

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
Tuesday, April 1, 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 9:36 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 January 31, 2014 had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Seeing none, Trustee Mobley moved that the minutes be approved. Trustee Shoop seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

Departmental Report

Executive Associate Athletics Director Marc Hill presented a winter and spring sports update. Highlights included:

- Men's basketball advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. UK made its 16th Final Four appearance and is the all-time leader in NCAA Tournament appearances and victories. This Final Four appearance is the third in the last four seasons under Coach John Calipari. Freshman Julius Randle was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Midwest Regional tournament and also earned All-America honors and was named SEC Freshman of the Year.
- Women's basketball had another impressive run and finished the season 26-9. UK hosted the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. Women's basketball has a school-record five consecutive NCAA Tournaments, advancing to the Sweet 16 or better in four of those appearances. Coach Matthew Mitchell, posted his 200th victory and is the all-time winningest women's basketball coach at Kentucky.
- Gymnastics earned its school-record 10th straight NCAA Championship berth after a strong finish in the regular season and a sixth-place finish at the SEC Championship. The team will compete in the NCAA Regionals on Saturday, April 5 in State College, PA. Senior Audrey Harrison, redshirt junior Kayla Hartley and junior Shannon Mitchell earned All-SEC honors.
- Rifle completed another successful season, finishing third at NCAA Championships. Sophomore Connor Davis won the individual national title in air rifle, the first Wildcat to accomplish the feat since 1994. Davis and six teammates were honored as All-Americans.
- The men's and women's track teams had strong indoor seasons in Edrick Floréal's second season as head coach, headlined by a ninth-place finish by the women's team at the NCAA Championships. The 23 points by the women's team at the NCAAs were the most in school history. Junior Dezerea Bryant led the way, winning the 200-meter dash and finishing second in the 60-meter dash. The men's squad finished 45th behind a fifth-place finish by

Brad Szyпка in the shot put. Coach Floréal was named Southeast Region Women's Coach of the Year, Matt Hillenbrand and Dezerea Bryant earned Men's and Women's Region Runner of the Year respectively and Tim Hall claimed Region Women's Assistant Coach of the Year.

- The men's and women's swimming and diving teams each competed at NCAA Championships this month under first-year head coach Lars Jorgensen. Coming in 23rd, the women posted their best team finish since 2008. The men's team finished 37th at the NCAA Championships.

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

- Men's tennis is 14-6 overall and ranked No. 13 in the nation.
- Women's tennis is 15-7 overall and ranked No. 34 nationally.
- Baseball is now 19-9 on the season and is in second place in the SEC Eastern Division. The Wildcats are currently ranked as high as No. 19 in one of the national polls. UK has won four games against teams ranked the top five in the nation, including three wins against No. 1-ranked teams.
- Softball is 28-7 overall, UK's best record ever at this point of the season. The Wildcats are ranked No. 10 in the nation and this is the first season in school history that UK has reached the top-10 national rankings.
- The outdoor track and field teams have gotten off to a strong start and UK will host the SEC Track Championships in May.
- Men's golf has six top-five team finishes already this season, narrowly missing a seventh at the Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate. At Bulls Bay, Ben Stow birdied the first playoff hole to claim his first collegiate individual title.
- Women's golf claimed its fourth top-five finish of the season last weekend, finishing third at the LSU Tiger Golf Classic. Haley Mills finished seventh, marking her second straight top-12 finish, and was named SEC Freshman Golfer of the Week.

Off the Field

- Kentucky ranked second on the SEC Fall Sports Academic Honor Roll with 59 players on the list, which was second in the league.
- Football opened spring practice last Friday and will play its annual Blue/White Spring Game on April 26. Renovations to Commonwealth Stadium are underway, but the game will still be played there. The spring game will highlight a "Big Blue Weekend," with softball and baseball also playing important conference series April 25-27. Craig Naivar became the newest member of Mark Stoops' staff last month as special teams coordinator and safeties coach.
- Thirteen former football players participated in UK's annual Pro Day on March 14, headlined by linebacker Avery Williamson. Williamson also took part in the NFL Combine in February.
- Senior Kastine Evans was one of only five Division I basketball players named to the prestigious Allstate WBCA National Good Works Team.
- Men's basketball senior Jon Hood was named to the SEC Community Service Team.
- Former men's basketball stars John Wall and Anthony Davis each played in the NBA All-Star Game in February. UK was one of just two schools represented in the game by two players.

- Women's soccer's Arin Gilliland was selected to play on the U.S. Women's National Under 23 in the Six Nations Tournament in Spain.
- Volleyball announced it will embark on a 14-day trip to China from May 20-June 4 for an educational, cultural and competitive experience.

Trustee Mobley asked for a facilities update on the women's softball stadium, the soccer stadium, and the football stadium. Mr. Hill reported that UK has taken ownership of softball stadium. He continued that the lower level of the Soccer Complex is substantially complete, with the upper level progressing. He stated that UK Athletics hopes to have complete occupancy in the next six to eight weeks. The Soccer Complex is going to be a world class facility, not only for the players and fans, but for recruitment as well. Commonwealth Stadium is moving along steadily. The main focus the last few weeks has been to finish utilities in time for the Blue/White game on April 26. Because of construction on the south side, seating capacity will be 40,000. Lastly, the Nutter Training Center is in the early stages of schematic design.

Trustee Shoop asked about the status of Commonwealth Stadium suite sales. Mr. Hill reported that all the suites had been committed. Chair Akins asked about additional loge seats. Mr. Hill reported that demand had been very strong and 220 additional loge seats had been added to accommodate these requests.

Trustee Bryant asked about the status of the tennis facilities. Mr. Hill reported that the next two major sports facility needs are the tennis complex and the baseball stadium. Fundraising efforts are continuing for these projects.

Chair Akins thanked Mr. Hill for the report and congratulated all the teams and individual athletes. He was particularly pleased about the trip to China for the volleyball team. These types of cultural and educational opportunities are truly enriching. Chair Akins quoted noted author W.E.B. DuBois, "if experience is the best teacher, then exposure is the best classroom."

Trustee Brothers asked if the Confucius Institute was involved in the volleyball team trip to China. Senior Associate Athletics Director Jason Schlafer stated that the Confucius Institute is involved. The team is traveling with a professor who will instruct them during their trip.

Business Items

The Committee considered the interim financial statements of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Melissa Gleason, Senior Associate Athletics Director – Finance reviewed the interim financial statements of the department for the six months ended December 31, 2013. The statements included the balance sheet, the statement on revenue and expenses, and the change in net assets. Trustee Brothers moved acceptance of the interim financial statements as presented. Trustee Shoop seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

Other Business

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. C.B. Akins, Sr.