

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 23, 2015  
Lobo Club Board Room  
9:00am

**Members Present:** Paul Krebs, Amy Neel, Tim Goldsmith, Todd Seidler, Marie Lobo, Nick Schlereth, Janice Ruggiero, Karl Hinterbichler, Ryan Swanson, Michael Rocca, Henry Villegas, Dawn Martinez, Janet Poole and Yannick Roggatz, Undergrad/SAAC Rep.

**Absent:** Jeffrey Long, Mike Thomas, Jessica Marshall, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Gig Brummell, Aasha Marler, And Jackie Hood.

**Guests:** Craig Neal, Head Men' s Basketball Coach.

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

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

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OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 9:00am by Marie Lobo, who as temporary chair until a new chair is elected.

PAUL KREBS  
ATHLETICS REPORT

There was a NCAA violation at Rutgers University, involving comments a football coach made to a faculty member regarding a student-athletes grade. Paul has sent a report on this issue to Amy Neel and Henry Villegas, and has asked Henry to have a discussion with UNM' s academic advisors about this issue. A notice has also been sent out to UNM' s head coaches regarding the restrictions on communication between the coaching staff and the faculty. He said that an event like this is a good time for UNM to review its policies.

Paul and Amy were at the NCAA Division 1 Athletic Directors meeting where the topic of betting on Fantasy football leagues. Is it okay for student-athletes to bet on these games? The two major fantasy league companies have spent five billion dollars in advertising this year alone. Issues that were raised regarding these fantasy leagues are:

- The federal government does not consider this gambling, but rather a game of skill;
- According to the NCAA, though, it is considered sports wagering and has very severe penalties. First time offence is a year' s suspension. Second offence is removal from collegiate sports;

- The target group for these fantasy leagues is the 18 – 25 year old male market and the worry is that a lot of student-athletes are participating in these fantasy leagues.
- Athletic Directors from around the country are concerned not so much from student-athletes participating in the professional fantasy leagues, but participating in the college level fantasy leagues which may affect the outcome of college games. This is a concern at the college level;
- The NCAA council meets next week and Paul is a representative on the council. The NCAA will be looking at the sanctions that are involved in student-athlete participation in fantasy leagues. This is a national concern and the Albuquerque Journal has already contacted Paul for comment on the issue;
- Paul mentioned that ESPN has been talking quite a bit more about the fantasy leagues on their broadcasts.

#### CRAIG NEAL

#### HEAD COACH UNM MEN' S BASKETBALL

Marie Lobo introduced UNM head basketball coach Craig Neal. Coach Neal was invited to attend the meeting to share a variety of topics with the Council.

- When Coach Neal arrived at UNM in 2007 the APR for men' s basketball was 835, Last year' s APR was 985; and last year the basketball team set a record for a 3.0 GPA.
- Coach Neal pointed out that when he arrived at UNM in 2007 it had been 10-years since an African American basketball player graduated. Since then, all African American basketball players on the team have graduated;
- Attaining graduation is strongly stressed in all recruitment for UNM student-athlets;
- Over the last two years the men' s basketball team has lost a number of vital players; but there are a number of younger players who are ready to step up to the game this season; the schedule for this coming season looks very good and includes Northern Iowa, Perdue, Hawaii and Oklahoma; later in the season they will play two games for ESPN in Brooklyn, NY; Coach Neal mentioned that there are four things he, and his coaches, do for their student-athletes: challenge them academically, challenge them socially, challenge them athletically, and then challenge them spiritually to help them grow as men.

- Coach Neal explained the recruiting process that he, and his coaches, utilizes. Meeting with the parents, touring the campus, and explaining in detail the emphasis on academics that must be followed or else they may be dropped from the team;
- Amy Neel asked if Coach Neal anticipates any problems with Cost of Attendance. He replied that he did not foresee any problems, though he admits some schools are now using Cost of Attendance as a recruiting tool. The key is in educating the prospective student-athlete and their families to explain what the money means and how it is used. It was also pointed out that Cost of Attendance is the same whether the student is in-state or out-of-state, and international students are not eligible.

#### MEETING MINUTES:

Marie asked for a motion to approve the 8-26-15 meeting minutes. Mike Rocca made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Todd Seidler. All members present approved and there were no abstentions.

#### MARIE LOBO

#### ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR

Marie stated that since a chair was not elected at the last council meeting she agreed to call this meeting and facilitate. Marie explained the duties of the chair and asked for any nominations or self-nominations. New athletic Council member, Finnie Coleman, of the English Department, offered his name in consideration for the chair position. All council members approved.

. Introductions were made. One new member was seated at the table, Yannick Roggatz, Undergraduate SAAC representative.

#### MARIE LOBO

#### TEAM LIAISONS

Marie explained the role of the sport liaison. Marie reviewed the teams that need liaisons and then asked for volunteers. The team liaisons are as follows:

Baseball and Women's Softball – Karl Hinterbichler  
 Football – Marie Lobo (till December when Finnie will take over for Marie.)

