

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower

The University Athletics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in the Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower.

Welcome and Call to Order

C.B. Akins, Sr., chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m..

Roll Call

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: Trustees C.B. Akins, Sr. (Chair), Skip Berry, Sheila Brothers, and Kelly Holland; community advisory members Vickie Bell and Paula Hanson; and faculty representative Joe Fink.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Akins stated that the minutes of the December 14, 2015 University Athletics Committee meeting had been distributed and asked for any questions or comments. Trustee Brothers moved approval and Trustee Holland seconded the motion. It carried without dissent.

President's Remarks

Chair Akins introduced President Capilouto and thanked him for being with the Committee. President Capilouto then introduced Deputy Director of Athletics DeWayne Peevy, who presented the Department Report to the Committee in the absence of Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart.

Department Report

Deputy AD Peevy mentioned that the Department of Athletics' annual CATSPY awards show had been held. He explained that AD Barnhart wanted to change the thinking of the University of Kentucky as a destination for athletes, to thinking that UK is a place to reach their destination through receiving support for their dreams.

He continued that this approach will help accomplish the 1-3-5 Elite goal set by AD Barnhart and highlights of the athletic seasons have taken steps towards that goal. Men's soccer and men's basketball each won conference championships and many others have had solid performances contributing to the ranking of #28 in the Director's Cup standings.

Academically, the streak of semesters with a 3.0 GPA or higher has been extended to 7, with spring grades to be completed shortly. Additionally, all 22 of the teams surpassed the Academic Process Rate cutoff score, with four teams ranking among the top 10% in their respective sports.

Mr. Peevy stated that the spring sports are still ongoing, with all sports positioned for postseason play. The football team held its first spring game in the new Commonwealth Stadium and looks to continue to improve. The new training facility is expected to be finished in time for the fall camp in August. He also mentioned that the project to have bench-back seating in the first level of Commonwealth Stadium was set to be completed for the start of the 2016 season, as will the expansion of the Green and Blue Lots. The premium tailgating space will be opened for the 2016 season and will provide larger groups to have pregame festivities without displacing other fans.

Mr. Peevy expressed his excitement for the new logo that was unveiled in February while working with Nike, and showed his gratitude for the support about the project. He stated that he was most excited that the University and Athletics Department has unified under the new logo.

He opened the floor to questions and Trustee Akins inquired about an article in the newspaper about the women's track and field team. Mr. Peevy stated that for the first time in school history, they are ranked #1 in the country. After finishing second at the national championships, they are on track to have another outstanding finish to the season.

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, 2015. The statements included the balance sheet, the statement on revenue and expenses, and the change in net assets. Ms. Gleason pointed out multiple aspects that covered the Interim Financial report, including changes resulting from the JMI contract, as well as the construction of both the new football training facility and Commonwealth Stadium. A motion was made by Trustee Berry for the acceptance of the interim financial statements of the department for the six months ended December 31, 2015, as presented. Trustee Holland seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent. The Committee accepted the financial statements as presented.

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As Melissa Gleason finished presenting, she opened the floor to questions, at which time Trustee Bob Vance inquired about the football season ticket renewals. Deputy AD Peevy responded that the process is winding down, as over 30,000 have already renewed their tickets with about a 75% renewal rate. He also explained the donation process behind the prices of parking for the season tickets for K Fund and how the scarcity of parking spaces could be an issue, but compared to other schools in the conference, the issue is not nearly as profound.

Trustee Mark Bryant asked about the success of the golf team and Mr. Peevy highlighted the success of the men's golf team and their probability to compete in the NCAA postseason. Trustee Brothers also requested clarification from Ms. Gleason regarding the expenditures of the sports camps. Melissa Gleason explained that those numbers can shift yearly based on

enrollment and popularity in the camps. Mr. Peevy also recognized that revenue from the Coach Cal camps goes to charity, rather than University funds.

Vickie Bell made a final comment to recognize a women's rifle team member, Hanna Carr, who was invited to the World Cup in Munich, Germany. She also encouraged Committee members to attend training table events, as she saw it as a wonderful experience interact with the student athletes in a less formal setting.

Trustee Bob Grossman commented on how the NCAA can regulate what the students are fed and President Capilouto explained how the NCAA regulates the amenities to the athletes to keep a level playing field for all schools. After further discussion, Chair Akins noted that former UK football player, Randall Cobb, will be graduating in the upcoming May Commencement, and how that speaks volumes to his character and the precedent he is setting for future athletes that are able to return to the university to complete their degree requirements.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.