

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 27, 2018
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 Hinterbichlerb, Matthew Borrego, Janet Poole, Lindsay Smart, Gig Brummell, Mark Lasota, Eddie Nunez, Janice Ruggiero

Absent: Paulita Aguilar, Monica Cyrino, Ann Gibson, Raj Mahto, Todd Seidler, Amy Neel

Athletic Dept. Staff:

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

- 1. Opening and Call to OrderFinnie Coleman**
Finnie opened the meeting at 3:30 pm. Introductions were then made around the table for the new members of the council. Finnie then thanked the three members present from the University Secretary's Office, for all the help their office has given him as he transitions from Athletic Council chair to, eventually, Faculty Senate President next year. This meeting will be the last one with Finnie as chair of the Athletic Council.
Quorum was met.
- 2. Athletic Chair's Report.....Finnie Coleman**

 - Work on the council's charge, that the council began over the summer, continues. Once a new chair has been elected Finnie will sit with the council, the new chair, Athletic Director Eddie Nuñez, and Amy Cordoba, from the University Secretary's Office, to review the changes suggested for the charge. These changes will then be passed on to the entire council for review and discussion.
 - Finnie then began a discussion on the process of nominating and electing a new chair and the complications of his being the Faculty Senate President Elect, and not being eligible to remain as Athletic Council chair. Mike Rocca nominated himself, but on the condition that Finnie remain chair for another year. Discussion followed. Following the discussion Finnie tabled the issue of how to elect the chair until the October meeting when more members will be present. He will also present this idea to the Operations Committee for approval.
 - **A Motion** was made to follow the process Finnie suggested and present this process to the Operations Committee for approval. The motion passed with no objections or abstentions.
 - The council meeting time, of 3:30pm – 4:30pm, was discussed since the day and time do not work for all council members. All of the responses received from the council members regarding changing the day and time the council meets were reviewed. Finnie then asked all council members

present, to write down the days and times they are available to meet. Discussion was halted to allow President Stokes and Athletic Director Eddie Nuñez speak.

3. UNM President's Report.....President Garnett S. Stokes

- President Stokes began her presentation by expressing her gratitude in being asked to return to speak to the Athletic Council and her appreciation of the work the council does for the university. She asked that the council members express any concerns they have regarding athletics to her through either Eddie or Finnie.
- President Stokes reported on the task force that has been assembled to present a more transparent look at the Athletics Department's finances and to analyze the role of athletics on the UNM campus.
- Finnie explained to President Stokes the desire of the faculty to become more involved in the budget process for athletics and how it has still not materialized. This would strengthen the council's involvement with the Athletic Department.
- President Stokes also reported on conversations she has had with the candidates for Governor, Michele Lujan Grisham and Steve Pearce.

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

- Eddie reported that he supports Finnie's idea and welcomes the faculty's input. He also reported on the progress Athletics New Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Rob Robinson is having working with Nicole Dopson, Budget Office, on the budget for Athletics.
- Eddie reported on the progress the Athletics Department is having moving forward with new directions for the department and the successes of the various teams. He explained some of the restructuring the department is doing to increase revenues and the ongoing Title IX trainings.
- Eddie is working on restructuring the Exit Interview process and will report to the council at a future meeting.
- Discussion with the council members followed on these topics and the possibility of bringing back sports that were canceled over the summer. President Stokes explained her involvement in these areas and the challenge of bringing back the canceled sports and the budgetary challenges this presents. Eddie explained that this process will take a number of years to achieve the desired results of creating a self-sustaining Athletics Department.
- Following the departure of President Stokes and Athletic Director Nuñez discussion of the issues raised took place.

5. Athletic Council Charge.....Committee

- Discussion continued from last year regarding the charge of the Athletic Council. Primarily the involvement of the council in budgetary decision for the Athletics Department and faculty involvement in the process.
- Finnie will talk to Eddie about the importance of getting members of the council onto the task force created to address the Athletic Department's budget.
- **Exit Interviews:** Finnie suggested that the Exit Interviews for graduating football players be held at the end of the football season as opposed to the

end of the semester. These interviews would be assembled with other Exit Interviews taken throughout the spring semester, unless issues raised need to be forwarded to the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO), as required. This information would be included in the Athletic Council's report due to President Stokes at the end of the spring semester. Finnie would like to have all Exit Interviews completed by April, when the students-athletes are still on campus. Discussion followed on the Athletic Department and the Athletic Council's involvement in the UNM budget process.

- Finnie suggested that at the next Athletic Council meeting that the council spend the entire meeting reviewing, and offering suggestions, for re-writing the charge.

6. Team Liaisons.....Finnie Coleman

- Team Liaison still need to be appointed. Finnie suggested that last year's liaisons remain with their teams and suggestions taken from new members on what teams they would like to liaison with. Last year's liaison list will be sent out to all council members. This issue will then be addressed after the election of a new chair.

7. FAR Report.....Amy Neel

- Amy Neel could not attend today's meeting, so Finnie reported for her:
 - Student-Athlete NCAA certification is complete.

8. Other Business.....Finnie Coleman

- Finnie is planning on making an appointment to meet with Eddie Nuñez. Items he wishes to discuss are:
 - Membership on the task force to make the finances of the Athletic Department more transparent.
 - The Exit Interview process.
 - The restructuring of the Athletic Council through re-writing of the council's charge and rebuilding the trust between the council and the Athletic Department.

9. Date of Next Meeting

TBD

10. Adjourn

4:57 pm.