Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Marie Lobo, Paul Krebs, Stephen Bishop, Todd Seidler, Patricia Risso, Henry Villegas, Janice Ruggiero, Daniel Barkley, Breda Bova, Karl Hinterbichler, John Russell, Deborah Rifenbary, Tim Cass and Rita Chavez

Absent: Leslie Oaks, Jackie hood, Gig Brummell, Mark Emmons, Dawn Martinez, Janet Poole, and Ashley Carter

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order @ 10:35 a.m. by Marie Lobo, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Todd Seidler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Russell 2nd the motion. None opposed. Motion carried as presented.

Address by Head Women’s Swimming Coach, Tracy Ljone

- The swimming and diving team has 27 student-athletes, 23 are swimmers and 4 are divers. This is a winter sport and they are currently competing. Their record is 6-5. They recently had a meeting in Houston where several records were broken by student-athletes. Lobo freshmen Jorgi Hobson and Monica Dudley broke school records in the 100-yard butterfly and 1,650- and 1,000-yard freestyle. Hobson had a final time of 56.58 placing her second in the consolation swim and 10th overall in the 100-yard butterfly. Her time broke the record previously set in 2001 by Amanda Arson. The team had one MWC diver of the week, Aubrey Bush. The MWC Championships will be held the last week of February in Oklahoma City.
- The team has been very active in community service, last year the team had over 800 hours in community service.
- The Team’s GPA is 3.6 for fall. The team has 5 student-athletes with a 4.0 GPA and 22 with a 3.0 GPA.
- The team had a walk on from Rio Grande High school that is doing very well both in swimming and academically. She has a 3.9 GPA.
- The team practices every morning and every afternoon for a total of 4 hours a day. The Pool was closed for 2-years for renovation and it has re-opened for use.
The Athletic Department recently submitted their financial statement to the NCAA. This report is very different from the original budget because the budget used by the university does not take into consideration student waivers or depreciation. Paul provided a copy of this report for the council. If anyone has any questions or concerns please contact Paul. Each school must provide this information to the NCAA yearly. There is an outline that each school must follow; however, each school can interpret the requests for information differently so the reports are not always comparable. Paul feels it would be a good idea to talk to the faculty senate about this.

A question was asked, what is the actual seating capacity at the Pit? The actual seating capacity is 15,500.

A question was asked how many seats were lost from the renovation. 1000 seats were lost.

In the old Pit the seating capacity was 18,000 but that included standing room. So the actual seating capacity was 16,500. We will not be selling standing room tickets as the department feels it diminishes the game experience but will keep the option to see open.

The Fire Marshal has imposed some tough restrictions against the Pit. We are working through this and hope to have a resolution soon.

Breda attended the NCAA meeting and these are some of the items the NCAA is looking at:

- Non-qualifier’s that go to Junior college would like to limit the number of PE hours to 14 hours for an AA degree
- Increasing the GPA for a non-qualifier
- Giving a non-qualifier an extra year
- The sport of football must pass 9 hours of class the semester before the season
- Looking at increasing the APR rate from 925 to 932
- Looking at the limit of hours you can take on-line classes
There is an article in the paper about Peter Brenna and his excellent skiing ability. He could help the team win the MWC and the NCAA championship.

Sub-committee Report

- The equity Welfare and Sportsmanship Committee has started to review information on the Graduation Rates for students of color. The Black Student-athlete rates have been improving since Paul Krebs has taken office.
- The Governance, Rules, Compliance and Fiscal Integrity Committee received a request from the athletic Marketing department to have their logo put on a beer glass with the other side of the beer glass showing the alcohol company’s logo. The request was denied.
- Academic Integrity Committee had no report.

Other Business

- Janice Ruggiero stated that the athletic council must have on file the Sr. Exit Interviews and the minutes where the findings were discussed. Rita will provide this information to Janice.
- Janice stated that a senior from every sport must now be represented at these interviews. It was decided that there would be two Sr. Exit interviews one would be held on a weekday evening around 7:00 pm and one in the day during the lunch hour. Henry Villegas will be in charge of getting a senior athlete from every sport to attend. Henry will also advise the council as to what evening night will work best.
Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 1, 2011 in the Lobo Club Board Room at 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am.