific fact scenarios or questions that they may have.

#### Other Business

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.