

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 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 Rifenburg, Jackie Hood, Gig Brummell, Mark Emmons, Dawn Martinez, Janet Poole, Ashley Carter, Tanya Granstedt and Rita Chavez

Absent: Leslie Oaks and Tim Cass

<u>AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN</u>
	OPENING
<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	The meeting was called to order @ 10:35 a.m. by Marie Lobo, Chair.
<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	Patricia Risso made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections as discussed. Todd Seidler 2 nd the motion. None opposed. Motion carried as presented.
<u>Address by Skiing Head Coach</u> <u>Fredrik Landstedt</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 20 student-athletes on the team and most of them are international students. The women have a GPA average of 3.76 and the men have a GPA average of 3.61. Fifteen of the 20 student-athletes are NCAA All-American. First and foremost the coaches stress academics. Yes, winning is a priority but the coaches feel they need to stress academics first. There are some challenges that the ski team faces and that is getting the student-athletes admitted into the university. This past year there were three student-athletes who had a GPA of 4.0, 3.91 and 3.73 who had to get special admission due to the fact that they had a hard time passing the English test.• The coaches are working hard on retention. We want to make sure the athletes stay and graduate. The ski team student-athletes only receive partial scholarships. It can be hard to keep the student-athletes due to cost related issues, the number of years it takes to receive a degree here vs in their home towns.• The team is performing well; the team has been 3rd in the NCAA championships for the last two years in a row. Currently the team is ranked 4th in the nation.

Address by Head Coach
Fredrik Landstedt (Cont.)

- The ski team had 18 out of 20 students qualify for the NCAA tournament, but the team can only take 12 students to compete. The Ski team's goal is to win the NCAA Championship this year in Vermont.
- Currently there are no student-athletes from New Mexico. It is tough to find kids in the state because there is not a recognized ski club in the state.
- International admission is very hard here at UNM. Admissions tend to find it hard because they have a hard time understanding the European grades. A suggestion was made that the council look into this and help admissions understand the European grading system.
- A question was raised how do the ski coaches keep in touch with the graduated students? The best way is through the Letterman's Association.

Address by Football Head Coach
Mike Locksley

- Last year the football team had 18 seniors graduate. The football team is a young team but has matured over the past year. They have been working hard in the training room. The team is getting ready for spring ball which will begin March 22nd. The spring game will be held on Saturday, April 16th. There are 11 new faces in football this spring. The team had the highest APR ever. The team had the highest spring GPA ever but the team also had a lull last year and had the lowest GPA ever.
- Morale has made it tough this year but the coaches keep trying to help the student-athletes understand the basics.
- Of the 18 students that graduated last year 4 of them returned to UNM as grad students.
- The 3-year NCAA probation is over.
- Coach Locksley feels good about his student-athletes and is looking forward to the season.

Address by Athletic Faculty
Representative, Breda Bova

- Amanda Best from women's basketball is Academic All-American and she is the only student-athlete with this accomplishment from the MWC.
- The student-athletes scholar banquet has been scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 6:00 pm, place TBD.
- Kelly Williamson a student-athlete from volleyball is still being considered for the Rhodes Scholar with a 4.0 GPA.

Address by Paul Krebs
Vice-President for Athletics

- Paul provided the Athletic Council with a hand-out regarding the Economic Impact Study. **(On file in athletics for viewing)** The athletic department puts back about \$23 million new dollars into the state of New Mexico. That money is generated from men's and women's basketball games, football, the new Mexico Bowl, High School Tournaments and the gathering of Nations just to name a few.
- Paul provided a hand-out on the fall team GPA's. **(On file in athletics for viewing.)**

Presentation by
Richard Campbell, PhD.

- The presentation featured signs/symptoms of a concussion and which sports receive the most concussions. How common are concussions what are the long term effects that can develop after several concussions such as, Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy and Second Impact Syndrome. When is it safe to play again after a concussion? How the NCAA treats concussions. The laws that have been set by the NM Legislature related to concussions and the various types of testing related to concussions. He also discussed UNM athletes' participation in a study by the neuropsychiatry department. **(On file for viewing in athletics.)**

Team Liaison Report
Sub-Committee Report

- No Report

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- The equity Welfare and Sportsmanship Committee continues to work on improving the academic studies for student-athletes of color.
- The Governance, Rules, Compliance and Fiscal Integrity Committee – No Report
- Academic Integrity Committee – the final report will be ready by May.

Other Business

- Dawn Martinez, Assistant AD for Compliance provided the council with a hand-out on “Countable Athletically Related Activities Certification” that the student-athletes will receive via mail this summer. **(On File for Viewing in athletics)**

Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday, April 5, 2011 in the Lobo Club Board Room at 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am.

These minutes were approved by the athletic council at the April 5, 2011 meeting.