

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Marie Lobo, Paul Krebs, Breda Bova, Daniel Barkley, Gig Brummell, Mark Emmons, Daniel Barkley, Alfred Mathewson, Stephen Bishop, Todd Seidler, Karl Hinterbichler, Henry Villegas, Dawn Martinez, Janice Ruggiero and Rita Chavez

Absent: David Olguin, Thomas Long, Zac Anaya, Chad Clark, Janet Poole, Jackie Hood and Mike Rocca

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 12:33 p.m. by Marie Lobo, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gig Brummel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Daniel Barkley 2nd the motion. None opposed. Motion carried as presented.

CHAIR ELECTION

- After much discussion, it was decided that The council should elect a chair for the 2012–2014 years due to changes in the Faculty Senate committees and the meetings that will be held during the summer. The Council decided that an electronic vote should be completed and Rita Chavez will facilitate the vote. Marie Lobo will get the description of new responsibilities for the Chair and include it with the call for potential Chairs for 2012–14.

STUDENT-ATHLETE EXIT INTERVIEWS

The Athletic Council discussed the senior exit interviews in great detail. A few things that were brought up for discussion were:

- When the athletic department receives the information from the Chair of the Council it is discussed with the Vice-President of Athletics in great detail. The athletic department looks for trends in the interviews that keep coming up.
- The athletic department does not over react to claims that are brought up with the students. The department will analyze and assess the information first and then decide on the solutions.

STUDENT-ATHLETE EXIT INTERVIEWS(Cont.)

- Some of the things that were brought up that warrants talking about:
 - The Student-athletes (SA) did not know who their team liaisons were and some said they had not met them.
 - Some of the Olympic sports in Johnson Center felt that were not getting the best treatment when it comes to the trainers.
 - The trainers at Johnson Center are not employed by the athletic department they are employed through the College of Education. The athletic department is revising their MOU with the department.
 - There were also some issues with insurance claims from the SA. The insurance piece can be complicated to the SA.
 - The SA has to have personal insurance and it is the primary insurance and the university clinic insurance is secondary. Walk-on's and international SA's must provide their own insurance.
- A suggestion was made to look at the senior exit interviews with regard to teams.

Address by Faculty Rep Breda Bova

- Breda thanked the academic Advisement office for the great student-athlete Academic Scholar Banquet that was held on Monday, April 23rd in the Sub. It was a great event!
- Breda attended the Mountain West Joint Council meeting April, 30th thru May, 3rd in Phoenix, AZ. There was not much new legislation, but there was quite a bit of buzz about the new conference as things are still up in the air.
- There is a new Division 1FAR scholarship that will be given. The FAR will begin to nominate students. There are certain criteria that have to be complied with such as, a 3.8 or higher GPA and the student-athlete would have had to have competed in a certain % of their sport.

Vice-President for Athletics

Paul Krebs

- There is quite a bit of action with the Mountain West Conference realignment. We know who is in the conference for 2013 and somewhat sure for 2014.
- The Mountain President's will be meeting with the Athletic Director's in June to talk about the realignment.
- Tracy Ljone, Head Swimming coach has resigned effective May 31, 2012. Kurt Esser the sport coordinator for Swimming and Diving will be heading the search for a new head coach. The interim coach will be Crystal Forbes, current Assistant Coach.
- Roy Canada, Women's head tennis coach has resigned effective June 30, 2012. Tim Cass, Sport Coordinator for women's tennis will be heading the search for a new head coach. The interim coach will be Michelle Heidbrink.
- Both the men's and women's golf team have qualified for the NCAA regionals.
- Effective May 31, 2012 the Mountain television station will no longer exist. Athletics is looking into other local markets to televise the games.
- There was a women's golf player who stated she was not going to attend the NCAA Mountain West regional's because it is on the same day as UNM's graduation and she wanted to attend the graduation. This caused some issues mainly because the team had an injured player and it would be very tight playing with two less players. The player was given several options to think through regarding playing in the tournament and attending graduation. The situation was resolved when the injured player was released to play in the tournament. *A suggestion was made to have an athletics only convocation or an alternative graduation.*

Team Liaison Report

- No Report

Sub-committee Report

- No Report

Chair Report, Marie Lobo

- Marie requested that all sub-committee chairs turn into her their briefing of this year's activity so that she can include it in the annual report for the athletic council. Please report to Marie by Friday, May 18th.

Other Business

- The student-athlete survey has been completed and the information compiled. There was a 36% response rate as compared to 26% last year. The athletic council reviewed and discussed the survey. The council feels that a hazing question should be added to next year's survey. There was some significance to question #23 where a professor bad mouthed student-athletes. When a student gives the professor his/her schedule for missing class it has the academic advisor's number on it and the team liaison phone number should be included as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 pm.