

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Thursday, February 21, 2019

The University Athletics Committee of the University of Kentucky met on Thursday, February 21, 2019, in room 234 B of the Lee T. Todd, Jr. Pharmacy Building.

A. Meeting Opened

Trustee Jennifer Barber, Chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Barber asked Katie Hardwick to call the roll.

B. Roll Call

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

Trustees Lee Blonder, Robert Grossman, Michael Hamilton, Kim McCann, Elizabeth McCoy, Derrick Ramsey, Sandy Shuffett, and Barbara Young also were in attendance.

C. Chairs Report

Chair Barber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2018 meeting. Trustee Berry moved for approval. Trustee Grant seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

D. Athletic Director's Report

Athletic Director (AD) Mitch Barnhart reported that the Big Blue Nation was coming off an incredible weekend including: hosting College GameDay from Memorial Coliseum, which highlighted the building's unique history; the men's basketball defeating top-ranked Tennessee; the women's basketball team winning a big SEC game on a buzzer beater by Rhyne Howard, one of the best freshman in the history of UK's league; the gymnastics team posting the second-best score in program history for the second week in a row; the baseball team's opening-weekend sweep; the softball team's great performance in one of the toughest regular-season weekends of the season; and the women's tennis team sweeping three matches. AD Barnhart continued by highlighting a number of former Wildcats on the big stage at the NBA All-Star Weekend and J.B. Holmes winning a tournament on the PGA Tour.

AD Barnhart announced upcoming events including three teams competing in conference championships: swimming and diving, track and field, and rifle; the women's basketball team will honor an incredible class on Senior Day; the gymnastics team will take on a sixth straight top 15 opponent, hosting No. 9 Alabama; the baseball team goes on the road to play third ranked Texas Tech; the softball team heads to California to play five games, two against top five opponents;

and the men's and women's tennis and men's and women's golf teams will both face stiff competition.

"We do what we do because we love to compete, but there's a lot more going on than just on the field and on the court." AD Barnhart reported since the Committee last met, the student-athletes posted a GPA better than 3.0 for the 13th straight semester and broke school records for graduation rates yet again; 28 Wildcats earned degrees in December; and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee announced a partnership with Special Olympics Kentucky, and they have begun participating in events including a postgame meet-and-greet with the men's basketball team over the weekend.

"These unique events are happening with many of our teams, which is an example of the kinds of experiences we're seeking to create for our student-athletes. We want them to grow as people in addition to growing as athletes."

AD Barnhart continued by announcing the Grand Opening of Kentucky Proud Park Baseball Stadium and the celebrations surrounding the event. Mr. Barnhart thanked the Board of Trustees for making the stadium a reality, and also thanked Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Department of Agriculture for giving the stadium a name that reflects the deep ties shared with our state. "This is a facility that gives our team everything it needs to compete for championships and gives our fans an incredible place to cheer on their team."

E. Business Items

FCR 8 Improve Memorial Coliseum (Design Only) Capital Project

Chair Barber introduced FCR 8, which recommends the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Improve Memorial Coliseum Capital Project design phase. AD Barnhart pointed out on the same day 70 years prior, Adolph Rupp attended a ceremony for Memorial Coliseum and laid the cornerstone to begin construction. Since that time, Memorial Coliseum has stood in the heart of UK's campus, first as home to the men's basketball team, and now as the home to UK women's basketball, women's volleyball, and gymnastics teams. "It is our responsibility to not only protect that tradition, but to build on what we have and make it a state-of-the-art home." AD Barnhart continued by describing specific renovations including: seats, installing air conditioning, and updates to the concourses and restrooms.

Chair Barber asked for a motion to recommend approval to the Finance Committee regarding FCR 8, Improve Memorial Coliseum Capital Project. Trustee Berry moved for approval. Trustee Grant seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

NCAA Report Submissions

Chair Barber introduced Executive Associate Athletic Director Melissa Gleason for comments on the NCAA reports. Ms. Gleason described the process of gathering and comparing the data for the reports and explained the NCAA submission report is the final portion of the fiscal year reporting and part of the Baird, Kurtz, & Dobson (BKD) agreed upon procedures process.

The NCAA submission is often requested through open records. She cautioned how each institution interprets the various line items differently, and as a result, makes it difficult to accurately compare the results among UK's peer institutions.

Ms. Gleason continued by pointing out in Fiscal Year 2015 the NCAA changed the reporting format and how transfers are displayed. This had an adverse effect on schools such as UK who provide more back than they receive in institutional amounts. Ms. Gleason illustrated this point by explaining how Athletics only receives a credit in the statement for transfers up to the amount of student fees, however, the budget transfers to the University for non-athletic purposes is approximately \$5.4 million, consisting of \$1.7 million in scholarships and the remaining amount for debt service for the Jacobs Science Building. Unfortunately, based on the NCAA reporting structure, this causes the profit to appear overstated by the \$5.1 million in excess transfers. The true profit is approximately \$226,000.

F. Adjournment

Chair Barber thanked Ms. Gleason for her report and asked for any additional questions. With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.