Men's Basketball – Todd Seidler

Men's Golf – Nick Schlereth

Men's Soccer – Tim Goldsmith

Volleyball – Tim Goldsmith

Women's Basketball – Gig Brummell

Women's Golf – Nick Schlereth

Women's Soccer – Janet Poole  
Men's Tennis–Michael Rocca  
Skiing–Finnie Coleman  
Swimming & Diving–Todd Seidler  
Track & Cross Country–Ryan Swanson  
Women's Tennis–Mike Rocca  
SAAC Representative – Aasha Marler

Marie then reviewed the duties of a liaison and what will be expected of them during the season. Issues that may arise are student-athletes who are having a problem with a faculty member or problems with a coach. Liaisons will be given a handout explaining their duties and responsibilities. Certain members of the council have already met with their teams and enjoyed the experience.

## MARIE LOBO

### COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

Marie reviewed the current sub-committee list and filled the openings:

#### **Academic Integrity**

Chair – Marie Lobo  
AD Representative – Henry Villegas  
Faculty Representative – Janet Poole  
Faculty Representative – Todd Seidler  
Faculty Representative – Ryan Swanson  
Student Representative – Nick Schlereth

#### **Governance, Compliance & Fiscal Integrity Committee –**

Chair – Jackie Hood  
AD Representative – Dawn Martinez  
Faculty Representative – Karl Hinterbichler  
Faculty Representative – Gig Brummell  
Student Representative – Yannick Roggatz

#### **Equity, Welfare & Sportsmanship –**

Chair – Mike Rocca  
AD Representative – Janice Ruggiero  
Faculty Representative – Tim Goldsmith  
Faculty Representative – Finnie Coleman  
Student Representative – Aasha Marler

The Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) will meet to discuss the policy on coaches speaking to faculty members. Marie Lobo will schedule a meeting with the AIC Sub-committee.

AMY NEEL

FACULTY ATHLETECS REP. (FAR) REPORT

Amy reported on her attendance at the Division 1A Conference in Dallas, Texas.

- Amy attended sessions on the Cost of Attendance, Eating Disorders, Practice Time Rules, Impending Legislation at the NCAA, and Academic Misconduct. There was also a media panel with reporters from the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. She also heard a presentation from the Chief Medical Officer of the NCAA, Brian Haymine and the Athletic Director from Northwestern, Jim Phillips, also spoke at the conference. He is the NCAA Division Council Chair.

Amy reported that the formula used to determine Cost of Attendance is figured by the Financial Aide Office.: A student's need equals what it is going to cost to attend school minus their expected family contribution. This is specified by the US federal government through the Federal Higher Education Act, Section 472, which specifies the items that can be contained in Cost of Attendance. These include: Tuition & Fees, Room & Board, Books & Supplies, Travel to & from Campus, and Personal Expenses. Each institution develops its own Cost of Attendance For UNM, the average is \$2,700. These figures are determined by the Financial Aid office. Things the institutions will look at in calculating these figures are: Laundry, clothing, cleaning expenses, hygiene, grooming, and reasonable recreation. Added to this can be the costs of: Out of state students vs. in state students, full time vs. part time, students who live on campus vs. students who live with their parents. UNM only provides travel expenses for in-state travel. And, rather than issue a Cost of Attendance payment in one lump sum to a student, UNM issues monthly payments through the Bursars Office.

MARIE LOBO

FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates for future meetings will be set by Chair Finnie Coleman. A Doodle Poll will be sent out to council members and after finding the best date Rita will send a notice to all Athletic Council members via email.

The second Wednesday of each month is the Athletic Departments All Staff meeting. The next meeting will be Wednesday October 14, 2015, 9:30am, in the football classroom, on the second floor of the Tow Diehm Building. Rita pointed out that this is a good meeting for team liaisons to attend in order to meet their team's coach's

## OTHER BUSINESS

Henry Villegas announced that on Monday, September 28, 2015, at 7:00pm, the Lobo Leadership Institute will be meeting. This is a program for juniors and seniors who are preparing for life after UNM and where successful UNM graduates will speak at the meeting. This month's speaker will be Marcus Goodloe, a former Lobo football player, who is a successful preacher and author from California. A reception for Marcus will be held in the McDavid Lounge, at Wise Pies Arena aka "The Pit", from 5:00pm – 6:30pm, just prior to his presentation to the student-athletes.

Henry also reported that the graduation rates for UNM athletics is about to be released and the graduation rate for athletics is now 66%, which is the highest it has ever been. The previous record was 61%. Henry will report in greater detail at the next council meeting.

Chair, Finnie Coleman would like to see a place where the Athletic Council can find all the meeting information and documentation. Dennis Dunn is going to check to see if the athletic council can post their documents to the athletic council page on the Faculty Senate Committee page.

ADJOURNED

10:35am