

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**  
**Lobo Club Board Room**  
**1:00pm – 2:00pm**

**Members Present:** Paul Krebs, Finnie Coleman, Amy Neel, Tim Goldsmith, Marie Lobo, Nick Schlereth, Ryan Swanson, Michael Rocca, Todd Seidler, Henry Villegas, Gig Brummell, and Jackie Hood

**Absent:** Jeffrey Long, Mike Thomas, Jessica Marshall, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, , Dawn Martinez, Janet Poole, Janice Ruggiero, Karl Hinterbichler, Aasha Marler, Yannick Roggatz, Undergrad/SAAC Rep, and Karl Sep, ASUNM.

**Guests:** Heather Dyche, Head Women's Soccer Coach and Kendall Spencer, former UNM Track Student-Athlete.

**Staff Present:** Rita Chavez, Athletic Department and Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office.

**AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION**

**MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN**  
**OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 1:00pm by Council Chair, Finnie Coleman. A motion was made by Marie Lobo to approve the minutes from October 21, 2015, as presented and seconded by Mike Rocca. The motion was approved, no abstentions.

**HEATHER DYCHE**

**WOMEN'S HEAD SOCCER COACH**

Coach Dyche began her presentation by telling the Council that women's soccer ended their season two weeks ago and ended up ranked number three at the Mountain West Tournament. The team beat the University Nevada Las Vegas, but lost to San Jose State in a tie breaking shoot out. This was Coach Dyche's first year on the job as head women's soccer coach and it was a learning experience for her as she got to know her players and they got to know her. Now that the season is over Coach Dyche's focus is on recruitment for next year. She reported to the council that recruitment now focuses sophomores in high school which makes women's soccer the youngest recruitment in sports. Marie Lobo asked Coach Dyche how the culture was in women's soccer after the hazing incident last year. She replied that she has come in

as Head Coach with no assumptions about the past and to be very clear with the team as to her expectations. She feels strongly that the players are living up to these expectations.

**HEATHER DYCHE**

**(Cont)**

**WOMEN'S HEAD SOCCER COACH**

Coach Dyche told the story of how the women's soccer team, on their own, went to a local hospital and invited three young female cancer patients to come to a game and sit on the bench with the team. Kendall Spencer asked if she, or any of her colleagues in the coaching community, knew about any of the upcoming legislation. Coach Dyche replied there is talk about extending the season for the entire year. At this time she said the players GPA is looking good. A discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of recruiting high school students at such a young age. Not everyone approves of it, including Coach Dyche, but until an official determination is made halting the practice of recruiting young players, it will continue. Chairman Finnie Coleman asked if the women's soccer team is interacting with the local community. Coach Dyche answered yes, and that they have opened the training session to the local community to come and watch and ask questions. The women's soccer team also practices in local area parks and in that way can interact with the local residents. She wound up her presentation by saying that she has a very good team and is looking forward to working with the next class that is coming to UNM.

**AMY NEEL**

**FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE (FAR)**

Amy's main focus this semester is in proctoring student-athlete exams. She is working closely with Henry Villegas and others in Academic Advisement. She said they are moving away from using people who are paid by the athletics department to proctor exams. She is also working with Henry and Chris Baca to come up with a proctoring policy and is asking for volunteers from the Athletic Council to assist with the proctoring. She will send an email to all council members explaining the proctoring process and asking for contact information if they would like to volunteer.

The next topic Amy brought up dealt with concussion. She is making herself familiar with UNM's Concussion Protocols and recently attended the American Speech Language Hearing Association convention in Denver, Colorado, where there were a number of presentations on concussion.

AMY NEEL(Cont.)

**FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE (FAR)**

These presentations dealt with difficulties in speech, language and memory. Paul Krebs added that at UNM the coaches do not have a say in medical decisions. The medical staff at the games have the final word in who plays and who doesn't play. UNM does have a concussion protocol and it has been approved by the NCAA.

PAUL KREBS

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Paul attended this morning's Board of Regents Finance & Facilities (F&F) meeting. Athletics is now moving forward with construction of a baseball clubhouse. The Lobo Development Board is leasing land through a contractor who is building the clubhouse and once it is completed the university will buy back the building. This project will cost \$2.1 million dollars and \$1million dollars has already been privately donated and these funds are for the naming rights to the clubhouse. In total \$1.9 million dollars will be donated. The Faculty Senate Naming Committee is working on this and will send their results to the Board of Regents for approval. The clubhouse will be five thousand square feet in size with a six to nine month construction schedule. Future projects include converting the temporary Olympic Performance Center into a permanent Performance Center. Cost: will be approximately \$3 million dollars. The next project would be renovating the football stadium, primarily the press box, concessions and restrooms. This project will be done in phases and take a number of years to complete. Cost is estimated at \$10 to \$30 million dollars. A Letter of Intent has been signed for the West Stadium Project, which will put a bar/restaurant and additional stores in the west parking lot of the football stadium across from Isotopes Stadium. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring. This will be a U-shaped building with plenty of outdoor party space. The developer, Paul Silverman, will lease the land from UNM.

