MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

In Open Session

Members of the University of Louisville Athletic Association, Inc., Board of Directors met on February 8, 2008 in the Jefferson Room, Grawemeyer Hall, with member present and absent as follows:

Present:
Dr. James Ramsey
Mr. Bob Benson
Mr. Zach Brooks
Mr. Ed Glasscock
Mr. Keith Inman
Mr. Gordon Gahm
Prof. Brenda Hart
Mr. Grant Helman
Mr. Wade Houston
Dr. J. Blaine Hudson
Mr. Harry Jones
Mr. Tom Jurich
Prof. Melissa Laning
Ms. Angela Lewis-Klein
Mr. Ryan Nebel
Mr. Larry Owsley
Prof. George Raque
Prof. Craig Roberts
Mr. Sam Rechter
Mr. Mike Seebert
Prof. Robert Stenger
Prof. Gerald Toson
Prof. Elaine Wise
Prof. Bruce Kemelgor

Participating via Telephone:
Mr. Owsley Frazier

Guest:
Mr. Bill Stone, Trustee

Absent:
Mr. Wade Houston
Prof. Tom Byers
Dr. Shirley Willihnganz

From the University:
Ms. Angela Koshewa
Mr. Gary Friedman
Mr. Kenny Klein
Ms. Kathleen Smith
Mr. Mike Curtin

Mr. Kevin Miller
Ms. Terri Rutledge
Mr. John Drees
Mr. Kyle Moats
Ms. Debbie Dougherty

I. Convene Meeting

Having determined a quorum present, Chair Ramsey called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Chair Ramsey welcomed two new board members: Ed Glasscock and Keith Inman.

II. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes
Meeting Minutes 10/10/2007
From the Finance & Budget Committee
Action Item: 2008 Football Ticket Prices
Action Item: Repair the Two Football Practice Fields

Chair Ramsey read the roll of consent agenda items. Hearing no objections, Prof. Raque made a motion, which Dr. Hudson seconded, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed.

III. Committee on Academic Performance Update

Prof. Elaine Wise delivered the following report:

After each semester (including summer), she meets with the Associate and Assistant Directors of the Athletics Department who are responsible for compliance and academics, in order to track the progress of our student-athletes, one by one, and team by team, during the preceding term. She was pleased to report to the members of the Faculty Senate and the campus community the following achievements as of Fall Semester:

- Every team we sponsor earned a team gpa for the semester that was above 2.0. The combined team gpa for Fall was 2.867 for 516 student-athletes, the third highest since 1996-1997. Men's Swim and Dive earned above a 3.0 team gpa.
- Six men's teams earned above a 2.5 team gpa.
- Six women's teams earned above a 3.25 team gpa, with field hockey earning a 3.41.
- Football graduated nine players. Yesterday Brian Brohm was named Big East Aeropostale Football Scholar Athlete of the Year.
- For Fall, we had the highest number ever earn AD Honor Roll status: 307 (B average or above for the term).
- Nine teams had over 50% of their squads earn AD Honor Roll.
- After Fall term, 201 student-athletes are receiving invitations to the red and Black Banquet for Scholar-Athletes and their faculty mentors (3.25 and above *cumulative* gpa).
- No UofL team is currently under sanction based on APR (Academic Performance Rate). An APR of 925 or above for each team is the goal. (This number projects a 60% graduation rate.)

Chair Wise informed the Board members they would receive an invitation to the Red and Black Banquet, which will be held on Sunday, March 2, at 7 p.m., in the Brown and Williamson Club of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. She encouraged all members to attend.

Chair Ramsey thanked Prof. Wise for her report.

IV. Report of the Athletic Director

Vice President Jurich reported field hockey tied for the Big East Conference championship; men's and women's soccer competed in the NCAA tournament; men's and women's basketball teams are doing great. Signing dates for football went well with 22 athletes committing to UofL. Former Green Bay Packers defensive coach Eric Lewis joined UofL as coach to the cornerbacks. Football workouts are going well with the addition of Joe Kenn as strength and conditioning coach.

Mr. Jurich invited Gary Friedman to provide an update on facilities fundraising. Mr. Friedman reported the Papa John's plans for expansion are going well; plans for the basketball arena are moving along, too. Athletics has offered for sale football loge seats, for a 15 year period, and that has gone very well with close to 1000 loge seats committed.

Athletics created an arena transition committee, which includes broad based representation, to advise regarding consideration for fair and equitable plan for moving from Freedom Hall to the new arena in 2010. Those who hold seats in Freedom Hall will have the opportunity to obtain the same number of seats in the new arena.

The Field Hockey Center's expansion will include a wellness center and will provide strength and conditioning for all sports. It will be ready when UofL hosts the field hockey Final Four next year. Mr. Friedman noted discussions with a donor to build a student center at the south end zone. As discussions continue, Athletics will work with Center Plate and Marvin Mitchell and his staff.

Vice President Jurich announced the transfer of $250,000 to the University to help offset budget cuts. This amount is over and above the 3 percent budget cut Athletics already had absorbed as part of a university-wide reduction that meets the mandated state cut. The board members praised Mr. Jurich's leadership and applauded the announcement.

V. Report of the Chairman

Chair Ramsey discussed efforts to testify before the General Assembly, noting his testimony included the impact of the state cuts on the community. In research, Chair Ramsey explained that UofL produced the only FDA approved cancer vaccine, and Dr. Susie Harkema talked about her spinal cord research at UofL. He hopes the Legislature will restore Bucks for Brains funding.

Chari Ramsey presented a video on the University's new branding campaign.

VI. Adjournment

Prof. Wise made a motion, which Prof. Raque seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD ACTION:

Passed_____X_____

Did not pass_____

Other_____

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Asst. Secretary_ Katalin M. Smith