

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee  
University of Kentucky  
Thursday, September 12, 2019

The University Athletics Committee of the University of Kentucky met on Thursday, September 12, 2019, in the Gatton Student Center, Ballroom A.

A. Meeting Opened

Trustee Jennifer Barber, Chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:39 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, Wilbur Hackett, and Paula Hanson; and Faculty Athletics Representative Joe Fink.

C. Chairs Report

Chair Barber asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2019 meeting. Trustee Melanson moved for approval. Trustee Grant seconded the motion and it carried without dissent. Chair Barber introduced Athletics Director Barnhart for his report.

D. Athletics Director's Report

AD Barnhart announced UK finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the 2019 Directors' Cup standing out of 353 schools and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Southeastern Conference (SEC). He reflected on the solid year they experienced but pointed out their goal is to be a top five program. They will continue to work hard and pursue the goals of Elite 1-3-5; with the one referring to every program achieving a championship; the three representing students achieving a 3.0 GPA each semester; and the five referring to the Director's Cup standing.

Mr. Barnhart highlighted multiple student-athlete accomplishments including the men's soccer and volleyball teams winning conference titles last season and the women's golf team, which won the Minnesota Invitational that week. Barnhart also reported academic accomplishments including 14 consecutive semesters with a 3.0 GPA.

Director Barnhart urged the Committee to attend the upcoming Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, where six Hall of Fame members will be inducted. He also urged the members to attend the sold-out SEC opener at Kroger Field and reminded the Committee that SEC Nation will be broadcasting from UK's campus. He highlighted

other events being hosted by UK over the weekend including volleyball and women's soccer. Additionally, the men's soccer team will open its Conference USA title defense at the Bell Soccer Complex.

In terms of service, AD Barnhart reported UK's Student-Athlete Experience Division service activities including a trip to Ethiopia and service projects in Eastern Kentucky. The Department also caravanned around the state visiting local schools and communities.

AD Barnhart continued his report by discussing Terry Wilson's season-ending knee injury and Cullen Brown, a sophomore member of the men's golf team who was diagnosed with bone cancer in his leg last month. Cullen has withdrawn from school and will not play this season, but his team and the entire Athletics Department are behind him. "This news was difficult to hear, but the same things that make Cullen such an extraordinary competitor, teammate, and young man are why we know he can overcome this. I hope you will all join us in supporting Cullen."

Chair Barber thanked Director Barnhart for his report and congratulated him for being named the Chair of the NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball Committee for the 2020-21 season.

E. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.