

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Monday, April 29, 2019

The University Athletics Committee of the University of Kentucky met on Monday, April 29, 2019, in the Bolivar Art Gallery inside the School of Visual Arts and Studies.

A. Meeting Opened

Trustee Jennifer Barber, Chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:12 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 Members Vickie Bell, Paula Hanson, Wilbur Hackett, and Faculty Representative Joe Fink also were in attendance.

C. Chairs Report

Chair Barber announced Athletic Director (AD) Mitch Barnhart would be joining the meeting by phone and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting. Trustee Melanson moved for approval. Trustee Grant seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

D. President's Report

Chair Barber introduced President Capilouto for remarks. President Capilouto discussed the upcoming Director's Cup results and reminded the Committee that the program awards points based on successes within all of the sports sponsored by an institution, and ranks them across the United States. The President also recognized AD Barnhart as a finalist for the Athletics Director of the Year. "This is certainly well-deserved and I commend him for all he does."

E. Athletic Director's Report

Chair Barber thanked President Capilouto and introduced AD Barnhart for remarks.

AD Mitch Barnhart highlighted the CATSPY award ceremony and described some program adjustments from previous years. Instead of honoring an Athlete and Team of the Year the event honored teams that achieved an elite level and individuals who left a lasting legacy on their teams and UK's program. The highest honor of Mr. and Miss Wildcat remained a part of the celebration and this year C.J. Conrad (football), Katie Reed (softball), and Asia Seidt (swimming) were honored. "These three have been incredible leaders not only for their teams, but for our department, our University, and our community. They are ideal representations of why we believe in college athletics as a vehicle to change lives." AD Barnhart pointed out the Student-Athlete

Advisory Committee's partnership with the Special Olympic and how a Special Olympic athlete participated in every award presentation during the CATSPY event. "I am so proud of the impact our student-athletes have made on this organization and thankful for the impact Special Olympics has in turn made on us."

AD Barnhart discussed the recent success of the softball, golf, and men's and women's track and field teams; highlighting the importance of finishing strong as UK is currently tied for fifth place in the Director's Cup standings. Previous Director's Cup record finish was 10th place. AD Barnhart continued by recognizing Vickie and Wendell Bell. "Their support of UK Athletics cannot be chronicled in any one way, shape, or form. Our athletes, staff, and coaches feel their absolute care and love every day. They are part of our family and have dedicated not only their time and resources, but most importantly they give of their hearts." In closing, AD Barnhart reflected on the life of Shelby Hilton, who was a member of UK's gymnastics team and lost her battle with cancer at the age of 25. "She fought valiantly over the past four years and was an extraordinary example of strength and courage. We offer our deepest condolences to the Hilton family."

Chair Barber thanked the Committee members who attended the CATSPY awards and recognized the accomplishments of the student athletes, pointing out the special partnership with the Special Olympics. Chair Barber also congratulated AD Barnhart for being a finalist for the Athletic Director of the Year and thanked him for his remarkable job with UK's program. Finally, Chair Barber recognized Wendell and Vickie Bell. "Their names are on our soccer stadium and the newly constructed team room at our rifle facility, which is fitting for the way they support our programs financially. That still does not fully capture what they mean to the University of Kentucky. They are leaders, serving as co-chairs of UK Athletics' part in UK's capital campaign. They also care deeply about everyone in the Athletics department, attending countless games and matches even traveling as far as Alaska and Italy to support our teams, student-athletes, coaches, and staff. The Bells help make Kentucky the special place that it is."

F. Business Items

FCR 3 Pledge from Wendell R. Bell and Vickie L. Bell

Chair Barber introduced FCR 3, which recommends the Board of Trustees accept a pledge of \$5,000,000 (which includes \$2,000,000 in payments received) from Wendell and Vickie Bell of Lexington, Kentucky to establish a non-endowed fund named "The Bell Facilities Improvement Fund" in UK Athletics. Chair Barber called on AD Barnhart to discuss the recommendation.

Chair Barber asked for a motion to recommend approval to the Finance Committee regarding FCR 3, a pledge from Wendell R. Bell and Vickie L. Bell. Trustee Berry moved for approval. Trustee Webb seconded the motion. Chair Barber asked for any questions or comments. President Capilouto echoed the previous comments from AD Barnhart and Chair Barber regarding Vickie and Wendell Bell and added, "Their generosity of spirit, character, and the way they serve as an example to UK's student athletes is immeasurable." Chair Barber thanked the President and called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of the Athletics Department Interim Financial Report

Chair Barber introduced Executive Associate Athletic Director Melissa Gleason for comments on the Athletics Department Interim Financial Report for December 31, 2018.

Ms. Gleason introduced the Interim Financial Report and discussed the statement of net position, pointing out any reduction of cash and cash equivalents and increase in capital assets including: the construction of the baseball stadium which is now online and functional; the JMI three-year contract extension; and the Rupp Arena media rights which were received for the first time. Ms. Gleason highlighted that halfway through the year, the department is slightly higher than 50% in budgeted revenue, as well as approximately 50% of budgeted expenses, which is similar to the last fiscal year.

Adjournment

Chair Barber thanked Ms. Gleason for her report and asked for any additional questions. With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.