

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2013**  
**Lobo Club Board Room**

**Members Present:** Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Janet Poole, Jeffery Noremberg, Michael Rocca, John Russell, Tim Cass, Karl Hinterbichler, Marie Lobo, Dan Barkley, Todd Seidler, Janice Ruggiero, Henry Villegas, Mike Thomas, Jeffrey Long, Aasha Marler, Rita Chavez and Dennis Dunn.

**Absent:** Breda Bova, Reyna Myers, Jackie Hood, Donna Cromer, Joyce Phillips, Dawn Martinez and David Olguin.

**Guest:** Mike Iuzzlino

**AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION**

**MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

**OPENING**

*(May 9, 2013 minutes were approved by email vote on June 5, 2013.)*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 3:30 p.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair

**SCHEDULING REQUEST**

Mike Iuzzlino, Director of Operations, Men's Basketball

Alfred Mathewson, Chair, opened the meeting by moving Men's basketball scheduling to the top of the agenda. This was done due to the fact that Coach Steve Alford, before he left UNM, scheduled a basketball game with Kansas, on the last Saturday of the fall semester exam period. Breda Bova, FAR According to NCAA requirements, is required to review the athletic schedule, and she recently discovered that this game will take place during final exam week, on December 16, 2013. A request should have been made to allow this game to take place during final exam week, but the request was not submitted. Coach Neal, who recently took over the basketball team, was not aware of this requirement. Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of how to remedy this situation while making sure the students take their final exams and still catch a flight in time to make the Kansas game.

## SCHEDULING REQUEST (Cont)

Mike Iuzzolino, Director of  
Operations, Men's Basketball

**Action:** Discuss with the student's professors the option of the student-athletes taking their finals at an earlier date or at a later time. This must be done as soon as possible. Since the athletic department is not allowed to contact the faculty, Breda Bova will contact them personally. Paul Krebs will meet with the Sport Coordinators, for men's and women's basketball, to inform them of this issue and to put solutions in place to make sure this does not happen again.

**Action:** Marie Lobo made A motion to allow the game to be played during exam week. Todd Seidler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
**Motion passed.**

## INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the council introduced themselves

## CHAIR'S REPORT, ALFRED MATHEWSON

Alfred referred to the May 9, 2013 meeting in which COIA was discussed. As instructed, Tim Ross sent materials out for comments, but no comments were received by Alfred, so no response was sent out.

Alfred reported that there is a newly written Charge in the UNM Faculty Handbook, and handed out copies of the old charge, since he did not have copies of the new charge. The new charge will not affect the way the Athletic Council functions.

FACILITIES TOUR,  
ALFRED MATHEWSON

A tour of the Athletic Facilities was announced, which would be similar to the tour given last year. A time and date for the tour will be announced later. This tour will give the Athletic Council an understanding of the UNM athletic program and the individual buildings used by the Athletic Department. It was suggested that the tours could be spread out over the year and take place an hour before a scheduled Athletic Council meeting, thereby insuring a more complete overview of the Athletics Department and its facilities.

**Action: Alfred will schedule the tours and inform the council of the dates once scheduled.**

ATHLETIC REPORT, PAUL KREBS

Paul announced that a Press Release was about to be released announcing a five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000) gift to the baseball program to name the locker room after Artie & Joan Hubbard, who presented UNM with the gift. This is pending approval by the UNM Naming Committee and the Board of Regents.

The Athletic Department is about to begin an intensive and unique research project with the Mind Institute, dealing with concussions. This would focus on men's and women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, along with soccer, football and diving. All of these student-athletes will be asked to participate in this study, which will involve a two hour imaging process for each student athlete. Student athletes will also be interviewed to discover if they have had a history of head injuries. This could end up being a lifelong research project. This project could grow into involving other universities and even the NFL.

**Action: It was suggested by Paul Krebs that members of the imaging research project address the Athletic Council to make everyone better informed about this project.**

ATHLETIC REPORT, PAUL KREBS  
(Cont)

A new trainer has been hired, since Dave Binder has retired. Bob Waller, who was an

assistant trainer, a UNM graduate, and was a full-time trainer at the University of Wyoming, has been hired to fill this position.

The MW conference has created a digital network which will give UNM the ability to televise any athletic event of its choosing, in a number of different formats. This will be provided free of charge to whoever wants to view it.

**TEAM LIAISONS ASSIGNMENTS,**  
**ALFRED MATHEWSON**

A handout of last year's assignments was provided to the council and discussion followed regarding, which AC member would be appointed as liaison for a certain sport. It was suggested that council members remain as liaison for the team that they supported last year. **(List on file for review in Athletic Administration)**

The council is one faculty member short this year, due to Steve Bishop leaving. A replacement will be appointed.

**Action: Alfred will assign a council member to Volleyball. The liaison's need to have more contact with the teams through attending a practice, visiting with the team, and attending one of the all-staff meetings that is held the first Wednesday of the month). Rita will invite council members to the October meeting information to follow.**

**Action: Each liaison is to meet with each team's Academic Advisor.**

**LIAISON UPDATE: FOOTBALL**  
**Marie Lobo**

Alfred and Marie talked this summer in regards to how difficult it is to meet with football once the season has started, so Marie met with football before the season started and it was a good meeting.

**LIAISON UPDATE: FOOTBALL**  
**Marie Lobo(Cont.)**

all football students are doing well academically. Last year was very good in terms of GPA's and APR's. Several players have completed their undergraduate course

work and one is now working on second degrees and eight are working on a Master's program. All Captains on the football team have now graduated.

**OTHER BUSINESS: PAUL KREBS**

UNM has a prestigious appointment to the NCAA SAAC Committee, which is Kendall Spencer, who is a member of UNM's track team. A meeting will be set up for Kendall to meet with President Frank to make sure he and Kendall are better informed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, October 17, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

4:40PM

**The minutes were approved at the October 17, 2013 meeting.**