MEMORANDUM

TO: Athletics Committee

FROM: Michael A. Bownes

RE: Athletics Committee Minutes, September 13, 2013

The attached draft of minutes from the September 13, 2013, Athletics Committee meeting is forwarded after review by Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Ray Hayes, and will be submitted for approval at a future meeting of this Committee.

Please call with questions or corrections.

cc: Other Trustees
    Chancellor Robert E. Witt
    Presidents Altenkirch, Bonner and Watts
    Dr. William Ferniany
    Provost Lucas
    Interim Provosts Altenkirch and Benson
    Financial Vice Presidents Gilbert, Margison and Pinner
    Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Hayes

Attachment

The Athletics Committee of The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama met in Sellers Auditorium in the Bryant Conference Center on the campus of The University of Alabama on Friday, September 13, 2013. Trustee Finis St. John chaired the meeting. Michael A. Bownes served as Secretary.

On roll call, the following Committee members were present:

The Honorable Joseph C. Espy III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District

The Honorable James W. Wilson III, Trustee from the Third Congressional District

The Honorable Finis E. St. John IV, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District

The Honorable Ronald W. Gray, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District

The Honorable William Britt Sexton, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District

The Honorable John J. McMahon, Jr., Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District

The Honorable Karen P. Brooks, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

Other Trustees in attendance:

The Honorable Harris V. Morrissette, Trustee from the First Congressional District

The Honorable Marietta M. Urquhart, Trustee from the First Congressional District

The Honorable W. Davis Malone III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District
The Honorable Kenneth L. Vandervoort, Trustee from the Third Congressional District

The Honorable Paul W. Bryant, Jr., President pro tempore and Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District

The Honorable Vanessa Leonard, Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District

The Honorable John H. England, Jr., Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

The Honorable Andria Scott Hurst, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

The meeting was also attended by Chancellor Robert E. Witt, UA President Judy Bonner, UAB President Ray Watts, and UAHuntsville President Robert Altenkirch, as well as support staff from the UA System Office, UA, UAB, and UAHuntsville.

Kellee Reinhart introduced the press: Ed Enoch from The Tuscaloosa News; Jerome Davis and Jennifer Edwards from WVUA; McKenzie Brown from The Crimson White; Meredith Armstrong from Channel 13; and Melissa Brown from Al.com.

Chairman St. John called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2012, meeting. On motion of Trustee Sexton, seconded by Trustee Wilson, the minutes were approved.

Chairman St. John called on Athletic Director Bill Battle to present an update on the UA athletic program.

Coach Battle said he was energized about the future and was impressed with the leadership and unity at UA and he felt honored to be a part of its history. He thanked UA President Judy Bonner, Chancellor Robert Witt, and the Board for their support. He introduced student athlete, Emily Talley, a native of Kentucky who is a Communications major with 3.75 GPA, and a member of the University’s women’s golf team. Ms. Talley was the number one recruit in the nation and the first woman from UA to win the U.S. Women’s Amateur Golf Championship.

Ms. Talley thanked the administration and the Board for the opportunity to speak to them and for the opportunities she and other UA students have been given. She had the opportunity to attend other schools, but felt UA was the best
choice, not only because of the great facilities but also for the support system for student-athletes.

Coach Battle said they are proud that Alabama’s student-athletes are achieving academic success equal to or greater than athletic success. The New York Times and The Tuscaloosa News recently cited the athletic and academic successes of UA student-athletes. UA has more than 550 student-athletes with an average 3.0 GPA for the 2012-13 academic year, including 51 who maintained a career 4.0 GPA. Overall, 14 teams earned 3.0 GPAs for the academic year. Alabama and Duke are the only two universities in the country whose sports ranked in the upper percentile in both football and men’s basketball.

UA generated almost $10 million in gross royalties during the 2012-13 fiscal year from its trademark licensing program. This represents an 11% increase over the previous year. Half of these royalties are used for National Merit scholarships.

The new Strength and Conditioning Facility was completed in January 2013 and the football upgrades to the Mal Moore Facility were completed in June 2013. These additions put Alabama back at the top for football facilities in the NCAA. When all projects are completed, UA will have done more than $270 million in facility enhancements over the last 10 years – projects that touched all sports on campus. In the last two years, UA has won six national championships: two in football, one each in gymnastics, softball, and men’s and women’s golf. Coach Battle said he looks forward to another successful year.

