

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 22, 2018
Administration Conference Room
South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Minutes

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

Absent:

Excused: Janet Poole, Karl Hinterbichler.

Athletic Dept. Staff: Eddie Nuñez and Janice Ruggiero.

Minutes: Amy Cordoba, University Secretary's Office.

Quorum was met.

1. Opening and Call to OrderFinnie Coleman

Finnie opened the meeting at 3:37 pm.

- Approval of the November 30, 2017 minutes.

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

- Eddie gave an over view of recent events in the Athletic Department:
 - Work is being done on the Athletic Department budget based on instructions from the Board of Regents. Working with, and researching, the budget is an ongoing challenge for Eddie, and the entire department.
 - The suspension of Coach Davies. The suspension is for 30 days and began on March 18, 2018. Coach Cosgrove is subsisting for Coach Davies, and is doing an excellent job.
 - Currently, a Title IX review is being done for the entire Athletic Department.
 - A total assessment is being done on the entire department, including sports, student-athletes and staff, analyzing everything that is both good, and bad, within the department.
 - There are a number of job openings within the department, including marketing, communications, academics and open positions from last year.
 - Preparation is under way for Mountain West meetings and upcoming tournaments.
 - Eddie then explained how the department is working with budget issues while still moving ahead with the hiring of new staff.
 - He stated that UNM currently has a total of 22 sports and, though the department is not currently planning on eliminating any of these sports, the possibility exists sometime in the future.
 - Raises of 2% - 3% may be coming to UNM, but Athletics is not slated to receive these raises. Athletics will give a .2% raise to its

employees. One of Eddie's primary challenges is figuring out how to retain staff.

- Eddie has signed up for two games with Texas A&M which will generate \$1.6 million to play there in 2022. UNM Athletics will receive \$250,000.
- Janice reported that Athletics' travel budget has not increased in 10 years. The cost of tuition differential is another issue of concern.
- The UNM Ski Team will remain in place for another year due to donations. Though the donations do not cover the entire expense of the ski team.

3. Chair's Report.....Finnie Coleman

- Finnie reported on his appearance before the Faculty Senate Operations Committee on February 13, 2018. Issues addressed:
 - Reviewing the Athletic Council's charge and what the council needs to achieve with the charge. Is the council an over sight organization or is it an advisory council that only advises the Athletic Director? The Faculty Senate leans toward the council being an over sight organization. Discussion on this issue followed.
 - ACTION: Finnie suggested putting together a working group made up of Athletic Council Sub Committee chairs to look at the charge and come up with suggestion on how to improve it, and present a draft proposal. Some items in the charge have existed since 1963.
 - Finnie pointed out that Section A, of the Athletic Council charge, states: *(a) to transmit to the President and Faculty Senate at the beginning of each calendar year a report to include information on athletic scholarships and financial aid given to athletes, current review of the graduation rates of student athletes, the eligibility of student athletes as indicated by the Faculty Representative to the NCAA, the Registrar's Office, and the Athletic Academic Advising Office, appropriate recommendations concerning the administration of athletic programs from the perspective of the academic performance of student athletes.* He stated that this is the Key Document that the council needs to produce each year. He feels that this document should be produced each year at the end of the Spring Semester. This report should also contain an Executive Summary, which it does not call for. The report would then have 11 bullet points: 1) Executive Summary; 2) Athletic Scholarships & Financial Aid Report; 3) Lost Scholarships and the Reasons Why; 4) Review of Student-Athlete Graduation Rates; 5) Eligibility Report; 6) Exit Interview Remediation Report; 7) Athletic Council Recommendations; 8) Gender Equity; 9) Issues the Athletic Council Addressed This Year; 10) Athletic Council Initiatives & Report; 11) Conclusion. Sub Committees can deliver each of the 11 pieces and the chairs be responsible for the Executive Summary and Conclusion. Discussion followed regarding the responsibilities of the Athletic Department vs. the Athletic Council.

- Can a student-athlete enter UNM with a GPA lower than 2.75?
Finnie explained that there are three ways to enter UNM: 1) Direct Admissions with a 2.5 GPA, made up of 16 units of the Core Curricula; 2) Formula Admission, which is based on the student's SAT and ACT scores; and, 3) A Special Committee, which will look at letters of recommendation, student essays and an overall evaluation of the student. These processes are for any student wanting to attend UNM and is not limited to student-athletes. NCAA regulations only require a 2.0 GPA for student-athletes. Terry Babbitt, Registrar's Office, is willing to come to an Athletic Council meeting and address these admission issues.

4. Exit Interview Format & Schedule.....Finnie Coleman

- Will be put on the next meeting's agenda.

5. Other Business.....Finnie Coleman

- Rita Chavez announced that she is leaving the Athletic Department and retiring July 31, 2018. She has accepted a position within the President's Office until her retirement date.

6. Date of Next Meeting

March 22, 2018. 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

- President Stokes is planning on attending this meeting.

7. Adjourn

4:45 pm.