

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 30, 2018
Administration Conference Room
South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Minutes

Council Members: Mike Rocca, Jackie Hood, Lindsay Smart, Gig Brummell, Mark Lasota, Eddie Nunez, Raj Mahto, Todd Seidler, Monica Cyrino, Paulita Aguilar, Pachely Mendivil-Aguayo

Absent: Ann Gibson, Amy Neel, Janet Poole, Matthew Borrego, Karl Hinterbichlerb, Brayden Merritt, Rachel Montoya, Janice Ruggiero, Ryan Swanson,

Athletic Dept. Staff: Antonette Martinez, Eric Schulz, Chris Baca

Minutes & Guests: Amy Cordoba, Rick Holmes and Kenedi Hubbard, University Secretary's Office

1. Opening and Call to OrderMike Rocca

Mike opened the meeting at 1:05 pm.

- **Quorum was met.**

2. Approval of Agenda.....Mike Rocca

- The Agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the November 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes.....Mike Rocca

- The minutes were approved.

4. Athletic Chair's Report..... Mike Rocca

- Mike began the meeting by introducing the council's new student members Pachely Mendivil-Aguayo, Brayden Merritt, Rachel Montoya.
- New council members then introduced themselves to the council. Mike stated that he plans to personally meet with each new member in the near future.
- Mike announced that he, and Amy Cordoba, will be sending out a survey to the council members asking for the top three items they would like to see discussed next spring semester. This survey will be confidential.
- Mike will be meeting with the Welfare Subcommittee, in early January, to discuss finalizing the student-athlete exit interviews. In January he will present the council with a draft of his ideas for the exit interviews.

5. Athletic Director's Report..... Eddie Nuñez

- Eddie opened his portion of the meeting by reporting on preparations being made for the upcoming spring semester sports season. He also reported that at this time of the year, with final exams upon us, athletics is totally focused on academics.
- He stated that men's and women's basketball are up and running and the Athletics coaches are actively involved in recruitment.

- He announced that Coach Bob Davies will remain head coach of the football team and that issues facing the football team are being addressed.
- UNM Strategic Plan: Eddie was asked about Athletics and UNM's Strategic Plan for the future and he said Athletics is working on the issue but will be hitting it hard next year. The goal is to have a strategic plan for Athletics in place by 2020. The Strategic Plan for Athletics can be seen at <https://golobos.com/documents/2015/7/14/AD%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf>
- Eddie then introduced Eric Schulz, who handles compliance for the Athletic Department, and Chris Baca, who oversees academic services for Athletics.
- Eric explained how he works with the coaches, and student-athletes, to make sure they are in compliance with all the rules and regulations associated with the Athletics Department and the NCAA. Eric also works with student-athlete transfers and withdrawals.
- Chris Baca introduced herself to the council and explained that she received her bachelors and master's degrees from UNM and currently teaches Educational Psychology classes at UNM. She currently oversees a staff of six advisors who work with the student-athletes to ensure they are maintaining their grades and working toward graduation. This includes required study halls, tutoring and meeting with advisors. She invited everyone to attend the Athletic Department's graduation ceremony at the Pit on the afternoon of December 14, 2018.
- Mike invited Eric and Chris to return to the council in January 2019 to continue the discussion.

6. FAR Report.....Amy Neel

- Amy was out of town for today's meeting and will give her report at the January 2019 meeting.

7. Athletic Council Charge.....Mike Rocca

- Mike began this portion of the meeting by explaining that changing the Athletic Council's charge has been a work in progress that has gone on for years. He presented the council with handouts of suggestions for changes to the charge going back two years from a task force that was formed. He also handed out copies of the old charge along with a copy of the proposed charge.
- University Secretary, Kenedi Hubbard, explained the process of changing the charge. First, the changes are approved by the Athletic Council; next, the changes are sent to the Faculty Senate Policy Committee for review and questions; it is then taken to the Faculty Senate Operations Committee; from there it goes out for a 30-day comment period from all the faculty, and others; finally, the revised charge is presented to the full Faculty Senate for approval.
- The first discussion was in regard to the proposed charge. Mike stated that they will most likely be working on this for the next two months and that the results of the new charge would affect the Athletic Council for the next decade. He emphasized that if more time is needed to work on the new charge, that is fine.

- Mike then worked his way through the various changes to the charge and encouraged discussion from the council.
- Changes discussed:
 - The mission statement in the first paragraph.
 - Emphasizing high scholastics.
 - Fiscal integrity, in addition to institutional and personal conduct.
 - Item ‘E’ – brand new language replacing “gender equity”.
 - “maintain the concept of the inter-collegiate athlete as an amateur competitor a bonafide student perusing a degree program.” This statement needs clarification and it was mentioned that the term “amateur competitor” is facing litigation in the courts.
 - ‘A’ – Duties of the Athletic Council and the chair’s report to President and Faculty Senate.
 - Calendar year changed to end of each academic year.
 - Council priorities and initiatives to report on.
 - New language for exit interviews.
 - “eligibility of student athletes...” FAR report.
 - ‘B’ – Remains the same.
 - ‘C’ – Remains the same.
 - ‘D’ – First sentence remains the same. Second sentence needs clarification.
 - ‘E’ – (actually ‘H’) Added reference to transfer students.
 - ‘F’ – (actually ‘J’) Consult with the FAR. Work on the language/clarify “consult”.
 - ‘G’ – (actually ‘E’) Mike does not believe the council has ever addressed ‘E’. Discussion on what FAR actually is.
 - Mike warned about making changes to the charge that might undercut the council years from now.
 - ‘H’ – (actually ‘L’) Refers to Faculty Senate President. Eddie expressed an objection to this clause. Discussion followed.
 - ‘I’ – Exit Interviews. It was suggested that exit interviews take place at the end of each semester. Some student-athletes graduate in the fall.
 - Three lines were removed and will be discussed at the January 2019 meeting.
- Mike ended the discussion on the charge by urging the council members to read over the proposed changes, suggest changes and/or additions, and the topic will be addressed again in the January 2019 meeting. Mike will put any changes/additions in a document to be presented at the January 2019 meeting.
- **Other Business:**
 - **Liaison Assignments & Reports:**
 - Mike asked that anyone who has not been assigned a liaison duty to meet with him after today’s meeting.
 - Tom reported on his visit with Men’s Basketball last month. It was a very positive meeting.
 - Gig also had a positive meeting with the Women’s Basketball team and coach.

- Mike reported on meeting with the Assistant Coach of the Women's Tennis Team and plans on meeting with the entire team in the near future.
- **Subcommittee Assignments & Reports:**
 - Subcommittees that need work are Academic Integrity and Equity Welfare Sportsmanship.

8. Date of Next Meeting

TDB. Amy will send out a Doodle Poll.

9. Adjourn

2:31 pm.