

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2015
Lobo Club Board Room
3:00pm
DRAFT 2

Members Present: Paul Krebs, Amy Neel, Tim Goldsmith, Todd Seidler, Marie Lobo, Nick Schlereth and Gig Brummell, Janice Ruggiero, Aasha Marler, Jackie Hood, and Janet Poole.

Absent: Jeffrey Long, Mike Thomas, Jessica Marshall, Kendall Spencer, Michael Rocca, Karl Hinterbichler, Phillip Felipe Gonzales.

Guests:

Staff Present: Rita Chavez, Athletics Department, and Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office.

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 3:00pm by Amy Neel, who is acting as temporary chair until a new chair is elected. Alfred Mathewson had to step down as chair of the Athletic Council when he was appointed co-Dean of UNM Law School over the summer.

MEETING MINUTES:

Amy asked for a motion to approve the 5-13-15 meeting minutes. Todd Seidler made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Marie Lobo. All members present approved and there were no abstentions.

AMY NEEL

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Amy introduced Amy Beggin, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, who was a guest at the meeting to ask for a game exception from the council. The women's basketball team has a home game on December 12, 2015, which is Saturday of finals week. Since no players have a final scheduled for December 12th she requested the exception just to make sure it was in place if she needed it. Marie Lobo made the motion to allow the exception and Gig Brummell seconded the motion. All council members agreed and there were no abstentions.

AMY NEEL

ATHLETIC COUNCIL CHAIR ELECTION

While waiting for Cody Hopkins, Director of Operations, Men's Basketball, to arrive Amy explained that a new chair needed to be elected for the council and explained the process. She also stated that the council chair now has

additional duties which are not specified in the charge. They are, 1) reporting to the Operations Committee and to the Faculty Senate, and 2) attending those meetings. The list of candidates from the council who are eligible to become chair are Karl Hinterbichler, Jackie Hood, Janet Pool, Cassiano De Oliveira, Tim Goldsmith, Marie Lobo, Nick Schlereth and Todd Seidler. There were no volunteers for the chair position so it was decided that an email will be sent out with nominations and a ballot.

AMY NEEL

MEN' S BASKETBALL

Amy next introduced Cody Hopkins, Director of Operations, Men' s Basketball, who was a guest at the meeting to ask for a game exception from the council. Cody explained that men' s basketball will be playing two games. One against Perdu, on December 5, 2015, and the other against the University of Iowa on December 12, 2015. An exception is not needed for the December 5th game but will be needed for the home game on December 12th. Marie Lobo made a motion to approve the exception and it was seconded by Todd Seidler. All council members agreed and there were no abstentions.

AMY NEEL

COUNCIL INTRODUCTIONS

Since there were new members, and guests, to the council for this meeting, Amy asked all members present to introduce themselves to the council.

AMY NEEL

ATHLETIC COUNCIL CHARGE

Amy had planned to review the charge with the council at today' s meeting, but since it had been reviewed by Alfred at the May 13, 2015 meeting it was decided to forgo reviewing the charge until new members are settled in with the council. For today' s it was decided to give the two student guests copies of the charge.

AMY NEEL

TEAM LIAISONS

Amy reviewed the current team liaison list:

Baseball – Karl Hinterbichler

Football – Marie Lobo

Men' s Basketball – Todd Seidler

Men' s Golf – Nick Schlereth

Men' s Soccer – Tim Goldsmith

Softball – Jackie Hood

Volleyball – Tim Goldsmith

Women' s Basketball – Gig Brummell

Women' s Golf – Nick Schlereth

Women' s Soccer – Janet Poole

SAAC Representative – Aasha Marler

Liaison openings that still need to be filled:

Men's Tennis

Skiing

Swimming & Diving

Track & Cross Country

Women's Tennis

These opening will more than likely be filled by the new council members unless current council members decide to volunteer.