Chairman St. John called on Athletic Director Brian Mackin to present an update on the UAB athletic program. Mr. Mackin thanked the Board, Chancellor Witt, and President Watts for their support. He also thanked Trustee John J. McMahon, Jr., for his service to UAB. UAB embarked on something new this past year called “Building a Championship Culture.” Staff and head coaches evaluated each other, completed surveys, conducted town hall meetings, and had breakout groups to help determine what it would take to make them champions.

UAB made great strides in academics: APR scores were above the minimum standards of the NCAA for the second year; all teams except one will be over 950. They had a cumulative 2.90 GPA, with 11 programs over the 3.0 GPA; 161 students had a 3.0 GPA or above. Three student-athletes were named Conference USA Scholar Athletes of the Year.

Three teams reached the NCAA championships and a record setting number of women track athletes competed in the NCAA finals. The Softball
program was led by Coach of the Year Marla Townsend and went to the Super Regional; the men’s golf program went to the NCAA Regionals.

Mr. Mackin then introduced Head Men’s Soccer Coach Mike Getman who is in his 22\textsuperscript{nd} year at UAB. UAB is currently ranked eighth in the nation and has hosted the national soccer championships for the last two years.

Coach Getman said UAB has given him an opportunity to work with people who are motivated and eager to make something special of themselves and of UAB. Men’s soccer has been successful both on and off the field. They have been able to recruit great students who had other elite school offers, but chose to come to UAB and have made a difference in the community. In using “Building a Championship Culture,” Coach Getman expects students to give their best every day, to be great citizens, and to work hard on the field to be the best soccer team they can be. As students have successes in the classroom and on the field, they attract other students to come to UAB.

Chairman St. John called on Athletic Director E. J. Brophy to present the athletic update for UAHuntsville. Dr. Brophy thanked the Board, Chancellor Witt, and President Altenkirch for their support.

Dr. Brophy said they had an outstanding academic year where seven of 16 sports achieved a 3.0 or higher GPA. The average GPA for women’s sports was 3.0 and the average for men’s sports was 2.95, with the overall GPA for the entire department at 2.98. UAH teams combined to place 95 student-athletes (37\%) on the Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team or the Gulf South Honor Roll or the Peach Belt All-Academic Team.

In athletics, 60\% of all student-athletes at UAH are from Alabama. They won six conference championships: men’s basketball, softball, women’s basketball, men’s track, women’s track, and men’s cross-country. They had three Gulf South Conference Players of the Year and one Softball Freshman of the Conference. Athletics teams combined for 18 NCAA All Americans with 148 All-Region and all conference players, five coach of the year awards, and six player of the year awards. Men’s basketball won their fourth Gulf South Conference Championship and became the first Division 2 team to be invited to Division 1 NIT. Softball won their ninth Gulf South Conference Championship.

Men’s Soccer has a new coach and, along with women’s soccer, is currently undefeated. The Charger Park facility has been completed. The men’s and women’s track teams were accepted into the Peach Belt Conference and both won championships in that conference. Baseball had a winning season and the
Hockey team was accepted into the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and will play its first game in the conference in October 2013.

Dr. Brophy introduced Women’s Basketball Coach Roy Heintz and Men’s Basketball Coach Lennie Acuff. Coach Heintz has rebuilt the program and has been at UAH for five years, winning their first Gulf South Conference Championship this year.

Coach Heintz said his team’s vision statement was to win a national championship in the same year they have the highest GPA of any team in the country. The team has a 3.3 GPA and the players and coaches completed 389 hours of community service during the past year. Coach Heintz is proud of where they have been and of the team’s core values.

Coach Acuff has been at UAH for 17 years and is the recipient of the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year and South Region Coach of the Year Awards. Coach Acuff said he is proud of the successes of their players and program – one that wins games and graduates players. He expressed his thanks to the Board and to the UAH Administration for their support.

With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

C. Ray Hayes
Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations

Michael Bownes
Secretary of the Board of Trustees