Paul informed the council that UNM men's and women's basketball teams travel with their own medical staff for their games and this played an important role when a men's basketball player was hurt at a recent Las Cruces game.

PAUL KREBS(Cont.)

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR' S REPORT

Athletics' Game Management people met with the police and Homeland Security to secure a plan for increased security at athletic sporting events. A press release will be sent out today regarding the heightened security that will begin on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the football game. Fan will all be electronically hand scanned over their bodies and all bags and packages will be search as people enter the event. Athletics is working on a communication the changes.

## TEAM LIAISON REPORT

Todd Seidler was scheduled to talk with men' s basketball on Monday but due to the student-athlete injury in Las Cruces it has been postponed until next week.

Marie Lobo attended a football practice and found the team greatly improved from earlier in the semester.

Gig Brummell visited with women' s basketball two weeks ago and they are doing fine and he told the team that the Athletic Council is very proud of their academic achievements.

Ryan Swanson met with the baseball team three weeks ago and they are doing well. The team has a heavy traveling schedule this spring and they are taking many of their classes online. Meeting with track & cross country is harder to arrange as a whole, but he has been able to meet with the individual teams during the semester. And women' s and men' s golf are helping out with the cause of pancreatic cancer.

Mike Rocca met with the women' s tennis teams last week and attended their practice. The team is doing very well. He will meet with the men' s team in the next couple of days. He reported that the men' s team has fantastic new players.

Finnie Coleman met with the coach of the ski team and will soon meet the entire team. He has been invited to travel with the team to a practice in Colorado. He will also be meeting with the football team as he prepares to take over liaison duties from Marie Lobo when she retires in December.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### Academic Integrity (AI) – Marie Lobo

The AI committee will meet on Wednesday November 25, 2015 at 1:00pm with the Dean of Students Office to review policies. Each year approximately fifty students are subject to disciplinary action that are taken to the university level and this is what they will be discussing. This meeting will be to see if there is a clear protocol that meets with NCAA approval. Athletics does not need a policy, but the university does. Marie also presented a new draft of her “Language for Policy of Coaching Staff Contacting Faculty”. She will email this draft to council members and it will be voted on at the December Athletic Council meeting. Rita Chavez informed the council that the new draft will also be posted on the council’s SharePoint website for review.

### Governance, Compliance & Fiscal Integrity GCFI) – Jackie Hood

The GCFI committee have not yet met but Jackie Hood reported that currently there are no issues they need to address. Paul Krebs informed the committee sometime last year that they are able to review the athletic budget should they so desire. Jackie, will get with the committee to schedule a time to meet with Michael Marcelli, CFO for athletics to review the current.

### Equity, Welfare & Sportsmanship (EWS) – Mike Rocca

No Report.

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

FINNIE COLEMAN

Finnie stated that he had two items he wanted to bring up with the council.

1. He recently emailed the council members an article on the events at the University of Missouri, that appeared in USA Today. (*it is posted on the Athletic Department’s SharePoint website*) He stated that an incident like this could happen at just about any university nationwide, but it is organizations like UNM’s Athletic Council that could prevent such a thing happening at UNM. Paul Krebs and Kendall Spencer both stated that it is important that both students and student-athletes have a voice on campus and that there is always good communication from all parties. Henry Villegas told the council that at UNM there is a Minority Student Athlete Interest Committee, which analyses data of UNM’s student athletes in the areas of

retention, graduation rates, along with other areas. They will be doing a survey of UNM's black student athletes regarding their experiences on campus.

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT**  
**FINNIE COLEMAN (Cont.)**

2. The second item Finnie wanted to put before the council is what the council hopes to achieve beyond the council's charge. He would like the council to spend the next couple of weeks thinking about this and eventually get it on an agenda. He would also like the council to examine the Athletic Department's budget so that they can be familiar with it. Finnie would like Michael Marcelli, from the Athletic Department's Business Office, to assist with this project.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Gig Brummell reminded the council that the Alumni Letterman Hall of Honors is Friday, November 20, 2015, 6:00pm at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

Kendall Spencer commented on the NCAA Time Demand study. He now sits on the NCAA Board of Directors, and chairs the National Student Athlete Advisory Committee. He, and his colleagues, have put together a national survey that was sent out last week to all student-athletes in Division 1. So far they have received 20,000, out of a possible 350,000, responses and the deadline is November 20, 2015. Questions in the survey included such items as having double headers in the middle of the week, which is a great time demand for student-athletes. The survey respondents cover all aspects of collegiate sports, and the results will be analyzed over the next few weeks. The NCAA is quite pleased with the results so far. Kendall stated that the raw data from the survey will be available at the conference level.

On the NCAA legislative issues Kendall reported that student-athletes can now vote, and there were 72 pieces of legislation at the national level so they were able to narrow that down to 30 proposals that affected student-athlete welfare. These proposals were then sent out to all of the conferences and pertain to all sports. The results of these proposals will be delivered to the NCAA convention in January.

**ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:32pm.