

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 21, 2014  
Lobo Club Board Room

**Members Present:** Alfred Mathewson (*via phone*), Paul Krebs, Janet Poole, Breda Bova, Jackie Hood, Karl Hinterbichler, , Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Henry Villegas, Dawn Martinez, Lauren Wade, Janice Ruggiero, Michael Rocca, Todd Seidler and Dennis Dunn.

**Absent:** John Russell, Mike Thomas, Colt Balok, Jeffrey Long, Daniel Barkley, Jeffery Noremberg, Tim Cass, Marie Lobo, Dan Barkley, Gig Brummell, Aasha Marler, and Rita Chavez.

**Guest:**

**AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION**

**MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN**

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**OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 2:05 p.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair (via phone connection). Paul Krebs introduced everyone who was in attendance at the meeting. Alfred then announced that this would be Breda Bova's last meeting with the Athletic Council and thanked her for her service.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

(April 10, 2014 minutes were approved.)

**FACULTY REPORT,**  
**BREDA BOVA**

Breda reported that she and Janice Poole had recently returned from the Mountain West Spring Meeting. One of the items covered at the meeting was the governance structure, particularly what is referred to as "the Group of Five". The Inner Conference Transfer Rule was also discussed at the meeting. This rule prevents student-athletes from transferring to any other Mountain West schools. Two schools from Mountain West will not be allowed to participate in post season games. UNLV for football and San Jose State for basketball. Breda also reported that at this time twenty five percent of all broadcasted sporting evening are now viewed on iPads or tablets.

**ATHLETICS REPORT,**  
**PAUL KREBS**

Paul reported that at the Mountain West Conference Breda was awarded the Yeats Award, for distinguished service. He then explained how governance was discussed at the conference and that changes will be coming. The five resource conferences, the Big Ten, the Pack 12, the SEC,

the ACC, the Big 12, have their own agendas and are very united. The twenty three other Division One conferences are trying to position themselves, which leaves UNM with the Group of Five, consisting of UNM, the Mac, the American Conference, Conference USA, and the Sun Belt. The other twenty three are banding against the Group of Five, and UNM finds itself in the middle of these two groups. The main concern is that UNM can recruit and train an excellent student-athlete and then another university can lure that student away from UNM and there is nothing UNM can do about these sort of recruitment policies.

Paul also touched base on the alleged sexual assault perpetrated by two of UNM's football players. Both players have hired reputable defense attorneys, they are pleading Not Guilty, and have reportedly provided a video of the party, where the incident took place, that will exonerate them of the charges. This video will be provided to the District Attorney. At this time both football players have been suspended from the team and a separate investigation is being conducted to determine if the two players will remain at UNM. These attorneys are not being paid for by UNM.

The issue of unionizing the student-athletes was raised and Paul explained that it is currently working its way through the courts.

## **Executive Session**

At this point, twenty six minutes into the meeting, Alfred called the meeting closed and all attending members of the council would now go into Executive Session to discuss Exit Interviews. Dennis Dunn was excused from the meeting at this point and the taking of meeting minutes ended.