

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 31, 2017
Administration Conference Room
South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Minutes

Council Members: Finnie Coleman, Mike Rocca, Ryan Swanson, Jackie Hood, Karl Hinterbichler, Todd Seidler, Ann Gibson and Amy Neel.

Absent: Jeffrey Long, and Mike Thomas.

Excused: Janet Poole, Gig Brummell.

Athletic Dept. Staff: Janice Ruggiero, Les Myers, Eric Schultz and Rita Chavez.

Minutes: Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office

- 1. Opening and Call to OrderFinnie Coleman**
Finnie opened the meeting at 3:30 pm. Finnie announced that after the meeting he would like to meet with faculty members *only*.
Quorum was met.
- 2. Approval of April 27, 2017 Minutes.....Finnie Coleman**
The April 27, 2017 minutes will be emailed to council members for approval via email.
- 3. Interim Vice President for Athletics Report.....Janice Ruggiero**

 - Janice announced that a new UNM Athletic Director had been chosen just 30 minutes before the start of today's meeting. The new Athletic Director is Eddie Nuñez, formerly of Louisiana State University. A discussion followed regarding the process of searching for a new Athletic Director. This discussion was continued later in the meeting, with Mike Rocca leading the discussion. Mike stated that all candidates were excellent and the committee interviewed the final three candidates. Mike also stated that the Name Search Firm UNM hired to find a new Athletic Director did an excellent job and was well worth the money spent to hire the company. Karl suggested that the Daily Lobo write an article describing the process of selecting a new Athletic Director.
 - The Audit. The search for documentation was completed on August 18, 2017. Janice and Chris Vallejos will meet with the auditors tomorrow for two hours. The state audit will be released in the middle of the fall. The internal audit will be released at a date yet to be announced.
 - Now that an Athletic Director has been hired the search will begin for a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Athletics.
- 4. Membership.....Finnie Coleman**

- At this time, the only new member is Mark Lasota, Graduate Student.
- Two expired members have requested to remain on the council: Jackie Hood and Ann Gibson. Their names will be submitted to Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle for approval.
- Two members have resigned: Dirk Gibson and Nick Schlereth.
- ACTION: Current members are encouraged to suggest the names of individuals who might be interested in joining the Athletic Council. All faculty selections will need Pamela Pyle's approval.

5. Annual Report.....Finnie Coleman

- Finnie reported that he met with Pamela Pyle at the end of the spring semester. For the Annual Report, it is the council's duty to select a time to release it each year though it should be after the spring exit interviews. The council can also decide how the report will look.
- Last spring Finnie presented to the entire Faculty Senate on the Athletic Council, and that presentation qualified as last year's Annual Report. Next spring a formal report will be issued by the council.

6. Sub-Committee Assignments.....Finnie Coleman

- The sub-committees of the Athletic Council, the Chairs, and members, will remain the same. The only change will be the Student Representative, who will be Mark Lasota. Les Myers will contact additional Student-Athletes to see if they would be interested in serving on a subcommittee.
- The Athletic Council sub-committees are:
 - Academic Integrity
 - Governance, Compliance & Fiscal Integrity
 - Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship

7. FAR Report.....Amy Neel

- Student-Athletes are in the process of being certified and the process is almost complete.
- There was an appeal hearing for a student-athlete who is on the Volleyball team and wanted to contact other school's Volleyball teams.
- A committee will need to be formed to oversee new NCAA rules and UNM's Academic Misconduct rules.
- Amy is meeting with the English Department to discuss student-athletes missing classes. She has already met with the Chemistry and Math Departments on this subject.

8. Team Liaison Report.....Finnie Coleman

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Baseball	
Football	
Men's Basketball	Todd Seidler
Men's Golf	
Man's Soccer	
Men's Tennis	Mike Rocca
Skiing	

Softball	Karl Hinterblicher
Swimming & Diving	
Track & Cross Country	Ryan Swanson
Volleyball	Ann Gibson
Women's Basketball	Gig Brummel
Women's Golf	Jackie Hood
Women's Soccer	Janet Poole
Women's Tennis	Mike Rocca

- Liaison vacancies will be filled as new members of the Council are appointed.
- Skiing is back, but on a two-year trial basis. This year has already been funded by an outside source but future years will be watched closely to make sure Skiing makes its funding deadlines.

9. Date of Next Meeting

September 28, 2017. 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

The council members agreed on the meeting time of 3:30pm – 4:30pm for the remainder of the semester. The next three meeting dates are:

September 28, 2017

October 26, 2017

November 30, 2017

- Rita Chavez will help Finnie coordinate securing coaches to speak at future meetings.

10. Adjourn

4:15 pm.

(Athletic Council went into Executive Session)