

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
Administration Conference Room  
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Members Present: Finnie Coleman, Amy Neel, Ryan Swanson, Karl Hinterbichler, Gig Brummell, and Mike Rocca.

Absent: Paul Krebs, Jeffrey Long, Mike Thomas, Jackie Hood, Janet Poole, Todd Seidler, Ann Gibson, Cassiano De Oliveria, Tim Goldsmith, Nick Schlereth and Aasha Marler.

Guests: Head Men's Soccer Coach, Jeremy Fishbein and Student Representative, Kyle Stepp.

Athletic Department Staff Present: Janice Ruggiero, Quinton Freeman, Rita Chavez, and Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office.

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

Minutes/Action Taken  
Opening

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 1:05 pm by Council Chair, Finnie Coleman. A motion was made by Gig Brummell to approve the minutes from January 20, 2016, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ryan Swanson. The motion was approved, no abstentions.

Jeremy Fishbein

Head Men's Soccer Coach

Coach Fishbein, who has been with UNM for 15 years, began his presentation by explaining how he guides his student-athletes, and student recruits, to distinguish between dreams and attaining goals. Though the soccer team did not have a great fall season, for a while the team was 7<sup>th</sup> in the country but did not make it to the NCAA tournament. In academics the men's soccer team had a GPA of 3.4 and coach Fishbein explained some of the high academic achievements of his graduating seniors and the quality of the team's new recruits. The problem with securing quality recruits is that professional teams can recruit them right out of high school, and professional teams are located all over the world. A discussion followed regarding kids entering sports today and the temptation of the lure of entering the professional arena too soon in their lives. Coach Fishbein ended his presentation by inviting the council to come out and attend any practice session and scheduled games.

AMY NEEL

FAR Report

Amy reported that she attended the recent Faculty Senate meeting but, due to the fact that the meeting ran long, she was not able to give her presentation. She will attend the next Faculty Senate meeting in a month. GPA data for the fall is now out and the student-athlete GPA is higher than that of the student body. A report recently came out from Gallup polling stating that the NCAA reports that former NCAA student-athletes fair better after college than typical students. Amy also reported that after the proctoring change, in which coaches, and athletic department personnel, are no longer allowed to proctor student-athlete exams, there has been

positive results from the student-athletes that Amy now proctors. She asked the council, when her schedule is too full, if they would help out with the proctoring. She will also be working with Janice Ruggiero, and some of the Athletic Department physicians, to look at concussion protocols for UNM teams on when injured student-athletes can return to play after suffering a concussion. She is talking with the Registrar's Office about the Special Admissions Committee which helps student-athletes enter UNM if they do not meet the usual admission requirements. And, she is working on how to provide better support for the department's high achieving student-athletes beyond the Lobo Honors program. The aim is to help these students much earlier in their college careers than is done at present. A discussion followed as to progress being made in combining Athletic Scholarship and the Lobo Honors program now that Henry Villegas is no longer associated with UNM. Finnie Coleman suggested this idea be tabled for now but that council members continue to research this idea and bring the discussion to future council meetings. Amy and Quinton are also working on creating a calendar of awards so that student-athletes will be informed earlier of what awards are coming up that they can apply too. Ryan Swanson handed out flyers for the "UNM Symposium on College Athletics" that will be held at the WisePies Arena, AKA The Pit, on April 12, 2016, which will give student-athletes a forum to present research projects they are working on in regards to athletics.

#### TEAM LIAISON REPORT

**Mike Rocca** – He met with the men's tennis team two weeks ago and explained the purpose of the Athletic Council and Team Liaisons.  
**Gig Brummell** – He has reported to the council on men's basketball twice.

**Karl Hinterrbichler** – Meeting with the softball team at 2:00pm today.  
**Ryan Swanson** – He has been in touch with Track & Cross Country teams. Baseball is traveling to Hawaii for a game and there are no problems to report.

#### FINNIE COLEMAN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No Report

#### FINNIE COLEMAN ATHLETIC COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

Finnie reported that the event held at the Women's Basketball game on February 10, 2016 was a great success. He hopes more events like this, which involve the Council, can be arranged in the future. He will speak with Paul Krebs on how to proceed with these sort of events.

The ski team is up at Red River, New Mexico, this coming weekend. He will be interacting with the ski team much more as the semester proceeds. He will also be interacting more with the football team now that Marie Lobo has retired.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**RITA CHAVEZ  
NEXT MEETING**

Due to the Mountain West Conference there will be no Athletic Department meeting in March. The next Athletic Council meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2016, but that is during Spring Break. Rita will contact council members on whether this meeting will be moved or canceled. She and Finnie will work on this issue.

Senior Exit Interviews are scheduled for April 21, 2016 and April 27, 2016. Rita will send council members additional information regarding times and locations for these interviews. All council members are invited to these interviews and Rita will send out questions used in these interviews to be reviewed by council members.

**ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

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