

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr., Chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: C.B. Akins, Sr. (chair), Jennifer Barber, Skip Berry, Kelly Holland, David Melanson, Community Advisory Members Vickie Bell, Wilbur Hackett, Jr., Paula Hanson, and Faculty Representative Joe Fink.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Akins asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2017 meeting. Trustee Barber moved for approval. Trustee Holland seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

President's Remarks

President Capilouto mentioned his anticipation over the Academic Progress Rate scores and expects to have top tier results. He expressed gratitude towards Mitch Barnhart, Athletics Director (AD), and his team for the value placed on metrics of student academic success.

Departmental Report

AD Barnhart reported the University of Kentucky's ratings in the Directors' Cup as seventh in the country and first in the Southeastern Conference. There are eight teams that will compete in spring sports, and some include golf, tennis, track and field, softball, and baseball teams. Baseball is currently third in the rating percentage index (RPI), and softball is currently 14th in the RPI.

The University will host the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Regional track and field championships this year, and there are bids to bring a variety of Southeastern Conference championships to Lexington. Athletics has brought in four additional championships including the Gymnastics Regional, Cross Country Championships, and Rifle National Championships. These will take place in the Nutter Field House and bring quality athletes to campus and the Lexington area.

Some winter sport highlights AD Barnhart discussed were that the men's basketball season ended with a 32-6 record, and placed fifth in the final coach's poll. The UK women's basketball team finished 22-11 and AD Barnhart recognized Evelyn Akhator and Makayla Epps, who were both drafted in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). Swimming and Diving had the highest women's finishing record in ten years, where the team finished 14th in the country. Gymnastics also set records while performing at a very high level, beating Alabama for the first

time in gymnastics in school history. Additionally, the rifle team finished fourth nationally, and he noted the football spring game brought 37,000 people to Commonwealth Stadium.

He continued that construction began at the new baseball park, and the partnership with JMI Sports and Kroger allows for the creation of a village at the athletic complex. This also aligns with the University's master plan to create more green and recreation space, as well as parking for the University. He expects the baseball stadium to be ready in fall 2018.

The CATSPYs took place in April 2017, where the accomplishments of the student-athletes were celebrated. He thanked Wilbur Hackett, Jr. and Nate Worthington for also attending the CATSPYs.

Finally, AD Barnhart closed by recognizing the 70 graduates who will be a part of the spring Commencement in May 2017. He discussed the impact that summer school had in allowing students to graduate early, and expressed confidence in this semester being the tenth straight semester with 3.0 GPAs in the department.

- [\(AD Report: May 2nd 2017 attached\)](#)

Chair Akins stressed the impressiveness of the Directors' Cup standings and commended AD Barnhart for his leadership.

Business Items

Trustee Vance inquired about the current status of football ticket renewals. AD Barnhart reported that ticket renewals were at 91% and UK Athletics would be following up with additional ticket holders. He estimated about 2,000 new ticket orders, which puts the total over 30,000 currently. The goal is to be above the 36,000-38,000 range.

Chair Akins introduced Melissa Gleason, Executive Associate Athletics Director and Chief Financial Officer, to present on the Interim Financial Report for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2016.

Ms. Gleason discussed the statement of net position and explained the reduction of cash and cash equivalents and increase in capital assets including, the football stadium and Joe Craft practice facility, was due to construction. The liabilities and deferred inflows of resources decreased due to Aramark commissions. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities decreased due to a drop in construction retainage. There was also a decrease in unearned revenue because of amortization of the JMI and Aramark contracts. There was an increase in net position in capital assets and a decrease in total restricted expendables, which is the spending of capital gifts on those facilities.

Ms. Gleason highlighted that the student activity fee decreased from last year, which will continue to decrease by thirds until it is eliminated. There were increases in operating expenses due to salaries and travel, and a reduction in facilities and operation expenses due to additional funds put forward in 2015 to renovate Commonwealth Stadium.

She stated that halfway through the year, 60% of budgeted revenue had been realized, as well as approximately 49% of budgeted expenses, which is similar to last fiscal year.

Chair Akins asked for clarification whether students are currently paying athletic fees. President Capilouto said the fee is still being assessed but it is not spent on athletics.

Ms. Hanson asked if it is a matter of timing in regard to the football revenue percent being lower versus that in 2015. Ms. Gleason indicated that it was because 2015 was the year UK had eight home football games in the new stadium, so it tends to trend that way every other year with increased revenue and increased budget. AD Barnhart added that every other year in football tends to be stronger because there are games that bring more visitors such as Florida, Tennessee, and Louisville.

Trustee Barber motioned to accept the Interim Financial Report for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2016 for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics as presented. It was seconded by Trustee Melanson, and the motion passed without dissent.

Chair Akins introduced FCR 7 Renovate/Upgrade Student Recreation Fields Capital Project. Eric Monday, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration, stated this FCR would be fully considered by the Finance Committee but was open for discussion to this Committee. This FCR dealt with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics moving to the new football training facility, and the two fields behind the Nutter Training Center transitioned to recreational sports to provide better use to students for their health and well-being. The new partnership could contribute funds to this project, up to \$3.5 million, to get them properly prepared and turfing for the fall semester. Tim Tracy, Provost, discussed the improvement of student academic life with this project and the ability to program student activities more effectively. Finally, Trustee Grossman asked if these fields would be used for club sports and everyday recreation and AD Barnhart affirmed that they would. Trustee Holland moved for approval of FCR7 to the Finance Committee. It was seconded by Trustee Barber, and the motion passed without dissent.

Chair Akins introduced PR 6 Renaming of University Facility to the Committee. With no discussion or questions, Trustee Berry moved to recommend approval of PR 6 to the full Board. Trustee Barber seconded, and the motion carried without dissent.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.