

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Thursday, June 16, 2022

The University Athletics Committee of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 16, 2022, in the Gatton Student Center, Harris Ballroom.

I. Meeting Opened

Trustee David Melanson, chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Chair Melanson asked Katie Hardwick to call the roll.

II. Roll Call

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: Board Members Claude A. "Skip" Berry, III, Todd Case, Ray Daniels, David Melanson and Rachel Webb; Community Advisory Members Wells Bullard and Wilbur Hackett; and Faculty Athletics Representative Joe Fink. Community Advisory Member Vickie Bell was absent.

III. Chairs Report

Chair Melanson welcomed the newest member of the University Athletics Committee, Trustee Todd Case, who was appointed to fill the remainder of the late Trustee Joe Bowen's term. Chair Melanson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022, meeting. Trustee Webb moved approval of the minutes, and Trustee Daniels seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Chair Melanson introduced President Capilouto for remarks.

IV. President's Remarks

The president remarked that there had been some incredibly exciting moments in recent days for UK's student-athletes as they excelled on the national stage in very dramatic ways, but that he would let Director Barnhart speak to those moments during his report.

Instead, the president highlighted major honors for members of the university's athletics community for work they have done outside the playing fields and courts including the announcement that Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart and former UK coach and administrator Sue Feamster were named to the State Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame.

The president continued by announcing Director Barnhart will receive the John L. Toner award from the National Football Foundation which recognizes athletics directors who have demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics and particularly college football, adding that there is only

one recipient of this honor in all of college athletics annually awarded. President Capilouto expressed that Director Barnhart's record in putting in place outstanding people, talent and infrastructure has propelled the university's football program to historic heights in recent years, adding that the commitment to excellence extends to all of UK's sports and student-athletes.

"In his 20 years at UK, Mitch has led the development of one of the strongest and best all-around athletics departments in the country, but even more important than championships is his deep commitment to our students. In so many ways he exemplifies the first pillar in the institution's strategic plan – putting students first. That is what he does every day, it is what he has done every day for 20 years at the University of Kentucky." The Committee recognized Director Barnhart with a standing ovation.

V. Athletics Director's Report

Athletics Director Barnhart thanked the president and Chair Melanson and welcomed Trustee Case to the Committee.

Director Barnhart reported that all nine of UK's winter sports teams competed in the postseason, led by the rifle team winning another national championship, the second year in a row, the third time since 2018 and the fourth in the last decade by Coach Harry Mullins and his team. He referenced the table of awards in the front of the room collected over the last 10 months.

Director Barnhart shared that women's track and field placed third at the NCAA indoor meet and recognized the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Tournament title won by women's basketball, adding that was the first time that had been accomplished in 40 years.

Mr. Barnhart continued by recognizing some standout individual achievements by the winter athletes including:

- Will Shaner, who was the national Smallbore Champion in leading rifle to the team title;
- Oscar Tshiebwe, the unanimous National Player of the Year in men's basketball;
- Rhyne Howard, the No. 1 pick in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Draft, who is already making a big impact in that league;
- Abby Steiner was named the National Indoor Track Athlete of the Year after winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) 200-meter dash, setting the American indoor record and the second-fastest indoor 200 meters in world history;
- Abby is one of three Wildcats who were named the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in her sport, along with Renee Abernathy in softball and Riley Gaines in swimming. In addition, Riley is the SEC Community Service

Leader of the Year among all female athletes in the league and was honored at the SEC Spring Meetings; and

- Mitchell Nelson was the fourth Wildcat to earn the Scholar-Athlete of the Year in his conference – the Great America Rifle Conference.

Director Barnhart recognized Faculty Athletics Representative Joe Fink for his representation on the SEC Committee and for all he does to ensure UK's student-athletes are being recognized.

Director Barnhart continued by highlighting spring sports, including:

- Led by All-Americans Liam Draxl and Gabriel Diallo, men's tennis had its best postseason ever, finishing runner-up at the NCAA Championships.
- The bat-and-ball teams each had an All-American. Shortstop Erin Coffel led softball to another trip to the NCAA Regionals. The baseball team sustained an incredible run of injuries, but with All-American reliever Tyler Guilfoil pitching lights out down the stretch, the Wildcats made a run to the SEC Tournament semifinals.
- The men's and women's golf teams played in the NCAA Regionals, with the women highlighting the regular season with school records for lowest round and lowest tournament score.
- Track and field wrapped up the athletic year in Oregon, earning two gold medals, one silver and three bronze, with UK's women's team finishing third in the team competition.
- Abby Steiner was the pacesetter, setting the NCAA Championship record in the 200 meters. She topped the meet by running an incredible third leg on the 4x400 relay, coming from 25 meters behind to take the lead and give the baton to Alexis Holmes, who took it home for the gold medal.
- All totaled this year, Abby Steiner won three NCAA gold medals, two silver and three bronze, set four NCAA records, set an American record and was the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for both indoor and outdoor track.
- Kentucky is currently seventh in the nation, among 358 Division I schools, and No. 2 in the SEC in the Directors' Cup national all-sports standings. When the final standings are updated after the baseball tournament, the department anticipates a ninth-place national finish, which would be the highest in school history, breaking the school-record 10th-place finish in 2016-17.

