

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2017
Administration Conference Room
South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Minutes

Council Members: Finnie Coleman, Mike Rocca, Gig Brummell, Karl Hinterbichler, Ann Gibson and Amy Neel.

Absent: Todd Seidler.

Excused: Janet Poole, Ryan Swanson and Jackie Hood.

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

Minutes: Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office.

Quorum was met.

- 1. Opening and Call to OrderFinnie Coleman**
Finnie opened the meeting at 3:30 pm.
Finnie then introduced UNM's new Athletic Director, Eddie Nuñez, and introductions were made around the table from the council members present.
Approval of meeting minutes will take place after the Athletic Director's Report.

- 2. Athletic Director's Report..... Eddie Nuñez**
UNM's new Athletic Director, Eddie Nuñez, introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his background and ideas for the future. Points covered:
 - He is currently meeting with the Athletic Staff and Coaches and learning as much as he can about UNM and the issues it is facing.
 - He is aware of the issues facing athletics and will deal with them as they arise. He admits to a philosophy of looking toward the future as opposed to dwelling in the past. Overall, he sees a lot of positives within UNM Athletics.
 - Eddie, and the council, recognized Janice Ruggiero for the excellent job she did as Interim Athletic Director.
 - Eddie gave an update on the NCAA scandal that is developing around the country and said that at this point UNM is not involved and no one has reached out to UNM. He cautioned that the NCAA investigation is only at the tip of the iceberg.
 - He is hoping to promote improved relations with the Albuquerque community, and even to expand tailgating at UNM football games.

- 3. Approval of August 31, 2017 Minutes.....Finnie Coleman**

The August 31, 2017 minutes require a few changes. Dennis Dunn will make the changes, resend the minutes to the council members and the minutes will be approved at the October 26, 2017 meeting.

4. New Member Introductions.....Finnie Coleman

New member Mark Lasota, Graduate Student, was introduced to the council. Les Myers, Athletics, is working on filling the three vacant Undergraduate positions on the council. Faculty President Pamela Pyle is working on filling the four vacant faculty positions.

5. Spring Exit Interviews.....Finnie Coleman

- Finnie and Janice Ruggiero will meet with new Athletic Director, Eddie Nuñez, and give him the same Exit Interview presentation that they gave retired Athletic Director, Paul Krebs, last spring.
- The local Albuquerque press has been approaching Finnie for information on last spring's exit interviews. He has told them that the Athletic Council does not talk about the exit interviews in a public forum in order to protect the student-athlete's identities.
- Amy Neel reminded the council that any UNM employee's emails, drafts, notes, documents, etc., can be inspected by the public through an Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) request.
- Mike Rocca suggested that the council work with Career Services to aid student-athletes with career choices and finding their direction in life. Eddie added that he recently spoke at a Chamber of Commerce meeting and urged the members to look to UNM graduates for an excellent pool of perspective employees.
- Finnie summed up this portion of the meeting by suggesting the council:
 - 1) Set aside a future meeting to discuss the exit interview process;
 - 2) Report to the new Athletic Director on past exit interviews.

6. Athletic Council Charge.....Finnie Coleman

- Finnie suggested that a sub-committee be formed, within the Athletic Council, to examine the council's charge and then report back to the full council for further discussion.
- Finnie stated that there are items in the charge that the council doesn't need to do, and that there are things the council should do but are not listed in the charge.
- In order to change the Athletic Council Charge the UNM Faculty Senate must be involved and approve.
- Mike Rocca suggested that each of the three Athletic Council subcommittees look at the charge from the perspective of their particular subcommittee and report back on their findings.
- ACTION: Finnie will send out an email to the chairs of each of the Athletic Subcommittees explaining this idea and asking for feedback.

7. FAR Report.....Amy Neel

- Amy reported that she recently returned from a meeting in Washington D.C. of all the Region One football FAR's. Topics covered included Sports Law, Title IX, Concussions, and a speech by the president of the NCAA.

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

- Football – Finnie reported that he has not yet had a chance to meet with the football team. He has a call into the team to set up a meeting time.
- Volleyball – Ann Gibson has not yet met with the team but is reaching out to them for a meeting time.
- Women's Basketball – Gig Brummell reported he has not met with the team but has met with their head coach, Mike Bradbury. Gig explained to Coach Bradbury the purpose of the Athletic Council.
- Tennis – Mike Roca has met with the four tennis coaches.
- ACTION: Finnie will send out an email to council members who were absent today to verify what teams they liaison for and what teams they would be interested in being the liaison.

9. Sub-Committees.....Finnie Coleman

- No sub-committee reports.

10. Other Business.....Finnie Coleman

- Finnie has sent an email to Heather Cowan, Title IX, to see if she can attend the next Athletic Council meeting.
- Meeting Times:
ACTION: Dennis Dunn will send out a Doodle Poll to the council members to see if there is a better time for everyone to meet.
- Finnie will reach out to Men's Basketball Coach, Paul Weir, to request he speak at the next Athletic Council meeting.
- Board of Regents. The University Secretary's Office will reach out to the Board of Regents to request a Regent to attend an Athletic Council meeting. Due to the Regent's schedule the Athletic Council may need to meet at a time convenient to the Regent's schedule as opposed to the standard meeting schedule.

11. Date of Next Meeting

October 26, 2017. 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

(Subject to Change)

12. Adjourn

4:30 pm.