

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2014
Lobo Club Board Room
10:30am

Members Present: Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Michael Rocca, Jeffrey Long, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Todd Seidler, Daniel Barkley, Jackie Hood, Karl Hinterbichler, Amy Neel, Tim Goldsmith, Aasha Marler and Janice Ruggiero

Absent: Mike Thomas, Marie Lobo, Gig Brummell, Janet Poole, Jessica Marshall, and Kendall Spencer.

Staff Present: Dawn Martinez, Henry Villegas, Rita Chavez and Dennis Dunn.

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEETING MINUTES:

(November 7, 2014 minutes were approved by a motion from Michael Rocca and seconded by Daniel Barkley. There was one change in the minutes. Karl Hinterbichler was added as present.)

COACH JOE FRANKLIN,
TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Franklin addressed the Council and requested an exemption from the Athletic Policy, which restricts competition during finals week, for two of his student-athletes. He requested that two women, Emily Reese and Callie Thackery, be allowed to travel next Thursday, December 11, 2014 to Indiana University for an indoor track meet to qualify for the NCAA championship. Emily is a Harvard graduate working on her Master's Degree at UNM, and Callie has a 3.40 GPA. They are both finished with exams so there would be no conflict during finals week. Jeff Long made a motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Dan Barkley. It was also reported that the UNM Women's Track Team came in third in the nation and the UNM Men's Track Team came in fourteenth.

JANICE RUGGIERO,
SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Janice reported there has been a name change for University Arena, The Pit. It is now called WisePies Arena aka The Pit. Janice made the following points:

- UNM will collect five million dollars over the next ten years. Payments of one-hundred thousand dollars will be made for the first two years and then yearly payments of six-hundred thousand for the next eight years.
- WisePies is a local family owned pizza business with the owner being from Grants, New Mexico who also has several other successful businesses in Albuquerque and around the state.
- Signage is currently being installed around the arena.
- Athletic currently pays a yearly three million dollar debt service for renovation to the Pit. The gift will free up money that is currently used to pay the debt service and the money will help free up funds for athletics budget.
- This deal was approved by the UNM Foundation, the Regents, and President Frank. The deal was in the works for the past year.
- The day after the University Arena name change was announced UNM received a call from an individual requesting information on how the naming rights work to possibly get their business name on the football stadium.
- At the end of the ten-year period the arena will once again be available to be renamed.
- At this time WisePies will not be entering the arena as a vendor until the contract with Sodexo (Pappa John's Pizza) expires. At that time the contract will be sent out to bid.

AMY NEEL,
FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE

Amy reported that she, Alfred and Henry have been meeting with the president's executive cabinet, the dean's council and the Faculty Senate regarding academic integrity. The Academic Integrity Committee would like to have a good working knowledge on the process of checking classes, in order to avoid an incident such as the University of North Carolina. Also, the Division 1 Council for the NCAA has been constituted, and Paul Krebs is the Mountain West Conference appointed representative.

ALFRED MATHEWSON,
COUNCIL CHAIR

Alfred began his report by passing out copies of the Athletic Council's charge. From the meetings with Amy and Henry, he has been asked to explain exactly what the Athletic Council does. He suggested that the duties listed within the charge will be divided up between the three sub-committees of the Athletic Council. One of the first things he would like addressed is the Athletic Council's annual report. The report is supposed to be submitted to the UNM president and UNM Faculty Senate at the beginning of each year. He suggested that the council should invite President Frank and faculty senate president Pamela Pyle to the February meeting of the Athletic Council and present the report at that time. In January the elements of the charge would be broken up between the three sub-committees so as to prepare the report. The three committees are:

- Academic Integrity
- Governance and Compliance
- Student Welfare

Alfred stated that the main question is how do the members of the Council carry out the charge? Each element of the charge would be examined and its execution explained in writing. A discussion followed looking at the eleven elements of the charge.

Alfred will report back, during the January meeting some options of how to analyze and begin implementing the items listed in the charge. He also asked Paul Krebs to report back as to how the Athletic Department is addressing these elements in the charge.

HENRY VILLEGAS,
ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Henry announced that the Student-Athlete Graduation Reception will be held on Friday December 12th, at 12:00pm on the Pit floor. Invitations have been sent out by email and an RSVP is requested.

LIAISON REPORTS

Aasha Marler opened this section of the meeting by stating that, as a student-athlete, she, and other athletes on the teams, do not know who their liaisons are and they find this disappointing. The student-athletes would really like to see the liaisons more involved with the individual teams and to be there as someone the student-athletes could go to who is not a coach or a team mate. Jackie Hood responded by stating that she would like to be more involved with her assigned team, but does not know how to proceed.

Action: Alfred, as a representative of the Athletic Council, will attend the January SAAC meeting and inquire as to the best way for liaisons to interact with the individual teams, and to lend their support. He will connect the SAAC representatives with their team liaisons and bring this list to the next AC meeting.

SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

Based on the results of the Doodle Poll, Alfred has selected the following dates for the Spring AC meetings. Another Doodle Poll will be sent out for the May and June dates.

Thurs Jan. 8 – 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Fri Feb. 6 – 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Fri Mar. 6 – 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Thurs Apr. 2 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am

PAUL KREBS,
VP ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Paul reported that Kendall Spencer a UNM track and field student-athlete has been named to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. He becomes the first student-athlete in the history of the organization to serve on the Division I Board.

ADJOURNED: 11:45am

NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 8, 2015
9:00am – 10:30am

These Minutes were approved at the
February 5, 2015 meeting

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