

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
Friday, May 8, 2015
Board Room, 18th 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: Trustees C.B. Akins, Sr. (Chair), Sheila Brothers, Bill Gatton, Kelly Holland, and Terry Mobley; community advisory members Paula Hanson and Davis Marksbury; and faculty representative Joe Fink. Community advisory member Vickie Bell was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Akins welcomed the committee members and said that the minutes of March 16, 2015, had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Seeing none, Trustee Mobley moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Brothers seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

Departmental Report

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart reported that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics recognized that improvements could be made to various areas of the department. It was decided to look into improving the internal culture of the department, the department's service to fans and one another, and the fans' experience at UK athletic events. The Disney Institute was consulted, and a themed approach was decided upon. After 18 months of discussion and evaluation with Disney, the department adopted a new common purpose: "Win the Moment with People, Passion and Pride."

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee consisting of an athlete from each sport was formed to talk about issues concerning student-athletes. This committee will meet once a month.

The goals of the "15 by 15 by 15" were reached by the athletic department. By reaching those goals, UK Athletics went from good to great. The next goal will be to go from great to elite. To do that, the successor to 15 by 15 by 15 has been developed; it is "1-3-5", which stands for:

- 1 – By the year 2022, each of our 22 teams will win at least one conference or national championship.
- 3 – UK Athletics will continue to pursue excellence in the classroom by achieving a 3.0 department-wide GPA every semester.
- 5 – UK Athletics will finish in the top five of the Directors' Cup within the next seven seasons.

At the 2015 CATSBY Awards, women's basketball player, Bria Goss, and softball player, Griffin Joiner, were named co-recipients of the Miss Wildcat award. All-American javelin thrower, Ray Dykstra, was named Mr. Wildcat. The "Wildcat Creed" was also unveiled. This was developed by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as a statement of what it means to represent UK.

Men's basketball became the first team in NCAA history to go 38-0. With this year's trip, the men's basketball program has gone to the Final Four four times in the last five years. Seven of UK's players will enter the NBA Draft, but Alex Poythress, Tyler Ulis, Marcus Lee, Dominique Hawkins and Derek Willis will return and join a talented group of recruits next season.

The women's basketball team reached the NCAA Tournament for a school-record sixth season in a row before falling in the second round to Dayton.

The gymnastics team made the NCAA Tournament for the eleventh year in a row, which is also a record. Freshman Sydney Waltz became the first UK gymnast since 2002 to qualify in the all-around at national championships.

The women's swimming and diving team finished 16th at the NCAA Championships, UK's highest finish since 2007. Tina Bechtel earned four All-America honors, including a silver medal in the 200 butterfly. Rebecca Hamperian was named SEC Female Diver of the Year, and Ted Hautau was named the Women's Diving Coach of the Year.

The men's and women's track and field teams are in the midst of their outdoor season. The women's track and field team was ranked No. 4, led by hurdler Kendra Harrison. Ms. Harrison is on the watch list for the Bowerman Trophy, given to the best track and field student-athlete in America.

With a 29-24 record, the softball team was awaiting a decision on its post-season play in the NCAA Tournament. The team would enter the tournament after losing to Tennessee in the SEC Tournament. Baseball is entering the final two weekends of the regular season. The team won two of its last three conference series, including taking two of three games at Florida.

The women's tennis team earned a trip to its second NCAA Tournament bid in two years. Their tournament play opened against DePaul in the Ann Arbor Regional on May 8. The men's tennis team concluded its season in the second round of the SEC Tournament.

The women's golf team qualified for the NCAA Regionals for the fifth consecutive season and competed in the South Bend Regional May 7-9. The men's golf season closed when Chip McDaniel and David Snyder competed at NCAA Regionals in Lubbock, TX May 14-16.

Off the Field

UK Athletics will have 62 student-athletes participating in Commencement ceremonies on Saturday. Along with the 31 graduates from last December, there will be 93 student-athletes

completing degrees during the 2014-15 school year. 65 UK student-athletes were named to the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll, placing the UK Athletics Department fourth among all conference schools.

