

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Friday, February 17, 2017

Meeting Opened and Roll Call

Trustee Kelly Holland of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

The following members of the University Athletics Committee were present: Jennifer Barber, Skip Berry, Kelly Holland, David Melanson, Community Advisory Members Vickie Bell, Wilbur Hackett, Jr., Paula Hanson (via phone), and Faculty Representative Joe Fink.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Holland stated the minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting had been distributed and asked for any corrections or comments. Seeing none, Trustee Barber moved for the approval of the minutes. Trustee Melanson seconded the motion, and it carried without dissent.

President's Remark

President Capilouto discussed two highlights within the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The first item was the University of Kentucky's ranking in the Director's Cup. All sports at the University are considered and ranked in comparison to other universities across the country. University of Kentucky Athletics programs have consistently been in the top 25. This speaks to Director Barnhart's attention to detail and dedication to all athletic programs. The second item was the Department's consistency with student-athletes' GPA above a 3.0. Student-athletes continue to succeed due to great leadership and commitment throughout the Department.

Departmental Report

Mitch Barnhart, Athletics Director (AD), discussed that 16 of 22 teams are in competition currently, and eight of these teams will compete in both conference and NCAA championships within the next month. UK is in the top 25 of the Director's Cup, which is the best start in the history of the University.

AD Barnhart reported that both men and women's basketball are in great shape to make advances in March. The gymnastics team has been setting new school records, and AD Barnhart praised coach, Tim Garrison, for the work he has done for this program. The gymnastics team recently conquered National Championship contenders, and ranked for the first time in UK program history.

He stated both the rifle and track teams are ranked in the top 10 nationally. In swimming, Geena Freriks won the 200m freestyle event at the SEC Championship. He also congratulated the Cheerleading team for winning their 22nd National Championship, and the Dance Team had the best finishing scores at the Championships in the University's history. He shared that over 600

student-athletes represent UK and he thanked everyone for their shared commitment, time, and energy.

AD Barnhart reported that the fall 2016 GPA average was 3.143. It was the ninth consecutive semester student-athletes have been above a 3.0 GPA. He indicated that 33 student-athletes graduated in December 2016, and he looks forward to seeing a larger number graduate in spring 2017.

AD Barnhart thanked all of the donors who have made improvements possible in Athletics. He continued that the Athletics Department will accept a gift from Davis Marksbury and Coach Calipari, and thanked them for their ongoing commitments to athletic facilities. These donations specifically targeted the men's basketball locker room. Memorial Coliseum is in need of upgrades and renovations and the Department is currently conducting feasibility studies to identify needs, including to changes in capacity. The improvements will help those teams (gymnastics, women's basketball, and women's volleyball), who specifically compete in Memorial Coliseum. He shared that there also will be an expansion of student-athlete dining facilities on the north side of campus in the next year.

He concluded his report with the announcement that construction on the new baseball stadium would begin within the next month, with completion scheduled for fall 2018.

Trustee Holland introduced Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration (EVPFA), Dr. Eric Monday, who with AD Barnhart, presented the Rupp Arena Use Agreement. AD Barnhart reported the University's agreement with Lexington Convention Center (LCC) ends following the 2017-18 basketball season, and that the University had agreed to a new 15-year lease agreement extending through spring 2033 commencement ceremonies.

EVPFA Monday explained the five main areas of the Rupp lease that the University does not currently manage. These areas are identified as "outside the bowl" and influence the fan experience, and are recognized as: multimedia rights (video and signage), souvenir sales, club and premium services, concessions and catering, and parking. As part of the new agreement negotiated with LCC, there will be an annual flat rate for the 28 events UK hosts, both in athletics and academics. The agreement would encompass improving the fan experience through multimedia rights, souvenir sales, parking, club and premium services, and concessions and catering services.

Trustee Christian inquired about the premium areas and their location, and whether or not UK was planning on purchasing parking spaces at Rupp Arena. Regarding parking, EVPFA Monday stated LCC will continue to manage the parking operation for events at LCC, including UK events, but UK will have control of allocating parking for UK events. Concerning the premium areas, AD Barnhart shared that the University and LCC are currently collaborating to determine the best possible areas to construct these new premium locations.

Business Items:

In the business items, the Committee acknowledged FCR1 Charitable Grant Recommendation. This recommendation was brought to the Committee as an informational item only.

The second item of business was FCR10 Renovate/Improve Athletic Facility Capital Project (Joe Craft Center Locker Room). AD Barnhart stated that the Capital Project will be the renovation of the men's basketball locker room in the Joe Craft Center. He continued that the project will allow for expansion of training space for the growing number of student-athletes, and is the first of three phases of improvements on the north side of campus. Phases II and III include Memorial Coliseum renovations and dining services. Trustee Berry moved to recommend approval to the Finance Committee regarding FCR10. It was seconded by Trustee Barber, and it carried without dissent.

Other Business

Trustee Hawpe shared his concern regarding the issue of concussions with student-athletes. He expressed concern about contact practices in football, and asked whether UK will move towards non-contact practices. President Capilouto indicated the NCAA and UK take the issue of concussions seriously, and shared the guidelines at the end of January openly with everyone involved in the process. He continued that the safety of UK's players are a top priority of the football program.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.