

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
Administration Conference Room  
1:00pm – 2:45pm

Members Present: Finnie Coleman, Amy Neel, Mike Rocca, Ryan Swanson, Karl Hinterbichler, Tim Goldsmith, Gig Brummell, Todd Seidler, and Jackie Hood.

Absent: Paul Krebs, Jeffrey Long, Mike Thomas, Aasha Marler, Nick Schlereth, Janet Poole, Ann Gibson and Cassiano De Oliveria.

Guests: Football Director of Operations, Brian DeSpain.

Athletic Department Staff Present: Dawn Martinez, Quinton Freeman, and Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office.

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

Minutes/Action Taken  
Opening

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 1:07 pm by Council Chair, Finnie Coleman. A motion was made by Karl Hinterbichler to approve the minutes from February 16, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Rocca. The motion was approved, no abstentions.

Brian DeSpain

Assistant Athletic Director for Football

Brian began his presentation by explaining to the Council that he is not a coach, but an administrator, in which he works off the field with duties involving budget, academics and compliance issues. Brian passed out a document to the Council entitled "New Mexico Football: Clarity of Purpose" which outlines not only how UNM football players can achieve their goals of winning games, but achieve their goals in Life that will take them beyond the University of New Mexico. He then took the time to explain the philosophy that drives this document and how it helps UNM athletes achieve and deal with life's unexpected events and successes, both on the field and off. He also presented the council with copies of the "Build the Brand – Protect the Brand" document, which are used with the athletes at least three times a semester and is administered by their position coach. These are questions that constitute formal written responses from the athletes and are kept on file. This process has been going on for the past three years. A discussion followed about the uses and results of these forms.

Brian reported that this past fall football had the second highest GPA in UNM's history. The four year APR score is 952 and the GPA score is 2.68.

Hand-outs: [Football – Build the Brand\\_NEW.pdf](#)  
[Football – Clarity of Purpose\\_NEW.pdf](#)

## AMY NEEL

FAR Report

Amy did not have anything to report but informed the council that she is currently working on a survey regarding sports wagering for the NCAA Track and Field teams. President Frank has asked Amy to research how much access teams have to the Internet in order to work on their classes while on the road.

## TEAM LIAISON REPORT

**Mike Rocca** – No report.

**Karl Hinterbichler** – Met with softball team during practice. Talked with the team and went to a couple of games. Everything appears to be in order.

**Ryan Swanson** – He has been in email communication with the Track and Field coaches and things are fine. Met with a couple of the baseball freshman, along with team, and they discussed the pros and cons of taking online courses due to traveling.

**Tim Goldsmith** – Contacted Coach Fishbein regarding his new recruits. Practice games have begun to be played and the team looks good.

**Todd Seidler** – He recently attended the basketball banquet, which was quite enjoyable.

**Finnie Coleman** – Has met with football Coach Davie, and has not met with the ski team. He has made it to a football practice.

## EXIT INTERVIEWS

Jackie Hood

Jackie presented the council with a new selection of Student-Athlete Exit Interview Questions, which is only in draft form. Jackie began her presentation by explaining how the exit interviews are set up, utilizing an evening and a day session, holding interviews with senior athletes who are leaving the university. She explained that the previous questions used were redundant and too long, so a draft of new questions has been drawn up with suggestions from Paul Krebs. A lengthy discussion followed regarding using the new questions, as opposed to the old questions, due to the shortness of time before the interviews begin tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm, and continue the following week. Also, the nature of the questions was discussed in detail as to their viability and how to use the answers to the questions.

**ACTION:** Jackie will give the new questions to Rita Chavez, who will type them up in a new order, based upon today's discussion, and send them out to everyone for review by tomorrow. The interviews, will last an hour and one faculty member will ask the questions and another faculty member will take the notes from the answers. The issue of formalizing a new list of exit interview questions will be taken up in the fall. **ACTION: Finnie suggested that a few selected faculty members, from the Sr. Exit Interviews, meet with Finnie before his scheduled meeting with Paul Krebs and Janice Ruggiero to review the results of the interviews. Dennis Dunn will send out a Doodle Poll to find the best date for everyone to meet before graduation on May 14, 2016.**

## STUDENT ATHLETE AWARD

Dawn Martinez

Dawn passed around a sample award that Gig Brummell suggested be presented to all of the student/athlete graduates. This will take

place at the Student/Athlete commencement ceremony at Noon, May 13, 2016 at the Pit. The Council approved of the award.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Scholar Banquet will be held on Monday, April 25, 2016, at 6:00pm in the SUB Rooms A & C.

Women's Basketball will be awarded the Most Improved GPA on May 18, 2016, but that date will probably be changed. Finnie will present this award.

## **ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm, with a motion from Mike Rocca and a second from Tim Goldsmith.