

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 17, 2014  
Lobo Club Board Room

**Members Present:** Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Breda Bova, Karl Hinterbichler, Colt Balok, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Henry Villegas, Gig Brummell, Todd Seidler, Lauren Wade Dawn Martinez, and Dennis Dunn, and Rita Chavez

**Absent:** Jeffrey Long, Jeffery Noremberg, Tim Cass, Marie Lobo, Daniel Barkley, Michael Rocca, Aasha Marler, Janet Poole, Jackie Hood, John Russell, Mike Thomas and Janice Ruggiero

**AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION**

**MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN**

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**MEETING MINUTES:**

**OPENING**

January 9, 2014 and February 13, 2013 minutes were not approved since there was not a quorum present. Rita to send a vote via email to Council Members.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 3:35 p.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair.

**ATHLETICS REPORT**

**PAUL KREBS, VP ATHLETECS**

A 2-year contract extension was given to Craig Neal, Head Men's Basketball Coach. There was no money involved in the extension. Jeremy Fishbein, Head Men's Soccer coach received a 2-year contract extension with no increase to his base salary and an increase of about \$10,000 to his total compensation package.

Athletics is looking into adding sand volleyball to the sports program. This will be done in the fall so that competition will begin in the spring. There is no formal process with either the University or the NCAA to add a sport, however the department has reached out to many volleyball fans in the state to see what their feeling are about adding sand volleyball as a Division 1 sport. Sand Volleyball is a recognized sport by the NCAA. The volleyball community is very excited and would support the addition. President Frank is also for the addition of the sport. There are other MWC schools that are in the process of adding Sand Volleyball to their programs.

Volleyball is an emerging sport throughout the United States and it would be great for UNM to add a Title IX Sport. The addition of this sport will not be a hardship on the budget. We can use the same volleyball staff to run this program. Athletics would look at hiring an assistant sand volleyball coach in the future.

Scholar athlete Banquet  
Henry Villegas, Associate AD  
Student Development

The Scholar Banquet will be held on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Sub Ballroom. Please make your RSVP's to Faith Mikalonis at x78963 by the end of the week.

The student-graduation reception will be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at noon on the Pit floor. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Athletics is working on a Lobos for Life concept for developing student-athletes. This program will prepare Lobos for life long successes.

Senior Exit Interviews

The first Sr. Exit Interview will be held on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Student Services Success Center and dinner will be provided. The last Sr. Exit Interview will be held on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon in Johnson Center room B-102 and lunch will be provided. Please let Rita Chavez know if you will be attending these interviews and if so which one(s).

Faculty Report  
Breda Bova

As you may or may not know Breda is retiring effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. Amy Neal is the new FAR for the Mountain West Conference and will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was an issue with two track students who were unable to take a test as they would not be in class due to athletic competition. The students went to Breda about the situation and Breda talked to the team liaison, Dan Barkley and Henry Villegas. Dan Barkley and Henry Villegas talked to the professor and the students were able to be given the test by Dr. Richard Ceronie who is an assistant track coach and the issue was resolved.

Absence Policy  
Colt Balok, ASUNM

Colt Balok talked to Amy Neal and Dr. Richard Holder and they had some concerns about the word "*Must*" being used in the policy as they feel it interferes with the professors academic freedom and tenure.

**ABSENCE POLICY(Cont)**  
**COLT BALOK, ASUNM**

The Operations committee is in agreement. The policy was approved by the Operations Committee and was sent to the Policy Committee with a directive to address the Academic Freedom and tenured portion of the policy.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Phillip Gonzales met with Jeff Nelson, Head Volleyball coach and his team. They were very welcoming and had no issues to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

A tour of the remodeled baseball facility will be given at 4:30PM today for all council members.

**NEXT MEETING**

**May 7, 2014**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**4:35PM**