

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2013
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Janet Poole, Breda Bova, Jackie Hood, John Russell, , Karl Hinterbichler, Dan Barkley, Todd Seidler, Aasha Marler, Tim Cass, Rita Chavez and Dennis Dunn.

Absent:, Reyna Myers, , Donna Cromer, Joyce Phillips, Dawn Martinez, David Olguin, Jeffery Noremberg, Michael Rocca, Tim Cass, Marie Lobo, Janice Ruggiero, Henry Villegas, Mike Thomas, Jeffrey Long.

Guest: Dr. Kent Kiehl

<u>AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN</u>
<u>MEETING MINUTES:</u>	OPENING <i>(September 12, 2013 minutes were approved by email vote.)</i>
<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	The meeting was called to order @ 3:30 p.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair
<u>FACULTY REPORT</u> Breda Bova, Special Council to the President	Breda reported on attending the Division One, FAR meeting. Items discussed at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The governance structure for the NCAA. The Division One FAR Executive Committee, put forth a proposal to the NCAA looking to divide the Division One Group into a group that has similar resource, and like, issues than the other group. The groups were broken down into groups with a lot of money and groups with a normal amount of money.• The medical director for the NCAA spent considerable time discussing the issue of concussions. He stated that the sport that has the highest number of increases of concussions is women's basketball.• There was a lecture from the University of South Mississippi, regarding their Center for Sports Safety, which dealt with safety and managing sporting events.

- There was good attendance at the meeting and in October a group of presidents will meet to discuss the governance issue.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ATHLETICS REPORT,

Paul Krebs, VP Athletics

Paul continued reporting on the future of governance within Division One. They talked about governance at the meeting and the concept of amateurism. Paul stated that there was a lot of frustration at the meeting and the Athletic Directors felt they do not have a voice within the organization. There will be a follow up meeting in Indianapolis, where the discussion on governance will continue, because there is a strong view that the NCAA governance structure is broken. The areas in need of repair include mishandling of compliance issues, lack of responsiveness to campus, and piece meal of legislation. This should lead to changes in the NCAA governance structure, and going back to the concept of one-school-one-vote. These changes should come out of the January 2014 NCAA Convention.

Paul gave a speech to the UNM Anderson School of Business, last summer, and he handed out copies of the slides from his presentation to the members of the Athletic Council.

CONCUSSION STUDY REPORT

Dr. Kent Kiehl, Psychology Department

NCAA requires every school to have a concussion protocol in place. UNM is in the process of revising their protocol. UNM doctors have identified seven teams that are considered high risk. Both soccer programs, both

basketball programs, the football program, the volleyball program, and the diving program, which only has one diver. Everyone in these programs is in the process of having an MRI scan.

Dr. Kiehl is a neuro scientist by training. He was recruited to New Mexico, based on his reputation, by Gov. Bill Richardson, and Senator Pete Domenici. He works out of the Mind Research Network, formerly known as the Mind Institute, which is a brain imaging institute with fifteen faculty. The protocol he has developed is called “Brain Safe”. President Frank, as a UNM trained psychologist, works with Dr. Kiehl, and specializes in brain trauma and recovery.

The athlete’s program:

- As part of their annual physical, if recognized as being in a high risk sport, they receive an MRI scan. There is a total of five hundred athletes at UNM.
- It covers brain structure, brain chemistry, brain function, connectivity, and brain perfusion. The entire process takes one hour and a half, and the athlete’s each receive a CD of their scan. This procedure establishes a baseline for each of the athletes.
- This is the largest scale program in the country.
- UNM is considering offering this program to local high schools as an outreach program.
- The cheerleading group, Spirit, has had the highest

rate of concussion of any group at UNM.

- Ninety percent of the student athletes have signed a release form allowing UNM to release their information in this program for research purposes.
- When a student athlete is injured it is the doctor's decision only on when the student returns to play.
- There is an effort in place to educate both the student athlete, and their parents, on the risks, and safety issues, of their chosen sport, even down to the high school and junior high school levels.
- Liability issues. There are lawsuits currently in place with the NCAA and the NFL relating to the concussion issues. The concussion program at UNM was not created due to potential law suits, but for the student athlete's safety.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

Paul Krebs, VP Athletes, and
Tim Cass, Assoc. Dir. Athletes

In order to familiarize council members with the athletic facilities a tour of one of the facilities buildings will be held after each council meeting.

UNM has roughly five hundred million dollars in athletic facilities and five hundred students. Twenty one sport teams. Athletics created its first Facilities Master Plan eight years ago and in the last seven years

has done one hundred million dollars in improvements. This was accomplished through three funding sources:

- Fund Raising
- A forty million dollar bond that Athletes is responsible for maintaining.
- Capital outlay through the state of New Mexico that is specific to athletic projects.

These funds have been utilized for every facility within the Athletic Department, the renovation of the Pit being the most notable. Ground has recently been broken on a new tennis facility that is one hundred percent privately funded. These funds arrived just last week. The tennis facility will be located south and west of the Pit. To date four million has been invested in the baseball facility and trenches have recently been dug for new lights. Scott Dotson (505-925-5925), who has overseen the facilities for the last seven years, is available to answer any of the council's questions.

More pedestrian walkways are being planned to help the flow of people attending athletic events. More attention is being paid to landscaping and ascetics of the facilities to create a better image for the people

from Albuquerque who attend UNM's athletic events and the Isotope games. Talks are ongoing with a private donor to accomplish these goals. Restrooms and concessions will be created in a central area to serve all the facilities.

The video facilities at the Pit are being used to control the video board at the football stadium. To do this fiber optic cable was run under University Blvd. for under one hundred thousand dollars, as opposed to spending four or five hundred thousand dollars to build a new editing suite at the football stadium to run the scoreboard.

Upcoming projects include the new tennis courts, creating a standalone track field, a smaller soccer only facility and building a new natatorium at the athletic facilities. And, there is a whole list of smaller repair items scheduled for the football stadium that is ongoing, such as replacing the old press box.

STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

This year the athletes are doing a better job communicating with each other and being supportive of other sports. They are working with ASUNM to bridge the gap between the campus and Athletics.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Next week UNM's NCAA graduation rates will be

released and the news will not be good for Athletics. Last year the graduation rate of student athletes was sixty percent, the previous year was sixty one percent, and this year the graduation rate will be fifty percent. Part of the reason for these low numbers is that this is a four year tracking cycle and a lot of the freshman from that cycle transferred out of UNM, and that affected the graduation rate. In other words, they did not drop out of college, but left in good academic standing for another university. For the entire graduation rate for UNM, the number is forty six percent. Next year the goal is to raise the graduation rate to between fifty five percent and sixty percent.

Alfred will be getting back to the council members regarding the liaison assignments. Liaison reports will be done at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

November 14, 2013

ADJOURNMENT AND BEGINNING THE FACILITIES TOUR:

4:40PM