Construction on Commonwealth Stadium continues to progress toward the grand opening game on September 5. Installation of a new court at Memorial Coliseum has been completed. After more than a year of discovery and design, the court features a new primary UK logo developed in conjunction with Nike.

Bud Dupree became the 16th player in Kentucky football history to be selected by a team in the first round of the NFL Draft. The graduating senior was also a Heart of a Wildcat Award recipient. Women's tennis senior Grace Trimble and football senior Max Godby were awarded 2015 Sullivan Medallions by UK for their outstanding humanitarian service. Senior catcher Griffin Joiner is one of 10 Division I softball finalists for the Senior CLASS Award, which honors excellence both on and off the field.

John Calipari was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in April. He joined UK great Louie Dampier in the 2015 induction class. Head Baseball Coach Gary Henderson has been selected to serve as the pitching coach on the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team this summer. Men's basketball video coordinator Tim Asher has been named the 2014-15 Basketball Video Coordinator of the Year for the second time.

Danielle Galyer from the swimming and diving team was named SEC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Women's tennis junior Kirsten Lewis was named to the SEC Community Service Team. Rising volleyball senior Morgan Bergren has been selected to the U.S. Collegiate National Team to train and compete in conjunction with the USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championship. Women's soccer All-American Arin Gilliland made her professional debut with the Chicago Red Stars of the National Women's Soccer League in April.

Trustee Brothers asked how the Wildcat Creed differs from the creed that was created by a community effort from all campus students. AD Barnhart stated that the Wildcat Creed is what student-athletes are supposed to do every day to represent the University of Kentucky, what it means to put on the jersey, how they should conduct themselves when not playing, and how they should live their daily life in terms of the effort it takes to be a leader.

Trustee Grossman asked how the importance of academic integrity is emphasized to all the student-athletes, coaches, and staff. AD Barnhart stated that part of the conversation had with student-athletes is that as a UK student-athlete, they are on a stage with the spotlight shining upon them. Sandy Bell coordinates the compliance effort that goes along with academic integrity. There is an Academic Integrity Committee that is chaired by Professor Joe Fink, the Faculty Athletic Representative, who understands the culture of athletics and the culture of the University and what the boundaries are. Also, working closely with academic support services, the tutors, and mentors is part of the effort. The Department is looking at changing strategically to make sure the focus is on two areas that are getting a considerable amount of national attention—academic integrity and drug testing. Ms. Bell does an outstanding job of making sure that there are policies in place and that those policies are being followed to avoid any violations.

Dr. Fink and the Academic Integrity Committee work with faculty and staff, checks class rosters, monitor student-athletes' class schedule, and work with CATS. Another part of Dr. Fink's role is conducting exit interviews with student-athletes to find out what their experience was like, what was done well by the athletic staff, and what could be done better.

Dr. Fink added that he had just completed the exit interviews with a wide array of student-athletes from various sports. The key question that was asked was, "If you were back in high school and knew then what you know now from your experience, would you still come to the University of Kentucky?" Each year, the response has been 100%, "Yes."

President Capilouto pointed out that three out of the last six highest recognitions awarded to students by the SEC have gone to UK student-athletes. It should be noted that student-athletes are not the only students that are eligible to receive these awards; the entire student body at all 14 SEC institutions is eligible. The awards are given each year during the Annual Spring Meeting of the Southeastern Conference.

AD Barnhart acknowledged the leadership and contributions of SEC Commissioner Mike Slive. Commissioner Slive was given the Lifetime Achievement Award at the CATSBY Awards ceremony.

Business Items

In business items, the Committee considered the financial statements of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Melissa Gleason, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Finance reviewed the interim financial statements of the department for the six months ended December 31, 2014. The statements included the balance sheet, the statement on revenue and expenses, and the change in net assets. A motion was made by Trustee Brothers for the acceptance of the interim financial statements of the department for the six months ended December 31, 2014, as presented. Trustee Holland seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent. The Committee accepted the financial statements as presented.

Other Business

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.