Director Barnhart continued his report by highlighting student-athlete academic accomplishments including:

- During Spring Commencement, 114 student-athletes graduated – the most ever in UK Athletics – and along with the 21 from December, the Department had a total of 135 for the academic year.

- The university's student-athletes compiled a 3.284 grade point average (GPA) for the spring semester – the 20th consecutive semester, 10 straight years above 3.0.
- There were 74 student-athletes on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll, the third-most in the league. The spring sports honor roll has yet to be announced.
- The NCAA Academic Progress Rates were released, showing that all of UK's teams exceeded the mandated score. In addition, 16 of UK's 20 teams exceeded the national average among public universities.

Director Barnhart discussed the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Title IX legislation and emphasized the profound effect it had on the growth of women's sports. Some celebrations associated with the anniversary include:

- UK Athletics' year-long celebration of Title IX, which began February 2 with the "National Women and Girls in Sports Day." All of UK's female athletes were introduced at halftime of the basketball game that night at Rupp Arena and a special 50th Anniversary video was presented.
- UK Athletics celebrated Women's History Month in March, honoring the women who played varsity athletics in the early 1900s.
- In celebration of Mother's Day, UK Athletics honored many of the department staff super moms who were elite athletes in their playing days with a fun video featuring their children.
- UK Athletics also has selected a Title IX 50th Anniversary Team, featuring the 50 greatest female Wildcats of the Title IX era. Five honorees are being announced each night on the BBN Tonight show.

In conclusion, Director Barnhart highlighted accomplishments off the field, including:

- In March, 17 student-athletes were inducted into our Frank G. Ham Society of Character. The Society of Character recognizes superior commitment to academics, athletics, community service and career preparation.
- In April, for the first time since 2019, we were able to have the annual CATSPY Awards in person. A total of 61 individuals and nine teams were recognized at the 20th annual celebration. Luke Fortner, Josh Paschal, Will Levis and Will Shaner were named Mr. Wildcat while Riley Gaines, Rhyne Howard, Kayla Kowalik, Alli Stumler and Abby Steiner were named Miss Wildcat.
- Also in April, UK played host to its first concert in Kroger Field. A concert-capacity crowd of more than 40,000 fans enjoyed Chris Stapleton, Willie Nelson and Sheryl Crow. The concert also served as a benefit for the Stapleton Foundation, the "Outlaw State of Kind," and more than \$1 million was raised for various charitable endeavors, including the UK Children's Hospital.

- Over the past three weeks, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association has conducted state championships in UK's baseball, softball, tennis and track and field facilities. This is important for UK Athletics and the University as a whole as we recruit students and athletes to UK and strengthen ties to the flagship educational institution of the Commonwealth. It is also important to the city of Lexington for the university to bring guests to hotels, restaurants, shops and other businesses.

Chair Melanson thanked Director Barnhart and introduced Executive Associate Athletics Director Melissa Gleason to review the Athletics Department Interim Financial Report for March 31, 2022, and the Athletics Department Budget for 2022-23.

VI. Business Items

Athletics Department Interim Financial Report for March 31, 2022

Executive Associate Athletics Director Gleason began by discussing the quarterly statement ending March 31, 2022 and detailed the schedule of unrestricted funds revenue showing the current operating budget that flows through to the final NCAA Report. She pointed out that this statement shows the day-to-day operations, and that the department continues to monitor the expenses and look for ways to save.

Director Gleason reported that the department was at 83 percent of budget which is where it should be at this time. She pointed out revenues are more front ended on the football and men's basketball programs as those seasons are completed by the end of March, so more of the revenue is recognized on the front end versus the last quarter.

Ms. Gleason continued by discussing expenses and reported the department is currently at 76 percent, which is where it should be for three quarters through the year due to expenses being recognized over a 12-month period. She recognized the entire Athletics Department for being mindful of the budget, "The budget is like a roadmap, it is not absolute, but everybody works to get to the end goal by managing resources and expectations."

Chair Melanson asked for a motion to approve the interim financial report for March 31, 2022. Trustee Berry moved approval, and Trustee Webb seconded the motion. It carried without dissent.

Athletics Department Budget for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Director Gleason continued by presenting the Athletics Department Budget for 2022-23 and remarked how refreshing it was to return to a pre-COVID mindset. She continued by reporting where the department was currently before reviewing the budget process. She detailed three nonnegotiable high-level categories, including salaries and benefits, scholarships and other obligations. After adjusting for those items, she reported the adjusted operating budget was \$42,005,741 million, an increase of \$3,565,462 million

from FY2021-22 (9.3%) and added that this increase is a sign that the department has returned to normal operations.

Chair Melanson asked for a motion to approve the Athletics Department Budget for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Trustee Case moved approval, and Trustee Webb seconded the motion. It carried without dissent.

With no further discussion, Chair Melanson thanked Director Gleason and applauded UK Athletics for their report.

VII. Other Business and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Hardwick', written in a cursive style.

Katie Hardwick

University Athletics Committee Secretary