Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Marie Lobo, Paul Krebs, Breda Bova, Jackie hood, Daniel Barkley, Karl Hinterbichler, Stephen Bishop, Todd Seidler, John Russell, Gig Brummell, Patricia Risso, Deborah Rifenbary, Mark Emmons, Ashley Carter, Dawn Martinez, Janice Ruggiero, and Rita Chavez

Absent: Janet Poole, Henry Villegas, Leslie Oaks, and Tim Cass

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order @ 10:30 a.m. by Marie Lobo, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Jackie Hood made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Patricia Risso 2nd the motion. None opposed. Motion carried as presented.

Address by Head Women’s Soccer Coach, Kit Vela

- Kit Vela has been the head coach for 10 years at UNM. The women’s soccer team has a GPA of 3.4 to 3.5. This season the team has had quite a few away games they have been home 3 of the last 11 games. The team is doing well despite all the traveling. The coach has had to adjust practice to allow for class and study time. There are 31 girls on the roster. The team is currently playing MWC games. The team has won 8 games and has tied 2 games out of the last 11 games. Kit invited the Council to come out and see a game.

Address by Head Volleyball Coach, Jeff Nelson

- The volleyball team has played a very tough schedule this season. It has been one of the toughest schedules in the country. Currently the volleyball team has won 13 out of the last 16 games. The team is lead by three seniors: Jade Michaelson, (GPA3.77) Lisa Meeter (GPA 3.6) and Taylor Hatfield. Taylor is doing great academically will be leaving to play professional ball in Europe after she graduates this year. The team’s GPA is 3.5. The department is nominating Kelly Willamson and Jade Michaelson for Academic All-American.
Kelly Williamson, is a player that was recruited from Argentina and she is an amazing student. She is a finalist for the President’s Award. She developed a project that has to do with carbon footprints and saving energy. She has applied this to the Volleyball team, including getting sponsorship for a green game.

The team played its very first green game and low energy and high efficiency bulbs we handed out at the game.

The attendance is gradually increasing at the games. The last game there were 4000 fans and the average crowd is 2200 per game. This is largely because the student-athletes make themselves available after every game. These girls are great role models for the community. They visit with the fans take pictures and sign autographs. The Lobos are ranked 11th in the nation based on attendance.

The team is very involved in community service. The team has raised several thousand dollars for various causes within the city.

The Lobo League which is a recreational club league has recently raised money to endow a 2nd scholarship.

The team is currently ranked 2nd in the conference.

Paul provided hand-outs of the 2010–2011 athletic budget for review. (copy on file in administration for viewing) A request was made to provide a copy of the 2009–2010 budget for comparison.

The week of October 22nd the Pit will open. Paul offered to tour the athletic Council before the Pit opens. The tours are done on a Thursday’s after 4:00 pm. This has been a large project and athletics has put many New Mexicans to work on this project. 96% of all workers are local except one sub-contractor. There will be more restrooms, more concessions, the ticket office, the Lobo Den, which is a Lobo store. Paul informed the Council that 38 of the 40 Suites have been sold and the club seats sales are going well also.
Address by Breda Bova
Faculty Representative

- Breda has completed working on the student-athletes certifications for the University, NCAA and the MWC.
- Breda just completed a Rhodes Scholar nomination application for Amanda Best. This was the first time Breda has ever completed an application and thought it was a very good experience.
- The President is back in Albuquerque and is continuing to recover.

Chair Report, Marie Lobo

- Marie attended a presentation about a project in the mind imaging center regarding concussions on student-athletes and this is now a major concern of the NCAA. Marie asked the council if they would be interested in seeing this presentation. The council would like to see the presentation. Marie Lobo will set it up. Paul stated that the athletic doctor, Chris McGrew is very involved and very knowledgeable regarding the research on concussions. Dr. McGrew and his crew follow the NCAA guidelines precisely.

Team Liaison Report

- No reports. Marie reminded the Council to please contact their teams to set up meetings. Team Liaisons 10-11.xlsx

Sub-Committee Report

- Mark Emmons from the Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship committee provided a copy of the student-athlete survey that was taken last semester in 2010. This survey was sent to over 400 student-athletes and 94 responded. There were major differences in gender questions. Also there were not many team responses. The athletic council will review this and decided what to do with the information. This will be on the agenda for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- Updated list of the sub-committee’s. AC Sub-Committees 2010-2011.docx

Other Business

- None

Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 2, 2010 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 November 2, 2010 Meeting