

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Thursday, September 13, 2018

The University Athletics Committee of the University of Kentucky met on Thursday, September 13, 2018, in the E. Britt Brockman, M.D. Senate Chamber.

A. Meeting Opened

Trustee Jennifer Barber, Chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Chair Barber asked Megan Kidd to call the roll.

B. Roll Call

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: Jennifer Barber, Skip Berry, David Melanson, and Cammie Grant; Community Advisory Members Vickie Bell, Paula Hanson; and Faculty Representative Joe Fink. Wilbur Hackett was not in attendance.

C. Chairs Report

Chair Barber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2018 meeting. Trustee Grant moved for approval. Trustee Berry seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

D. President's Report

President Capilouto highlighted academic outcomes for the University of Kentucky's student-athletes and thanked Mitch Barnhart and the Athletic Department for ensuring all student-athletes were prepared for the classroom and post-college success. He then congratulated Athletic Director Barnhart and the Football team on their recent victory against Florida.

E. Athletic Director's Report

AD Barnhart reported that UK finished 17th in the 2018 Directors' Cup standings out of 351 schools and 5th in the Southeastern Conference. He highlighted the Football team's early successes and indicated there have also been strong starts in Men's Soccer and Cross Country.

AD Barnhart introduced the new Head Coach of Track and Field Lonnie Greene, who previously coached at Purdue University. Coach Greene was named the Women's Head Coach of the Year in the Great Lakes Region three times in the last two years by U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. AD Barnhart introduced Coach Greene for remarks. Coach Greene shared how grateful he is for the opportunity to coach at Kentucky and plans to work tirelessly to continue forwarding the UK brand. He thanked everyone for the remarkable opportunity. Coach Greene was recognized with a round of applause.

AD Barnhart indicated the Athletic Department continues to send student-athletes to Ethiopia for service projects. He articulated his passion for these students to have a better understanding of their communities and the world through these missions. "This has been a great program for the Athletic Department and the overall well-being of our students." AD Barnhart invited student-athletes Aubree Rosa and Brianna Tulloch to share their experiences from this year's trip. Both student-athletes expressed their gratefulness for the opportunity to travel to another country and serve others. The student-athletes indicated this experience changed their individual perspectives and how they live their daily lives.

AD Barnhart reported that the Baseball Stadium is near completion, and the coaches have begun the transition to their new offices. The Athletic Department is looking forward to the final product and being able to offer the student-athletes unique experiences through these new facilities. He continued with an update on Memorial Coliseum renovations and updates to the scoreboards. "We look forward to future modernization of Memorial Coliseum".

AD Barnhart reported the previous Center for Academic & Tutorial Services (CATS) Center will be restructured and named the Student-Athlete Experience Division, led by Executive Associate Athletics Director Jason Cummins. Mr. Cummins' goals are centered on academics, but also on the transformational and transactional data to produce and display total performance metrics for all student-athletes, as well.

AD Barnhart concluded by thanking the Capital Campaign for supporting new facilities for the Athletic Departments' programs. He indicated the support from this Campaign serves as an opportunity to grow and develop young leaders, and he is proud to be a part of the greater opportunity, change, and growth around campus. AD Barnhart recognized their Campaign Co-Chairs, Wendell and Vickie Bell. Chair Barber echoed AD Barnhart's sentiments regarding Mr. and Mrs. Bell and thanked them for not only their financial support, but also their significant time they have spent supporting UK's athletic programs.

F. Adjournment

Trustee Barber indicated there were no business items for the Committee, and there were no items brought forth to the members. Trustee Barber asked for any additional questions, and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.