

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2014
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Janet Poole, Breda Bova, Jackie Hood, Karl Hinterbichler, Colt Balok, Mike Thomas, John Russell, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Henry Villegas, Dawn Martinez and Dennis Dunn.

Absent: Jeffrey Long, Daniel Barkley, Jeffery Noremberg, Michael Rocca, Tim Cass, Marie Lobo, Dan Barkley, Todd Seidler, gig Brummell, Lauren Wade, Aasha Marler, Janice Ruggiero, and Rita Chavez.

Guest:

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

MEETING MINUTES:

OPENING

(October 17, 2013 minutes were approved. Alfred declared that the December 12, 2013 minutes did not need to be formally approved, since there was not a quorum at the last meeting and that makes the minutes informational only.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 3:30 p.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair

FACULTY REPORT,
BREDA BOVA

Mid-year certification begins on Monday, January 13, 2014. Janice, Paul and Breda, will be going to the upcoming NCAA Convention, where the governing structure will be the primary issue of the convention. Breda will report on the convention at the next meeting.

ATHLETICS REPORT,
PAUL KREBS

Paul continued reporting on the upcoming NCAA Convention, stating that there will be changes in how the NCAA does business. Specifically, the Division 1 schools want more control of how decisions are made within the NCAA, specifically in regards to football.

Paul reported that the University of Texas at El Paso had three athletes from the basketball team kicked-off because of gambling, and the FBI was called into investigate. He stated that it is usually the smaller schools where this happens and he outlined how students are hooked into gambling, amass debt, and then are approached by outsiders to start fixing the games in order to work off their debt.

ATHLETICS REPORT,

PAUL KREBS

He has asked Dawn Martinez to review what UNM does for gambling education, and to secure a NCAA video on college gambling. Every UNM student-athlete will then be required to view this video.

He also stated that the LearField Director's Cup Standings have been released and UNM is ranked 17th, based upon the success of UNM's two track teams and the soccer team. UNM is the only non BCS public university in the top thirty. This information was published in USA Today.

SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE,

ALFRED MATHEWSON

The spring meeting schedule will remain the same as the fall meeting schedule, the second Thursday of each month, 3:30pm to 4:30pm. In late April Exit Interviews will need to be added to the scheduled, and Alfred will have scheduled by the next AC meeting. Other topics that will be covered in future meeting include Paul Krebs PowerPoint presentation, the budget, and the concussion issue. when the weather warms up the AC will continue the facilities tours after the AC meeting.

Liaison Reports

Alfred reported that during last year's Exit Interviews, it was brought up that the athlete's did not know the liaisons for their sports. Liaisons should be in contact with the coaches and plan on attending at least one practice.

Other Business

Henry Villegas reported that athletics has gone into partnership with the Honors College, called the Lobo Scholarship Program. It is geared toward athletics' high achieving students and helps them prepare for applying for prestigious scholarships, such as a Rhodes scholarship. There is also a mentoring component that helps prepare the students for graduate school, and career counseling. Ryan Swanson, of the Honors College, is the director of the program. Alfred suggested that the AC should invite Ryan to speak at a future meeting.

Colt Balok, ASUNM, will be meeting with Dan Barkley, of the University Libraries, to go over the Attendance Policy for student-athletes. The issue is that student-athletes need to miss classes and exams to attend games, and certain faculty will punish them for missing these classes.

Other Business

A new policy needs to be written to address this issue and not just for student-athletes, but for all students. It was also reported that students from the theater, dance and music departments have also run into this problem when they need to miss a class due to performances.

Recommendations to change this policy will have to be presented to the Faculty Senate and the Policy Committee. This is an issue that has existed at UNM for more than twelve years.

Action: Alfred will resend a proposal he has previously written to the Faculty Senate. He would like this issue addressed by the Faculty Senate so that it can be resolved before the start of the Fall Semester 2014.

Paul Krebs stated that he feels Athletics needs to review Athletics' own grievance policy in regards to a student-athlete's grievance against a faculty member. The department is in communication with various schools to learn how they address this issue. Paul will share these findings at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Next meeting is February 13, 2014.