

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 7, 2010**  
**Lobo Club Board Room**

**Members Present:** Marie Lobo, Paul Krebs, Jackie hood, Stephen Bishop, Todd Seidler, Gig Brummell, Patricia Risso, Mark Emmons, Henry Villegas, Dawn Martinez, Janice Ruggiero, Daniel Barkley, Breda Bova, Ashley Carter, Janet Poole and Rita Chavez

**Absent:** Karl Hinterbichler, John Russell, Deborah Rifenburg, Leslie Oaks, and Tim Cass

<u>AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN</u>
	<b>OPENING</b>
<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	The meeting was called to order @ 10:30 a.m. by Marie Lobo, Chair.
<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>	Mark Emmons made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Daniel Barkley 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. None opposed. One abstained due to absence. Motion carried as presented.
<u>Address by Head Women's Softball Coach, Erica Beach</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erica comes to UNM from Ohio State where she was an assistant softball coach for four years. Erica played professional ball and has many accolades during her career. She attended Arizona State University where she played softball.</li><li>• Erica has seen a huge turn around with the ladies in softball. They have renewed attitudes, pride in the community and the classroom. The ladies do quite a bit of community outreach and service, which has increased over six times in this year alone. They read with elementary school students, they visit and help feed the homeless.</li><li>• Academically, the team has a 3.0 GPA average and they will have a much higher GPA by the end of this year.</li><li>• We have one student-athlete that is running for student council. We have students that are in pre-dentistry, physiology just to name of few. The team has a well rounded group of young ladies. The ladies are looking forward to this season; they are looking forward to being a very competitive.</li></ul>

Address by Head

Baseball Coach, Ray Birmingham

- The baseball team is doing very well and is gearing up for this coming season.
- The baseball team has a 3.0 GPA. Ken Jacome the assistant coach has worked very hard with the team to raise the GSR from below 900 to now over 950. Graduation rates have doubled even tripled for baseball. The coaches' main focus is graduation for the students.
- Baseball is very committed to community service where they have paid a visit to the Belen Orphanage and they read with the children at Kirtland Elementary School just to name a few.
- Over half of the students are from New Mexico.
- Ray is aspiring to be one of the top 4 teams in the nation. Currently, they are one of the top 8 teams in the nations. He has 24 freshman and sophomores combined on the team. It is a young team and we are very excited for the upcoming season.

Address by Paul Krebs

Vice-President for Athletics

- UNM was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in The Learfield Director's Cup. This is due to the quality of coaches and student-athletes that we have. They are very competitive and are doing well academically.
- Athletics has received approval from the Regents to renovate the current baseball field. An architect firm has been named and ground breaking should be sometime in early May. The renovations should be complete and the complex ready of use in 2012. The use of the Isotopes facilities has been very difficult when it comes to scheduling and practicing. Baseball is looking into a joint partnership with the City of Albuquerque and APS to possibly sharing the field. More information to follow on a on this.

### Address by Athletic Council Chair

- The Academic Support Committee has met with some student-athletes and compliance. The group is scheduled to meet with Administrators and other staff soon. This report will be completed by May.
- There will be a student-athlete graduation reception on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon in the SSSC Bldg. About 30 student-athletes will be recognized and you are all encouraged to attend.

### Address by Athletic Faculty Representative, Breda Bova

- Breda has been working with OEO to be in compliance with the NCAA 10-year report.

### Team Liaison Report Sub-Committee Report

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- No Report
- Todd Seidler has received a request for Kurt Esser, Associate AD/External Affairs for athletics to have some Beer glasses made with the Lobo logo. After careful review the committee found out that main campus is in the process of developing a policy for the use of university logos with regard to alcohol. At this time Kurt's request has been denied by the committee.
- Stephen had brought up in the past that there is a trend that African American students are not doing as well as regular student-athletes and students in general. Henry Villegas from Academic Advisement has too seen this trend so his staff is working on several strategic ways to improve this. It has been noted that since Mr. Krebs has been here the African American students are more successful and more are graduating.
- UNLV is doing extremely well with graduating their African American students and so athletics has reached out to UNLV to see what their best practices are. UNM has begun to put a group together to start a plan of investigation.

## Sub-committee Report(Cont.)

- The equity Welfare and Sportsmanship Committee was charged with surveying student-athletes to see if there was a difference in treatment with regard to men and women student-athletes.
- This survey was sent out to about 425 students and about 85 responded.
- This is a confidential survey and individual results will not be shared – all data are aggregate data.
- After careful review by the committee and explanations from Mark Emmons it was decided that this survey could provide some very valuable information but it has to be refined a little more.
- The Equity Committee will refine the survey and bring it back to the Council for review before sending it out to the student-athletes asking for them to complete the survey.
- SAAC will be asked to support the survey.
- It should be noted that overall the student-athletes did not see any difference in treatment with regard to male or female athletes.
- Some of the most notable issues were no locker rooms for Track, Cross Country or Baseball. Media stories need to be increased for the Olympic Sports. At this time there is nothing in the works for creating locker rooms for any of these sports due to budgetary issues and as far as the media goes we cannot control what they put out. Athletics does a great job with the website stories for all sports.

## Other Business

- There will now be a quarterly campus compliance Committee meeting that consists of several people around the university campus.

## Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in the Lobo Club Board Room at 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 am.

**These minutes were approved by the athletic council at the  
January 18, 2011 meeting.**