

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Friday, November 11, 2016
Administration Conference Room
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Members Present: Finnie Coleman, Amy Neel, Nick Schlereth, Gig Brummell, Janet Poole, Dirk Gibson and Jackie Hood.

Absent: Paul Krebs, Mike Rocca, Jeffrey Long, Ryan Swanson, Mike Thomas, Karl Hinterbichler, Ann Gibson and Todd Seidler.

Guests: Stephanie Wooten-Quijeda, Head Coach Women's Tennis.

Athletic Department Staff Present: Eric Schultz, Les Myers, Janice Ruggiero and Rita Chavez.

Minutes: Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office.

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

Minutes/Action Taken
Opening

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 2:05 pm by Council Chair, Finnie Coleman. Finnie began the meeting by welcoming new council member Dirk Gibson, of Communication & Journalism. He then introduced Head Coach Stephanie Wooten-Quijeda, Women's Tennis.

Stephanie Wooten-Quijeda

Head Coach Women's Tennis

Stephanie began her presentation by stating that her previous position was coaching at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, a Division One school. She was hired by UNM in mid-August 2016.

- She recently added two new players to the women's tennis team. Stephanie is focused on academics and raising the team's GPA to 3.4.
- The tennis season will begin with the ITA Kick Off, on January 26, 2017, against the University of Georgia, in Georgia. If the team wins they will then play Georgia State and Illinois.
- The team's ranking right now is in the mid-40's. Stephanie is hoping to get the team into the top 30's.
- She is hoping to get into the Mountain West Tournament and play against UNM's toughest competitor, University of Nevada Las Vegas.
- The first home game for women's tennis will be in mid-April, 2017.

Finnie Coleman

Minutes

Following Coach Wooten-Quijeda's presentation Finnie announced that he would like for the council to attend both a men's and a women's basketball game as a group. The Athletic Department's suite would be available for this event. After discussion of the proposed dates (11/25/16, 12/6/16 and 12/17/16) it was decided to try and meet for a game in the spring since the three proposed dates did not work for the council members present.

Next Meeting: With the month of December being so busy for everyone Finnie decided against a December meeting and asked the council to meet again in January 2017. Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm was agreed upon, though the time for the

meeting could change due to scheduling conflicts with other council members.

He asked for a motion to approve the May 16, 2016 minutes and a motion was made by Mike Rocca and seconded by Gig Brummell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Sub-Committees

There were no reports from the sub-committees.

A discussion followed on how the sub-committees could help address budget issues within Athletics. Janice Ruggiero reported that Paul Krebs has created a committee, within Athletics, to examine budget issues and ways to increase revenues. She also explained planned revenue returns from ESPN when they broadcast games at UNM. Every time UNM appears on ESPN, Athletics earns half a million dollars. Finnie suggested that members of the council sit in on meetings of Paul Krebs budget committee and report back to the council. Gig Brummell is on Paul's budget committee and will report to the council.

Janice reported that attendance is currently down where ever an NCAA sport is played in the US. This affects every sport. One explanation for this is that the Millennial generation would rather watch the games on TV at home, than make the effort to attend the games in person and buy tickets. This is the trend in all college athletics. Finnie followed this up by stating that UNM must begin to seriously think about how the university markets athletics to its students. Janice followed up by saying that UNM employee John Washington, works with the Greek societies, Residential Life, and Freshman Learning Communities to encourage them to attend UNM games. This is his job, to market UNM Athletics, and his efforts are showing results.

ACTION: Janice will put Finnie in touch with John Washington.

Liaison Reports

Janet Poole met with the soccer team awhile back. It was a good visit. Finnie has met with the football team but has not achieved the interaction that he was hoping to achieve. Gig has met with Women's Basketball, the new coach and the assistant coaches. He reported that these visits have been quite productive. He suggested that the Liaisons continue to meet with the teams, at least twice a semester, and build a rapport over time with the team.

New Council member Dirk Gibson has not yet been assigned a team. He agreed to take on the duties of Liaison for the Sand Volleyball team in the Spring of 2017.

FAR Report Amy Neel

Attendance Policy:

Amy spoke with the Faculty Senate Policy Committee two weeks ago, and they are interested in revising the university's current Attendance Policy D170, in the Faculty Handbook. Amy presented the committee with a variety of attendance issues from across the UNM campus that affect UNM's Student-Athletes. They were quite surprised at the issues Amy brought to their attention regarding how certain professors implement attendance policies. Amy and Less Myers also met with the Associate Dean for Arts & Sciences, Diane Marshall. In addition, they

met with the Mathematics Department Chair, since UNM's Student-Athletes have been having numerous problems with this department. Student-Athletes have been dropped from classes and were not permitted to make up exams due to their commitments to Athletics. The meeting with the Chair went well and he suggested that they meet with the chair of Pre-Calculus Math, since so many Student-Athletes take these courses. They will meet with the Pre-Calculus Math Chair in two weeks.

Amy reported that a number of department Student-Athletes are also having problems with the Chemistry Department. She and Less will meet with the chair of the Chemistry Department and the Director of the Lower Division Chemistry Classes, before the end of the Spring 2017 Semester.

Finnie asked Amy if UNM has any proctoring agreements with the Mountain West Conference. Amy replied that there are informal agreements between UNM and the Mountain West Conference, in which a faculty member from another university or a member of their Athletic Staff, can proctor an exam.

Amy stated that she will continue working with the specific departments regarding attendance issues, but suggested that the Athletic Council begin to work more closely with the Faculty Senate on this issue, and also the Faculty Senate Operations Committee.

NCAA Academic Misconduct Rules:

Amy, Less and Eric will meet with the Dean of Students to discuss how the NCAA process will dovetail with the UNM process. They will report on this meeting at the next Athletic Council meeting.

Registrar:

Amy will be working with the Registrar on how to check grade changes after the current semester. They are concerned that some students may have made grade changes after the semester that might be NCAA violations.

Proctor Needed:

Amy asked for someone to proctor an exam on Friday, November 18th. Ann Gibson will proctor the 10:00am exam, but Amy needs a proctor between 11:00am and Noon on the same day. She will send out an email to the Council requesting a volunteer to help proctor. The proctor must be a faculty member.

Other Business

Football Banquet – December 11, 2016.

Graduation Reception – December 16, 2016.

Adjourn

3:20pm

Next Meeting

January 26, 2017, 2:00pm – 3:00pm