

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2013
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Marie Lobo, Dan Barkley, John Russell, Jackie Hood, Jeffery Norenberg, Janice Ruggiero, Dawn Martinez, Henry Villegas, Mike Thomas, Karl Hinterbichler, Todd Seidler, Jacori Greer, Jeffrey Long, Gig Brummel and Rita Chavez

Absent: Stephen Bishop, Janet Poole, Michael Rocca, Joyce Phillips, Matt Fleischer, Craig Thomas, Breda Bova, Jadon Phillips, and David Olguin

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING

The meeting was called to order
@ 3:45 p.m. by Dan Barkley, AC
member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marie Lobo made a motion to approve the December 13, 2012 minutes as presented. Jeffery Norenberg 2nd the motion. None opposed. Motion carried as presented.

**Football Update–Head Coach,
Bob Davie**

- Head Coach Bob Davie presented the AC members a hand-out on the fall 2012 Football academic highlights. **(on file for viewing in athletic administration)**
- Coach Davie addressed the letter about him being a racist. There was an internal investigation and it was established that none of the players found any merit to the claim. Eleven players were interviewed and they said that Coach Davie has significantly changed their lives positively and he is in no way a racist. The letter was sent anonymously, which really holds no merit. They believe the letter might have come from a player that was released from the team.
- Coach Davie and his assistant coaches are very transparent with their program. Coach Davie believes and instills in his players if you do the “right thing” you don’t have to worry about harsh words or accusations that are being directed at you. Because you know you are doing nothing wrong and you will be vindicated.
- Coach Davie meets every Thursday with his coaches and they talk about each player on the team. For instance, is the player going to class, how are his grades, is he producing and what needs to be done to get him to the standard the coaches want him to be etc.

Football Update–Head Coach,
Bob Davie (Cont.)

- The coaches check the new payer's classes everyday if their GPA is under a 2.5.
- Football lost two assistant coaches for significantly more money and you can't compete with that. Coaches feel that have to do what's best for their families.
- Football has hired two new assistant coaches that come to us with a lot of experience. Scott Baumgartner from the University of Nevada and Apollo Wright from Florida International University.
- Coach Davie feels fortunate to have been able to hire some great coaches and support staff for example:
 - Derek Sokoloff, Football Academic Advisor
 - Ben Hilgart, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach
- The addition of the new turf has been great to play on and it looks good from the stands and on TV.
- Coach Davie instituted a policy in which a walk-on player is designated "New Mexico Man" each week during the 2012 season. The designated player will lead the team onto the field with the New Mexico state flag before home games as well as before the game at New Mexico State.
- That player also will participate on UNM's special teams units during that particular game.
- Coach Davie and his staff will select the weekly player who exhibits the dedication, work ethic, team spirit and unselfishness that exemplifies Lobo football and the state of New Mexico.
- "Walk-ons are critical to our success here at UNM," Davie said. "I have tremendous respect for all of them and want to have a way to recognize their importance and contributions to the program."
- The football team will recognize that player's hometown before each home game.
- The football team is a completely different team from last year's team.

- There was a wedding proposal at the women's basketball game this weekend by our own Daniel Barkley and she said YES! Congratulations to Daniel and his new Fiancée.
- A number of rule changes have been proposed in January by the NCAA. There are a few changes that will not be good for ALL universities. The concern is that it will increase expenses for smaller schools. The larger schools that have budgets greater than ours will create and send out elaborate brochures etc. and it will not be feasible for other schools to compete against it. The Vice President for athletics, the Assistant Compliance Director and the Faculty Representative will go over their concerns with the department and when the vote comes they will vote NOT in favor of the changes.
- Baseball opens this weekend and is ranked 21st in the nation. Baseball has three all-Americans on the team.
- The baseball team was recently recognized on the House and Senate floors in Santa Fe. The Senate gave Ray Birmingham the mic to address the entire senate and he did UNM proud! It was a great moment for UNM Baseball.

ACADEMIC REPORT, MARIE LOBO

- Marie provided hand-outs on the GPA's for the student-athletes.
- There were 2 student-athletes, Maria Dudley from swimming and Kelly Williamson from Volleyball that were nominated for the Rhoades Scholarship 2012.
- Kelly Williams was named the Mountain West Conference student-athlete of the year.
- Marie gave kudos to Henry and his staff for the academic success of the students.
- UNM was 13th in the Learfield Director's Cup. This is a great accomplishment for the athletic department.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

- Stephen Bishop would like for the student absence policy to be sent the faculty senate again for a final review. The Council is in agreement with him and Jackie Hood is going to check and see where would be the best place to resume the presentation of this policy. Plus they would like to get student support from ASUNM and SAAC. Mr. Krebs would like to make sure that you know he is not in favor of a student-athlete absence policy only for athletics it should include all university absences. The council is in fact working on a policy for the entire university.

TEAM LIAISON REPORT

- Marie Lobo met with football and the difference in the players is noticeable. They have a better attitude. There is a movement between players and coaches to develop team leaders.
- Jackie Hood met with softball and they are all upbeat and ready for the season.
- Gig Brummel met with Craig Snow from men's basketball and he had two cases where students had to drop a class because the professor would not accommodate his schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Breda Bova was inducted into the College Hall of Fame at St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Head Trainer David Binder will be retiring in June.
- Janice will head the selection process for a new trainer.
- There will be a meeting with COSAP and the use of the Lobo mascot in social norming advertising.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, April 11, 2013 in the Lobo Club Board Room at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.