

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee  
University of Kentucky  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

The University Athletics Committee of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, in the Gatton Student Center, Harris Ballroom.

I. Meeting Opened

Trustee David Melanson, chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chair Melanson asked Katie Hardwick to call the roll.

II. Roll Call

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: Board Members Claude A. "Skip" Berry, III, Joe Bowen, Ray Daniels, David Melanson and Rachel Webb; Community Advisory Members Wilbur Hackett and Wells Bullard; Faculty Athletics Representative Joe Fink; and Community Advisory Member Vickie Bell attended via Zoom.

III. Chairs Report

Chair Melanson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2021, meeting. Trustee Bowen moved approval of the minutes, and Trustee Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Chair Melanson introduced President Capilouto for remarks.

IV. President's Remarks

The president began by commending Director Barnhart and his entire team for their progress on several fronts including consecutive semester trend 3.0 grade point average. He pointed out the holistic approach the Athletics Department uses, not just in terms of academic support, but mental health and well-being. Additionally, the president shared his appreciation for the department's steps taken to embrace diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) matters and discussed the recent elevation of Ray Oliver and Tiffany Hayden to AD Barnhart's executive team and leading DEI efforts through a diversity advisory committee and Black student advisory committee.

Chair Melanson thanked the president and introduced Athletics Director Barnhart for his report.

V. Athletics Director's Report

Athletics Director Barnhart thanked the president and Chair Melanson and stated that it was great to be back after a most unusual overlap time in college athletics history

– not just the usual overlap of winter and spring sports, which is UK Athletics busiest time of year already – but the addition of fall sports on top of all that. AD Barnhart explained how having all UK's sport programs in action at the same time produced some moments of great joy – including a six-week period highlighted by national championships from our rifle and volleyball teams. However, he pointed out, when the Committee last met in February, it was UK's women's swimming and diving program that was on stage; winning their first Southeastern Conference (SEC) Championship in school history.

AD Barnhart continued his report by highlighting the rifle team taking the spotlight to end a journey that took a year and a half. He reminded the Committee that in March of 2020, the pandemic stopped the No. 1-ranked Wildcats just two days away from a likely national championship that was scheduled to take place in UK's own Memorial Coliseum. The Wildcats, however, turned deep disappointment into a deeper determination and this year Coach Harry Mullins and the team would not be denied.

AD Barnhart continued by recognizing the volleyball team after eight-month journey of practice, a regular season interrupted by an 11-week break between competition, and a totally different structure for the NCAA Tournament. They brought the Big Blue Nation together for two weeks of late-night TV and concluded with not only UK's, but the SEC's first national championship in volleyball. Craig Skinner was named National Coach of the Year, Madison Lilley was named National Player of the Year and Lilley, Avery Skinner and Alli Stumler were first-team All-Americans.

Additional highlights AD Barnhart discussed included:

- Women's swimming moved on to the NCAA Championships, where they made their best finish ever in 11th place. The men's team finished in the nation's top 30 at that championship.
- Women's golf reached the national finals for the first time in 29 years and finished 18th.
- Softball made its 12th straight NCAA Tournament appearance, winning our home regional to advance to the Super Regionals.
- Men's soccer resumed its season and was selected for the NCAA Tournament, knocking off an undefeated New Hampshire team en route to the NCAA Sweet 16.
- Despite fielding a relatively young team after major graduation losses from a year ago, the gymnastics team earned a bid to the NCAA Regional and shows great promise for the future.
- The women's basketball team and the men's and women's tennis teams advanced to the second rounds of their NCAA tournaments.
- Women's basketball was led by All-American Rhyne Howard, who was a finalist for several National Player of the Year awards.
- Men's tennis was highlighted by the play of Liam Draxl, who earned the No. 1 ranking in America and was the third Wildcat this year to be named National Athlete of the Year in his or her sport.

- The men's track team finished 14th at the NCAA Indoor Championships – their best finish in more than a quarter-century – and their 15th place finish last weekend at the outdoor championships is the best in seven years.
- The women's track team was 13th at the NCAA Indoors, highlighted by Abby Steiner, who won the gold medal in the 200-meter dash, tied the NCAA record, and ran the fifth-fastest time in world history.
- Women's track finished 21st last weekend at the NCAA Outdoor Meet, their seventh-straight year in the top 25.
- At the completion of the winter sports season, we rank No. 5 nationally in the Directors' Cup all-sports standings. The spring sports will be added, and the final standings issued in early July.
- Our football team returned to campus last week and is beginning summer workouts. The coaching staff is back on the recruiting trail after recruiting activities were reinstated for all sports on June 1.
- Coach Calipari has been very busy this offseason, with the return of Orlando Antigua and the addition of Ron Coleman to his coaching staff. We have also added several transfers who have had proven success at their previous schools and will help us immediately.

