

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 5, 2018**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.**  
**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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## **Minutes**

**Council Members:** Mike Rocca, Ryan Swanson, Jackie Hood, Karl Hinterbichlerb, Matthew Borrego, Lindsay Smart, Gig Brummell, Mark Lasota, Eddie Nunez, Janice Ruggiero, Raj Mahto, Todd Seidler

**Absent:** Paulita Aguilar, Monica Cyrino, Ann Gibson, Amy Neel, Janet Poole

**Athletic Dept. Staff:** Antonette Martinez

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

- 1. Opening and Call to Order .....Mike Rocca**  
Mike opened the meeting at 1:00 pm. Introductions were made around the conference table.  
**Quorum was met.**
- 2. Approval of Agenda.....Mike Rocca**
  - The Agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of the September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes.....Mike Rocca**
  - The minutes were approved.
- 4. Athletic Chair's Report..... Mike Rocca**
  - Mike began his first meeting as chair by expressing his gratitude for his election to this post and his enthusiasm and commitment to the Athletic Council. He also expressed his intention to meet with each member of the council individually and his appreciation of the student-athlete participation in the council.
  - Mike has recently been in contact with ASUNM, and they have elected two members to become part of the Athletic Council as voting members.
  - Mike would also like to get Academics more involved in the council the way it used to be in years past. Athletic Director, Eddie Nuñez, added that he has just hired Christine Baca, on a full-time basis, to oversee all Academics within the Athletic Department and that she will be attending council meetings.
  - Mike also stated that he would like to see the council move from a reactive position to more of a proactive stance when dealing with Athletic Department issues. He would also like to see a more proactive stance within the council's subcommittees and liaisons.
  - Mike urged the members to continue to communicate through emails but warned the new members to be aware that **all** emails sent the ListServe must be treated as public documents. He urged members to email him with any suggestions for upcoming meeting agendas.

- He stated that he wants the council members to feel comfortable approaching him with ideas and issues, and also approaching Athletic Director Eddie Nuñez, too. Mike only asked that the council members notify him first before conferring with Director Nuñez.
- **Exit Interviews:** Mike would like the council to nail down the Exit Interview process before the Spring Semester. He would like to put together an ad hoc committee to study the Exit Interview process and give suggestions on how to move forward. Director Nuñez stated that last spring Athletics brought in trainers for all the coaches and student-athletes to educate them in issues surrounding the Exit Interviews. These trainers are experts in college athletics nationwide and this process is continuing. Eddie went on to explain the processes being used by the trainers for all who are connected with UNM’s athletics.

**5. Athletic Director’s Report..... Eddie Nuñez**

- Eddie opened his portion of the meeting by congratulating Mike on becoming chair of the Athletic Council.
- He explained that the department is in the process of restructuring the Lobo Club and would like them to speak at an Athletic Council meeting.
- He would also like to make it clearer to the council how the Athletic Department operates and how its budget functions. He asked the council to think about items they would like more information on.
- Eddie announced that for the first time the cost of the Suites, at the Pit, has been collected 100%.
- Eddie announced that he is reinstating mental health and nutrition services within the Athletics Department.
- Eddie gave an update on how all the teams are doing, which is well, although he admits that football is a concern. He also gave an overview of how he, and the department, are dealing with the coming loss of certain sports and how they are working with the student-athletes affected. Discussion on the Athletic Department budget followed.

**6. Athletic Council Charge.....Mike Rocca**

- Mike reported that he is going to meet with Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle, before the next Athletic Council meeting, to discuss the charge of the Athletic Council. He invited members of the council to join him for his meeting with Pamela. Ryan Swanson and Todd Seidler volunteered to join Mike for his meeting with Pamela to discuss the charge.

**7. FAR Report.....Amy Neel**

- Amy Neel could not attend today’s meeting, but Mike read from a written report she submitted to the council: “Worked on a lot of NCAA waivers so that student-athletes can participate without having to sit a year in residence, can qualify for financial aid and practice, and for minor recruiting violations.”
- Amy will be joining the council for its next meeting and will be present on campus for the spring Athletic Council meetings.

**8. Other Business.....Mike Rocca**

- **Liaison Assignments & Reports:**
  - Mark Lasota has volunteered to replace former chair Finnie Coleman, as liaison to the football team.
  - In response to a question from a new council member Mike explained the responsibilities of a Team Liaison. Specifically, how the liaison person is the connection between the Athletic Council and the individual UNM teams. Attending games, practices, and meeting with coaches and team members.
- **Subcommittee Assignments & Reports:**
  - Discussion was held on whether, or not, a charge is required for each subcommittee. One-member thought charges were required in the past but were discontinued seven years ago. Mike would like to revisit this issue at a later date.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Friday, November 30, 2018, 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

**10. Adjourn**

**2:24 pm.**