

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
Friday, January 31, 2014
Board Room, 18th Floor Patterson Office Tower

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr., chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Akins welcomed the committee members and said that the minutes of December 17, 2013 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Seeing none, Trustee Brothers moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Mobley seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

Chairman's Report

Chair Akins welcomed the members of the UK national championship Cheerleading squad and Coach Jomo Thompson. The team won an unprecedented 20th national title at the UCA/UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship in Orlando, FL on January 19. UK has now won 15 championships since 1995. The members of the team introduced themselves to the Committee. Team representative Juliet McCreary thanked Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart, the University Athletics Committee, advisor T. Lynn Williamson, and head coach Jomo Thompson and his staff for their support throughout the year.

Chair Akins remarked on the diversity of majors and hometowns in the squad. As student-athletes are ambassadors of the University, he was delighted and grateful for their determination and commitment.

President's Report

President Capilouto thanked Athletics Director Barnhart and his entire team for their work in support of UK's student-athletes. He was pleased with their success on the playing field. More importantly, he was pleased with their success in the classroom.

Departmental Report

Athletics Director Barnhart began his report with the news that UK Athletics posted a cumulative team fall semester GPA of 3.088. This was the third consecutive semester with a GPA above a 3.0. Sixteen of UK's 20 teams had GPAs of 3.0 or better, led by women's tennis at 3.727. Of the men's teams, men's tennis led the way with a 3.443. The SEC announced its Fall Academic Honor Roll. UK was second overall in the SEC with 59 student-athletes achieving this honor.

Director Barnhart continued his report with highlights from fall sports. They included:

- Men's basketball has a record of 15-5 and 5-2 in SEC play. The Wildcats will play the second of two road games this week on Saturday at Missouri. UK is No. 12 in the country in the latest RPI release.
- Women's basketball has a record of 16-5. For the first time ever, UK will host NCAA Tournament First and Second Rounds in Memorial Coliseum this March.
- Gymnastics is ranked No. 20 in the country with a 4-2 record and 1-1 in the SEC.
- Rifle, ranked No. 1, is positioned to compete for a national championship again this year. These Wildcats are 8-2 with two regular-season matches remaining.
- The men's and women's track teams hosted two meets in January, getting standout performances from many student-athletes. UK's last home meet was the McCravy Memorial, which was designated the "National Meet of the Week" due to its strong field. The women's track team is currently ranked No. 6 nationally. Kendra Harrison, Dezerea Bryant, Bradley Szycka and Matt Hillenbrand are among the top performers for UK. Ms. Harrison is the reigning SEC Runner of the Week after posting world-leading times in two events.
- The men's and women's swimming and diving teams will host Senior Day vs. Cincinnati on Saturday, February 1 at the Lancaster Aquatic Center. The Wildcats are led by a strong diving group, which had the top two scores in all four diving events at highly ranked Louisville on January 25.

Director Barnhart continued with an update on spring sports. Highlights included:

- Men's tennis is 5-1 with a No. 13 ranking two weeks into the indoor portion of its schedule.
- Women's tennis is ranked No. 40 with a 3-1 record. Head coach Carlos Drada is doing a great job with a talented young team.
- Baseball will open the season on February 14 against No. 1 Virginia.
- Softball opens 2014 with the highest preseason rankings in school history. The team is ranked No. 12 in the ESPN poll and No. 14 according to USA Today.
- The men's and women's golf programs will host a grand opening of the new UK Golf House on February 15. The new Golf House allows for the teams to practice indoors. Men's golf opens its spring season at the Mobile Bay Intercollegiate on February 17-18 and women's golf opens its spring season February 9-11 at the UCF Challenge.

Director Barnhart continued with the news that football is still positioned for its highest-ranked recruiting class. Members of the class rated No. 13 by Rivals.com will become official on Signing Day on February 5. Three former Wildcats (Jacob Tamme, Danny Trevathan and Wesley Woodyard) will play for the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Director Barnhart reported that women's basketball head coach Matthew Mitchell and his wife Jenna donated \$2 for every fan attending two home games to fight Alzheimer's Disease as part of "We Back Pat" (Retired University of Tennessee Women's Basketball Coach Pat Summit) week. After the games, he doubled the amount to \$40,472.

Director Barnhart concluded that earlier this month, Athletics launched its UKAD Blue campaign to encourage healthy habits among staff and coaches with a twice-a-week meal program and workout teams.

Report on NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures

Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday reviewed the Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Performed on the Intercollegiate Athletics Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The procedures were performed to assist the University in assessing compliance with NCAA Bylaw 3.2.4.16. No exceptions were found.

Trustee Gannon asked about the difference between the NCAA Bylaws and the General Accounting Procedures (GAP) audit procedures as it relates to this report. EVPFA Monday explained that UK's independent auditor, BKD, performs a true audit of the athletic enterprise within the audit of the institutional enterprise. The NCAA bylaw requires that the institutions independent auditor have "agreed upon procedures" to warrant further assurance of the audits' completeness and consistency. The goal is to have no exceptions.

Community member Paula Hanson was pleased with the report and asked if the auditor had any recommendations. EVPFA Monday reported that there were no formal recommendations, but as part of the annual process, the Office of the Treasurer and the staff in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics continue to discuss and implement best practices for continued compliance in this area.

Trustee Shoop was impressed with the thoroughness of the report.

Business Items

Chair Akins introduced and the Committee reviewed FCR 3, Construct Football Training Facilities and Practice Fields. This project will include a new two-story structure and two practice fields with an adjoining drill area. The new facilities will be located at the east end of the existing Nutter Field House. The scope of this project is \$45,000,000 and will be funded with private funds. Trustee Shoop moved to recommended approval to the Finance Committee. It was seconded by Trustee Mobley and it passed without dissent.

Other Business

Trustee Brothers asked about any upcoming plans to renovate the tennis facilities. Director Barnhart reported that a feasibility study had been performed. At a cost of approximately \$9,000,000 to renovate the indoor facility, the Department will need private funds to move forward.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.