Director Barnhart discussed the loss of Terrence Clarke, who was a freshman on the 2020-21 Men's Basketball team, who died in an automobile accident on April 22. Clarke had declared for the NBA Draft in March and was training in Los Angeles at the time of the accident. "We were stunned by the sudden, tragic loss of Terrence Clarke," said Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart. "Although he had been with us a relatively short time, his upbeat, positive spirit made a tremendous impact on his teammates and coaches. He was a young man full of life and full of promise. We have hurt and grieved with those who knew and loved him. I want to express a special thanks for the basketball program for what they have done to honor Terrence. Coach Calipari flew to California to be with his family and the players put together a heartfelt candlelight service. I greatly appreciate Coach Cal, the staff and players for the way they have supported Terrence's family."

AD Barnhart continued by highlighting academic accomplishments including an overall 3.259 composite grade-point average for the student-athletes; an 18<sup>th</sup> straight semester of at least a 3.0. He reported 93 student-athletes graduated in May, including 12 who completed master's degrees. Including the December commencement, UK Athletics had 115 graduates for the 2020-21 school year. In addition, AD Barnhart announced the SEC Academic Honor Roll for winter sports was released, and UK had 72 on the list, tying for the third-most in the conference. UK was second on the SEC Fall Sports Honor Roll with 100. The spring sports honor roll has not been announced.

AD Barnhart concluded his report by highlighting additional Wildcat news.

- Twenty-four student-athletes were inducted into our Frank G. Ham Society of Character. The Society of Character recognizes superior commitment to academics, athletics, community service and career preparation.

- For the second year in a row, the CATSPY Awards were held virtually. A total of 78 individuals and five teams were recognized at the 19th annual celebration. Josh Paschal and Landon Young were named Mr. Wildcat while Madison Lilley, Akvile Parazinskaite, Avery Skinner and Abby Steiner were named Miss Wildcat.
- Six Wildcat greats will be named to the UK Athletics Hall of Fame and will be honored at a football weekend this fall.
- Executive Associate AD for Sports Medicine Jim Madaleno, has served all year on the SEC's Medical Guidance Task Force that has guided the league through the pandemic. Madaleno and the other members of the task force were given the SEC's Michael Slive Distinguished Service Award for exemplary service to the conference.
- UK Athletics new partnership with WLEX-TV continues to work well. WLEX's "BBN Tonight" show has gotten outstanding ratings and gives UK sports exclusive coverage on a daily basis.
- UK's cheerleading and dance teams competed in the national championships in April. The dance teams got a pair of second-place finishes, their highest ever, and the cheerleaders placed third.
- Several current and former UK student-athletes will be in Olympic Trials for the United States and international teams during the next month as athletes are selected for the Tokyo Games.

Chair Melanson thanked Director Barnhart and introduced Executive Associate Athletics Director Melissa Gleason to review Interim Financials and 2021-22 Athletics Department Budget.

#### VI. Business Items

Chair Melanson introduced Executive Associate Athletics Director Melissa Gleason to review the NCAA reports.

#### Review of the Athletics Department Interim Financial Report for March 31, 2021

Executive Associate Athletics Director Gleason began by discussing the quarterly statement ending March 31, 2021, and detailed the schedule of unrestricted funds revenue showing the current operating budget that flows through to the final NCAA Report. She pointed out that this statement shows the day to day operations and that the department continues to monitor the expenses and look for ways to save.

Director Gleason reported that revenues were down from the previous year 14 percent over the budgeted revenue from the last Fiscal Year, but the expenses were down 11 percent, illustrating the department's objective of monitoring expenses.

Chair Melanson asked for a motion to approve the interim financial report for March 31, 2021. Trustee Daniels moved approval, and Trustee Berry seconded the motion. It carried without dissent.

Presentation of the Athletics Department Budget for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Director Gleason continued by presenting the Athletics Department Budget for 2021-22 and reviewed the budget process which was more like previous processes before last year's adjusted budget due to COVID-19. She detailed three nonnegotiable high-level categories, including: salaries and benefits, scholarships and other obligations. After adjusting for those items, she reported the adjusted operating budget is \$38.452 million, an increase of \$1.356M from FY2020-21 (3.65%). This increase is a sign that we are attempting to return to normal operations, while remaining cautious while coming out of the pandemic.

With no further discussion, Chair Melanson thanked Director Gleason and applauded UK Athletics for their report.

VII. Other Business and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Hardwick', written in a cursive style.

Katie Hardwick  
University Athletics Committee Secretary