

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Marie Lobo, Paul Krebs, Jackie hood, Karl Hinterbichler, Stephen Bishop, Todd Seidler, John Russell, Gig Brummell, Patricia Risso, Deborah Rifenyary, Mark Emmons, Henry Villegas, Dawn Martinez, Janice Ruggiero, and Rita Chavez

Absent: Daniel Barkley, Breda Bova, Ashley Carter, Janet Poole, 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 @ 10:30 a.m. by Marie Lobo, Chair.
<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	Todd Seidler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mark Emmons 2 nd the motion. None opposed. Motion carried as presented.
<u>Address by Head Men' s Basketball Coach, Steve Alford</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The re-dedication and open house of the Pit yesterday went great! There were approximately 3000 people in attendance.• The Bobby Knight event was a great start to the season. Mr. Knight did a fabulous job talking to the guests and he also spoke to the team and they were in awe.• This was a huge project and the most incredible thing about the project was the basketball office work was never disrupted. The entire remodel went on without a hitch. That is very unusual.• The first exhibition game will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. We are all looking forward to that first game.• This season the men' s basketball team has a very difficult schedule, the team is "very young" but they are very quick, and very athletic.

Address by Head Men's

Basketball Coach, Steve Alford(Cont.)

- A question was asked if men's basketball stays in contact with previous years players. **Yes, the men's basketball team does stay in contact with several past players, such as, Darrinton Hobson, JR Giddens and Daniel Farris, just to name a few.**
- The team has improved their GPA considerably, was a 2.0 and now is a 2.9.
- Darsis Gray is on pace to graduate.
- Steve Alford invited the Athletic Council to come out and enjoy a game in the new Pit.

Address by Head Women's

Basketball Coach, Don Flanagan

- The women's basketball team a young team. The freshmen are doing quite well despite them being a young team. Two players' s received knee injuries and this has made it very difficult for the team.
- The women's basketball team has a very good schedule this season playing such teams as, Texas Tech, Cal, Arizona and Arizona State.
- The women's' team schedule begins at home next Tuesday, November 9th with an Exhibition game against Western New Mexico. The player's all have a good attitude, work ethic and are very excited about playing in the new building.
- The team is doing great academically. The players' have between a 3.0 and 4.0 GPA. The team has been in the top 25 nationally for four out of the last 5 years. The team's GPA is 3.4. The team holds study hall on the road and each assistant coach is responsible for a group of about 5 girls to check on academically. The coaches feel this allows them to focus on the needs of the girls.
- The coaches do keep in touch with the former players and they are doing well and none of them are playing professionally.

Address by Head Women's
Basketball Coach, Don Flanagan(Cont.)

- Amanda Best is a candidate for Rhodes Scholar.
- Don invited the council to come out and cheer on the Lady Lobos at one of their home games.

Address by Paul Krebs
Vice-President for Athletics

- Both the men's and women's cross country teams have won the Mountain West Conference Championships.
- Head Coach, Joe Franklin was named the coach of the year for the 23rd time in his career.
- The men finished first for the 2nd year in a row.
- Both teams are ranked in the top 10 nationally.
- Women's soccer won the Mountain West conference Championships. This was their first win in school history. They will be playing in the NCAA Tournament.
- Three of our 3 teams that have finished their seasons have won the MWC Championships so; we are off to a great start this season.
- The Athletic Department staff did a great job with the help of opening the new Pit. There are still quite a few things that need to be worked on or corrected but it is coming together nicely.

Team Liaison Report Sub-Committee Report

- Stephen Bishop met with the Women's basketball players and they are doing great. They have a good GPA and there are no issues with the girls.
- Patricia Risso has contacted the Women's Tennis Head Coach, Roy Canada but they have not set an appointment.
- John Russell has not been able to meet with Men's Soccer.
- Gig Brummell has contacted men's head Tennis Coach Alan Dils the men have no issues to discuss.
- Marie Lobo has meet with Erica Beach the Head Softball coach and her team. There is a remarkable change in the attitude of the girls; you can feel the energy and excitement in the team.

Sub-committee Report

- Todd Seidler from Governance, Compliance & Fiscal Integrity Committee
Sub-committee made a recommendation for Paul, Tim and Janice to hold monthly meetings with various faculty members. This meeting would be for the faculty to meet and discuss any athletic department concerns. The group would consist of 5 to 10 people. Athletics feels this is a good way to engage dialogue and open the lines of communication between the groups.
- **If the athletic Council could identify some members of faculty you think would benefit from this meeting please send the names to Rita so she can schedule the meetings.**
- Stephen from Equity and Welfare sub-committee would like to ask the group to look at the African American students more closely as they have a history of poor graduation rates. Academic Advisement has been studying this and they are looking into ways to improve the graduation rates. Academic Advisement will keep everyone posted.

Other Business

- Henry Villegas provided a hand-out on Graduation Rates. **(on file in athletic administration for viewing)**
- Vice-President for Athletics, Paul Krebs discussed the possibility of alcohol being served in the Pit. The University and the Department of Athletics have agreed to pursue a license to sell Beer and wine in the Suite and Club Level in the Pit. There will be a City Council meeting on Monday, November 15th to bring this request before the City Council.
- A professional vendor, Sodexo will manage the sales of alcohol.
- After an extensive and exhaustive discussion the council agreed to the sale of alcohol in the Pit.

ACTION: Todd Seidler made a motion to agree with the decision of the athletic department and the university to allow the sale of beer and wine in the Pit. Patricia Risso 2nd the motion. None opposed. Two abstained. Motion carried as presented with seven voting members.

Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 7, 2010 in the Lobo Club Board Room at 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 am.