

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting  
Monday, November 7, 2014  
Lobo Club Board Room

**Members Present:** Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Marie Lobo, Michael Rocca, Todd Seidler, Gig Brummell, Jeffrey Long, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Daniel Barkley, Jessica Marshall, Amy Neel, Karl Hinterbichler, Janice Ruggiero, and Aasha Marler

**Absent:** Janet Poole, Mike Thomas, Jackie Hood, and Kendall Spencer

**Guests:** Pamela Pyle, Faculty Senate President and Colt Balok, Student

**Staff Present:** Dawn Martinez, Henry Villegas and Rita Chavez

**AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION**

**MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN**

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**OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 10:30 a.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Dan Berkley made a motion to accept the minutes of October 6, 014 as presented. Michael Rocca 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

**ATHLETICS REPORT**

**PAUL KREBS, Vice President**

Garrett Adcock, Dakota Cox and Reece White were named Capital One/CoSIDA First Team Academic All-District for CoSIDA District VII. The honors advance all three to the national ballot for Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America consideration. There were only 6 players to receive this honor in the nation.

The Cross Country team swept the Mountain West Conference Again. The men's team has 6 consecutive wins and the womens' s team has 7 consecutive wins.

The athletic department will be hosting the Mountain West 1first round cross country rgionals. This tournament will determine who qualifies for the NCAA championship.

The Hall of Honor will be held on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Athletics will be honoring Brian Urlacher, but he is unable to attend the ceremony and several other student-athletes from

various sports. The Hall of Honor recipients will be recognized at the football game on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ATHLETICS REPORT

PAUL KREBS, Vice President

The Lobo Development Board, which Paul serves as a board member has sent out an RFP for property development on the North side of University Stadium. (corner of University and Avenida Cesar Chavez.) The University would like to build a restaurant on the corner of the stadium parking lot. The University will retain the land and the developer will lease the land. The athletic department will not have too many issues regarding parking because that is where the corporate tailgate area is located. The athletic department would receive revenue from the lease of the land. The athletic department has not seen any of the bids that have been received. When a company is selected and particulars have been nailed down the proposal will need to be presented to the Board of Regents for approval. This proposal will affect the Isotopes with regard to parking but there is plenty of parking around the Isotopes stadium that and together an agreement will be made.

There has been some media coverage with regard to a longtime fan known as Snake. In the past, Snake had purchased season tickets to sit in the area he likes. The season ticket purchase requires you to join the Lobo Club and pay the donation that coincides with the seats. This year Snake has opted to purchase individual game tickets in lieu of season tickets and the Lobo Club donation. There are no longer seats in the area he has occupied in the past but he will continue to attend the games.

Ebony Walker a women's basketball player was arrested on domestic violence charges. The incident was with her boyfriend. Ebony has been suspended from the team until further notice. The athletic department has to gather all the facts regarding this case until before a decision is made on her future playing status. Ebony is no longer captain of the women's basketball team.

## **FAR Report, Amy Neel**

Amy spoke in great detail about the UNC Scandal. For 18 years, thousands of students at the prestigious University of North Carolina took fake “paper classes,” and advisers funneled students, including athletes into the program to keep them eligible, according to an independent report. Wainstein, a partner with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, is the former federal prosecutor hired by UNC to independently investigate the academic fraud. They conducted an eight-month investigation into the scandal, which four employees were fired and five more disciplined because of their roles.

Julius Nyang’oro, professor and department chair of African-American studies and his assistant, Debbie Crowder, who was the one who actually created the paper classes out of sympathy for athletes and other students who were not “the best and the brightest.” Nyang’oro went along with them when he figured out what was going on. The Academic Integrity Committee here at UNM states that the chances of that type of incident happening here at UNM with student-athletes are highly improbable. Academic Advisement has several check and balances in place. One way to tell if there was something going on is if there are a high number of student-athletes taking one particular class it is checked into immediately by the academic advisors. The advisors meet with the professor to see what is going on.

There are meetings that are currently transpiring between the FAR’s, Dean’s, provosts, Sr. vice provost etc. to avoid this issue happening in other universities. There will be more information that comes out of this incident.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **Academic Integrity**

##### **Henry Villegas**

The athletic department’s academic Advisement office runs a program of integrity following these basic guidelines:

- The Athletic Director speaks regularly to the Academic Advisors
- There is a limited number of student-athletes that can be in a class
- Sport Coordinators speak regularly with the Academic Advisors

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- Academic Advisors meet with the Registrar’s office and compliance department on a regular basis

- Athletic Academic Advisors meet regularly with the Academic Advisors on Campus
- Keep open lines of communication between Academic Advisors, student-athletes, staff and coaches
- Continually review the processes
- Make sure coaches are not speaking to professors
- Keep the Academic Integrity Committee of the Athletic Council up-to-date and informed

Question: *Would a question regarding special classes or coercion of student-athletes to take a class be on the Exit Interview questions?* **A question will be added.**

The Graduation Rates were released last week and a hand-out was provided. **(Hand-out in Athletic Administration for viewing)**

The APR report should be released next month.

Henry provided and hand-out of the Lobos for Life brochure. **(On file in Athletic Administration for viewing)**

## Liaison Reports

Gig Brummell is the liaison for women's basketball. Gig met with the coaches and was able to view a practice. The women's basketball team was unaware of the athletic council or the Team Liaison. The team is now informed. The team has good GPA's.

Marie Lobo is the Liaison for football. Marie attended a practice and met with the student-athletes and Coach Davie. The team is upbeat and looks forward to their upcoming games.

Phillip Felipe Gonzales is the Liaison for volleyball. Phillip met with the volleyball team and they are a very upbeat group and they are having a good season. Chantale Riddle a player on the team is receiving National exposure on the great season she is having. The coach is very diplomatic and intense.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Lobo Club Board  
Room

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11:40am

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