

Minutes of the University Athletics Committee
University of Kentucky
Thursday, September 12, 2024

The University Athletics Committee of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the Gatton College of Business and Economics, Woodward Hall.

I. Meeting Opened

Trustee David Melanson, chair of the University Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 4:15 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 Skip Berry, Todd Case, David Melanson and Frank Shoop; Community Advisory Members Vickie Bell and Wilbur Hackett; and Faculty Athletics Representative Joe Fink. Community Advisory Member Wells Bullard was absent.

III. Chairs Report

Chair Melanson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2024, meeting. Trustee Case moved approval of the minutes, and Trustee Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Chair Melanson introduced Athletics Director Barnhart for remarks.

IV. Athletics Director's Report

Athletics Director Barnhart provided a comprehensive update on the University of Kentucky's athletic and academic achievements for the 2023-24 year.

Academically, UK maintained a 3.0 department-wide grade point average (GPA) for the 24th consecutive semester, graduating 163 students, including 18 master's degrees. The department saw 23 athletes named to Academic All-District teams, with five earning Academic All-America honors. Additionally, UK secured 369 spots on the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Academic Honor Roll and six graduates received postgraduate scholarships, including four National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Postgraduate Scholarships. Notably, UK pitcher Evan Byers won the prestigious NCAA "Elite 90" Award at the College World Series.

In athletics, UK's football team was 1-1 and prepared for a home game against No. 1 Georgia, with special recognition for Tim Couch's College Football Hall of Fame induction. Volleyball ranked No. 10 in the nation with a 5-2 record and hosted matches in the renovated Memorial Coliseum, a project that integrated both sports functionality and

historical significance. Women's soccer started strong with a 7-0 record, and men's soccer entered Sun Belt Conference action, with Tim Bernal named NCAA Selection Committee chair. Cross country teams had successful season starts, and various winter and spring sports were gearing up.

Further highlights included the announcement of the 2024 UK Athletics Hall of Fame class, which includes notable athletes Jasmine Camacho-Quinn, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, and Jodie Meeks. UK also had seven baseball players and three men's basketball players drafted professionally, and ongoing NCAA resolutions regarding UK's football and swimming programs were mentioned.

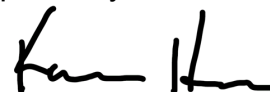
In the SEC, UK won three championships, including a historic baseball SEC title, and saw outstanding performances at the Paris Olympics with a record 24 representatives, earning 13 medals, including six gold.

V. Other Business and Adjournment

Chair Melanson reminded the Committee that the full Athletics Report had been loaded to Directors Desk and introduced a video produced by the Athletics Department highlighting the 2023-24 season.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Katie Hardwick
University Athletics Committee Secretary