

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
University Athletics Committee and the University Relations Committee
Tuesday, May 14, 2013
Boardroom, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Trustee Jo Hern Curris, chair of the University Relations Committee and Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr., chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

The following members of the University Relations Committee were present: Jo Hern Curris (chair), Stephen Bilas, Sheila Brothers, Kelly Holland, Terry Mobley, and John Wilson.

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: C.B. Akins, Sr. (chair), Sheila Brothers, Keith Gannon, Terry Mobley, Frank Shoop, community members Vickie Bell, Paula Hanson and Davis Marksbury, and faculty representative Joe Fink.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Curris welcomed the University Relations Committee members and said that the minutes of March 19, 2013 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Trustee Holland moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Bilas seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

Chair Akins welcomed the University Athletics Committee members and said that the minutes of March 19, 2013 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Trustee Mobley moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Brothers seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

University Relations Committee Presentation

DeWayne Peevy, Deputy Director of Athletics, gave a presentation entitled "Processes and Procedures by which the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Develops and Plans its Public Relations, Marketing and Media Strategies."

Details of Mr. Peevy's presentation can be found in the University Relations Committee minutes.

University Athletics Committee

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart began his departmental report with the introduction and recognition of two student-athletes. Chelsea Oswald from the women's track, was named the SEC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Boyd McWhorter Award) and Megan Moir of women's golf, was chosen the SEC Female Community Service Leader of the Year (Brad Davis Award). Track coach Edrick Floreal and women's golf coach Golda Borst were recognized as well.

Megan Moir thanked the Board of Trustees, President Capilouto, Director Barnhart and her coaches for their support during her career at UK. She was thankful for the many life-lessons learned and cherished her time at UK.

Chelsea Oswald commented that the accomplishments of the student-athletes are a reflection of the hard work of all present. She was very thankful for the support.

Director Barnhart reported on the Spring Semester GPA. 16 of 20 teams had a 3.0 GPA or better. 256 out of 371 scholarship student-athletes had a 3.0 or better. 39% of the student-athletes had a 3.5 GPA or better and 47 (13%) student-athletes had a perfect 4.0. The overall departmental GPA was 3.14. The 6 year Federal Graduation Rate increased to 59%. The Department has seen steady growth each year and over 57 student-athletes were named to the SEC Winter Academic Honor Role.

The Graduate Success Rate (GSR) continues to remain at high rate of 78% (for all students) and the Exhausted Eligibility Rate (an internal UK Athletics measure that determines if the department is being academically responsible to the student-athletes who remain at UK until their academic eligibility is exhausted) is at 91.3%.

Director Barnhart continued with a wrap-up of winter sports. Some highlights include:

- Women's basketball completed its most successful season in school history, winning a school-record 30 games, which included eight victories over top-25 opponents. The team advanced to the elite eight of the NCAA Tournament for the third time in the last four years. Individually, A'dia Mathies was named the SEC Player of the Year for the second straight year, earned All-America honors and was a first-round WNBA draft choice.
- Men's basketball finished its season with a 21-12 record and participated in postseason play for the 22nd consecutive year. UK added three more signees in April and has the nation's No. 1 recruiting class for 2013. Nerlens Noel is projected as the No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft in June.
- Gymnastics continues to make excellent progress under the guidance of second-year coach Tim Garrison. The team qualified for an NCAA Regional and posted its highest regional score ever with a 195.575 mark. The team placed fourth at the NCAA Regional and missed going to the nationals by less than one-half point.
- The Men's Swimming Team finished 22nd at the NCAA Championship Meet. Individually, Greg Ferrucci had a superb year and earned All-America honors. The swim teams will begin a new era after the retirement of head coach Gary Conelly, who spent more than 20 years with the UK swim teams. A search is currently underway for his replacement.

Director Barnhart gave a progress report on spring sports. Some highlights include:

- Baseball has a 28-22 record and with one week left in the regular season is contending for a spot in the NCAA Tournament.
- Softball opened its new stadium this season and just completed hosting the SEC Tournament with the highest attendance in tourney history. The Wildcats are 38-18, 7th in the league and are seeded No. 12 in the NCAA Tournament. Under head coach Rachel Lawson, for the first time in school history, UK will host a NCAA Regional, which will be played Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Men's Tennis opened the NCAA Tournament at home last weekend and won two matches to win the Regional and advance to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the fourth year in a row. Under head coach Cedric Kaufman, UK will play Duke in the round of 16 on Thursday. The Wildcats are 22-11 on the season and the accomplishments are even more impressive when one considers that UK has played the last month of the season without the No. 3 player, who is out for the season because of injury.

- Women's Tennis finished the season with a winning record at 13-12. Freshman Nadia Ravita was ranked 21nd nationally in singles and was invited to compete in the NCAA tournament.
- The Men's and Women's Track Teams hosted their first outdoor meet in 17 years in April at the new UK track. Both the track teams finished seventh at the SEC Meet last weekend. Chelsea Oswald won two events, the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs. The teams will compete in the NCAA Regionals in two weeks.
- Women's Golf once again played in an NCAA Regional and finished 12th out of 24 teams at the regional. UK has advanced to the NCAA Regional all three years under Coach Golda Borst and improved its finish each season.
- Men's Golf has returned to a NCAA Regional, which will be held this week.
- Spring football practice went very well under the guidance of new head coach Mark Stoops.
 - The team embraced the new coaching staff and had a productive spring.
 - The fans have responded very positively to the new staff as we had a school-record turnout of 50,831 for the Blue/White Spring Game. That was the sixth-largest spring practice attendance in the nation.
 - Recruiting for 2014 is off to a great start. Based on our verbal commitments, the 2014 recruiting class is ranked as high as No. 18 nationally by Scout.com and Rivals.com.

Director Barnhart reported on the CATSBY Awards and encouraged the Board to attend next year. He reported that the department (for the 3rd consecutive year) will be sponsoring two sets of students on service trips to Ethiopia this year.

Chair Akins commented on Deputy Director Peevy's remark that UK Athletics is viewed by many as the "front porch of the University". He stated that UK Athletics department is doing the right things in academics, on the playing field, and in fostering student-athletes toward community service. As a Board, we should encourage best practices in these areas to be communicated and replicated across campus.

President Capilouto commended and thanked Director Barnhart and the entire UK Athletics team for the excellent work done in hosting three major athletic events on campus this past weekend. These included a SEC softball tournament, a tennis tournament, and a baseball tournament. The inclement weather proved challenging and events lasted late into the evening.

Action Items

The Committee reviewed and endorsed PR 6, Naming of the Softball Stadium, the "John Cropp Stadium." On April 13, 2013, the University of Kentucky held a formal dedication ceremony to honor John Cropp and announced the University administration's intent to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the stadium be named in Mr. Cropp's honor.

John Cropp has served in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics administration for over 20 years and has been instrumental in the success of the softball program since its inception in 1997. He is retiring at the conclusion of the 2013 spring season.

On a personal note, Chair Akins stated that he had known John Cropp for over 20 years and thought Mr. Cropp was very deserving of the honor.

Trustee Mobley moved approval of PR 6. Trustee Shoop seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

Other Business

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.