

Office of the President
May 5, 2020

Members, Board of Trustees:

NAMING OF ATHLETICS COMPLEX

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the baseball, soccer, and softball athletic complex on Alumni Drive the Barnhart Family Athletics Complex.

Background: Wendell and Vickie Bell have been important supporters of UK Athletics. The Bells are constant fixtures at soccer, rifle, volleyball, football, and basketball events; and the Wendell and Vickie Bell Soccer Stadium is named in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell have pledged an additional \$5 million for UK Athletics with the contingency that the University name this athletic complex the Barnhart Family Athletics Complex in honor of the long-standing service and commitment to the University student-athletes by Mitch and Connie Barnhart.

University policy does not consider nominations of persons on active service with the University, especially where that service is to be performed in a building so named, except in the most extraordinary cases. The Committee felt this situation triggers the "extraordinary cases" clause as the donor's gift was contingent on the naming.

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed this request and found it to be in compliance with Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of this name designation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other_____