AMY NEEL

SUB-COMMITTEES

Amy reviewed the current sub-committee list:

Academic Integrity

Chair – Marie Lobo

AD Representative – Henry Villegas

Faculty Representative – Janet Poole

Faculty Representative – Todd Seidler

Faculty Representative – (*open*)

Faculty Representative – (*open*)

Student Representative – Nick Schlereth

Governance, Compliance & Fiscal Integrity Committee –

Chair – Jackie Hood

AD Representative – Dawn Martinez

Faculty Representative – Karl Hinterbichler

Faculty Representative – Gig Brummell

Faculty Representative – (*open*)

Faculty Representative – (*open*)

Student Representative – (*open*)

Equity, Welfare & Sportsmanship –

Chair – (*open*)

AD Representative – Janice Ruggiero

Faculty Representative – Tim Goldsmith

Faculty Representative – (*open*)

Faculty Representative – (*open*)

Student Representative – Aasha Marler

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Also, two student representatives for the Athletic Council still need to be appointed. The council would also like a representative from ASUNM on the council, too.

PAUL KREBS
ATHLETICS REPORT

Paul stated that he did not have much to report on, but the topics he referred to were:

- An issue has developed regarding New Mexico State University. They notified UNM's women's soccer coach that they want to play soccer on their football field but the dimensions are too small according to NCAA rules. They have already promoted this event and UNM has told State that UNM will not play soccer on their football field since the smaller field size could affect the outcome of the game. The game has now been moved to State's regular soccer field;
- Paul is organizing an informed meeting with UNM's student athletes to take place on September 15, 2015;
- Men's soccer is playing this week at UCLA, women's soccer has already had two games this season, the first football game is September 5, 2015, and cross country has a meet Labor Day weekend;
- Paul made reference to the recent issue at Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) involving a missed background check. He stated that UNM is very vigilant in regards to background checks for all coaches;
- Gig Brummell asked for an update on the full cost of attendance. Paul stated that it is being phased in this year and that most head count sports have full cost of attendance and by next year all UNM sports will have full cost of attendance. But he said the real issue of all equivalency sports is do you give the individual athlete more money, or put more athletes on scholarship? He believes that the NCAA will soon limit the number of athletes who can be on full scholarships. The issue is to get more money for the current athletes and not just get more athletes on scholarships. The Financial Aid Office, at every university, calculates the full cost of attendance for the students;
- Paul mentioned that he believes, in the coming years, due to costs and budgets, that many colleges

and universities will begin phasing out certain sports. But he said, here at UNM, as long as he is Athletic Director, no sports will be phased out;

- Nutrition. Paul stated that nutrition is a high priority for him and the student athletes. Athletics plans to take a temporary weight room and make it a permanent structure with a nutrition area. This should have a big impact on both the student athletes individually and all of the UNM teams.

AMY NEEL

FACULTY ATHLETECS REP. (FAR) REPORT

Amy reported that she is on a Mountain West FAR sub-committee looking into online courses. The Mountain West university presidents have asked that the FAR's research how online courses are being used in athletic departments as opposed to the student body as a whole. Her committee is developing a questionnaire and focus groups to determine how many athletes are taking online courses, what the courses are and, most importantly, are the exams being proctored? This is an ongoing project and Amy plans on reporting on the sub-committee's findings in a few months. She will also be meeting with the Division 1 FAR's in Dallas, Texas, this month. Topics to be covered at this meeting include cost of attendance, the legal activities of the NCAA, and the health and wellbeing of student athletes. Amy will share this information with the council when she returns from the Dallas meeting.

Amy Neel

Scheduling Future Meetings

Amy asked if the Wednesday, 3:00pm time slot works best for the council or should a Doodle Poll be sent out? The council appeared split on the Wednesday 3:00pm time, so Amy said she will work with Marie Lobo to set up a time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rita Chavez, Athletic Department, invited the Athletic Council to the Athletic Department's All Staff Meeting, which will be held Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 9:30am, in the Todium Building, by the football stadium, on the second floor.

ADJOURNED

3:55pm