

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Friday, February 23, 2018

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Trustee Barber, Chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:02a.

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: Jennifer Barber, Skip Berry, Kelly Holland, David Melanson, and Cammie Grant; Community Advisory Members Vickie Bell, Wilbur Hackett, Jr., Paula Hanson; and Faculty Representative Joe Fink.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Barber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting. Trustee Melanson moved for approval. Trustee Berry seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

President's Remarks

President Capilouto stated, "the University of Kentucky learned late on February 22, of a report from Yahoo News Sports, which provided more details related to the Federal investigation of potential NCAA violations. The University began, immediately, to conduct the institution's due diligence, and will fully cooperate with any appropriate authorities. That is our commitment as a University, to our Board of Trustees, and to the Commonwealth. President Capilouto stated that he will keep the Board informed of any details, should they arise, in this matter."

Athletic Director's Report

Athletic Director (AD) Barnhart stated that the department was aware of the current report from Yahoo Sports, and had not been contacted by the FBI or the NCAA, but his office had reached out to the NCAA and SEC Conference office. AD Barnhart continued stating that the University would conduct an internal review, and he had no further comments and indicated the department would provide more updates as the investigation moved forward.

AD Barnhart continued to discuss individual successes of student-athletes throughout the semester. Courtney Love was officially awarded the Danny Wuerffel Trophy for being nationally recognized for his community service. Danielle Galyer received NCAA top ten award, and is one of the first University of Kentucky student-athletes to have earned this award and will be pursuing her law degree. Sydney McLaughlin and Olivia Gruver, both on the Track and Field Team, have achieved some major accomplishments. Olivia has the fourth best pole vault for Indoor Track and Field Competitions in the history of the NCAA. Sydney McLaughlin has broken many records as a true freshman, and currently has nation-leading times in all of her events. Jacob Thompson, distance runner from Track and Field, has continued to break his personal records in the 5K, and Ben Young became the fifth student-athlete from the University to go under four minutes in the mile.

AD Barnhart continued his report by highlighting Swimming and Diving competitions and student-athlete, Asia Seidt, who won a pair of SEC Championships in the backstroke, and Gina Freriks won gold in the 500 freestyle. Henrik Larson finished third place at the 2017 Junior World Championship. Molly Korth, Gymnastics, has won four titles in the program currently for 2017. In regards to Softball, Autumn Humes, threw a no-hitter at the start of the season. For the season opening of Baseball, it was a record turnout with 4,118 in attendance.

AD Barnhart indicated that Spring Sports were heading into their championship season, and his goal was to turn individual stellar performances into team-based successes as well. Eight of the teams are currently ranked, including six in the top 15 of the country. The Cheerleaders are currently representing the United States and the University of Kentucky at the Winter Olympics in South Asia. Finally, AD Barnhart remembered Terry Mobley, and praised his accomplishments and successes on campus.

[\(AD Report: February 23, 2018 attached\)](#)

Business Items

Trustee Barber introduced Melissa Gleason, Executive Associate Athletics Director/Chief Financial Officer, to present the NCAA Report.

Ms. Gleason discussed the review of the NCAA Report in regard to bringing forth clarification of this report to the Board and general public in terms of better understanding the information presented. She identified that the NCAA submission is a part of the Fiscal Year's Report, and is also a part of the Baird, Kurtz, & Dobson (BKD) audit process, which is subject to open records which is why it is important that this report be brought to the Board.

Ms. Gleason indicated that the information most individuals and news outlets find compelling is the Statement of Revenues and Expenses located on pages 83-85. However, this report oftentimes grossly understates expenses of many schools, including the University of Kentucky. For example, in Fiscal Year 15' the NCAA changed the reporting formatting to better understand revenues and expenses. One of the main changes in this report was to display a credit to schools for what is transferred to the University, which had an adverse effect on schools such as ours who provide more back than they receive in institutional amounts.

Ms. Gleason continued her discussion pointing out the University only receives a credit in the statement for transfers up to the amount of student fees, which in the last fiscal year was \$629,000; however, Athletics had budget transfers to the University for non-athletic purposes for around \$5.4 million. Unfortunately, this budget transfer is not entirely transparent in pages 83-85, based on the new reporting structure, but is available in the NCAA Report on pages 67-68. Ms. Gleason stated that this specific transfer shows an excess revenue over expenses of \$5.37 million.

Again, Ms. Gleason believed this was beneficial to bring attention to and provide deeper understanding and explanation of the NCAA Report that is due by January 15th annually.

Trustee Barber asked for any additional questions for Ms. Gleason, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17am.