

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 24, 2019**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.**  
**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

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## Minutes

**Council Members:** Mike Rocca, Jackie Hood, Lindsay Smart, Gig Brummell, Mark Lasota, Raj Mahto, Todd Seidler, Monica Cyrino, Ann Gibson, Amy Neel, Matthew Borrego, Karl Hinterbichlerb, Brayden Merritt, Rachel Montoya, Janice Ruggiero

**Absent:** Ryan Swanson, Paulita Aguilar, Pachely Mendivil-Aguayo, Eddie Nunez, Janet Poole

**Athletic Dept. Staff:** Antonette Martinez, Eric Schulz, Chris Baca

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

**1. Opening and Call to Order .....Mike Rocca**

Mike opened the meeting at 2:32 pm.

- **Quorum was met.**

**2. Approval of Agenda.....Mike Rocca**

- The Agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of the November 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes.....Mike Rocca**

- The minutes were approved, with one abstention.

**4. Athletic Chair's Report..... Mike Rocca**

- Mike began the meeting calling the council's attention to the meeting dates at the bottom of today's agenda. The next four meetings will be:
  - **February 28, 2019**
  - **March 28, 2019**
  - **April 25, 2019**
  - **May 23, 2019**

All meetings will be at the South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Building, **2:30pm – 4:00pm**. He asked that any members who cannot make the meetings to please contact him in advance.

- Mike reported on the responses he received from the email that was sent out to council members requesting topics for the council to discuss this spring. The topics suggested, that could become Action Items, include:
  - Student-Athlete's mental health.
  - The Athletic Department's budget.

Spring 2019 Action Items for the council to consider are:

- Clarify the roll of the council Liaisons. This will be brought up at the February 28, 2019 meeting.
- Finalize the council's charge.
- Establish metrics to monitor Student-Athlete compliance with academics. Council subcommittees are also working with this

issue and will hopefully report to the full council at the February meeting.

- Prepare a formal report for the Faculty Senate President and President Stokes.
- Finalize the Student-Athlete exit interview process. The Welfare Committee will also be looking at this process. Hopefully something will be ready for the February council meeting.
- Discussion followed on the issues of Student-Athlete mental health, and, the Athletic Department budget. It was suggested that a financial representative from the Athletic Department address the council at a meeting this spring. Mental health issues could be discussed at the March meeting.

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

- Eddie was out of state, at a convention, for this meeting and Janice Ruggiero presented for him. Issues covered:
  - Eddie is gathering materials for the current legislative session in Santa Fe.
  - A new volleyball coach, John Newman-Goncher, has been hired and will start on the first of February.
  - Eddie has also hired a new Deputy Director for External, Dave Williams.
  - Additional hires are also being considered, including a new financial officer.

**6. FAR Report.....Amy Neel**

- Amy began her report by introducing herself to the new council members and explaining her duties and that she is the faculty representative to the NCAA for UNM. She watches over student academics and wellbeing. She also works with the faculty concerning Student-Athlete's missing classes due to practice time and traveling to games.
- The university is currently revising its attendance policy and is talking to other NCAA universities on their attendance policies. It will soon be sent out for public comment. Mike would like the council to examine, and comment, on the public comment responses to the new attendance policy when they are released.
- She is also overseeing that all Student-Athletes are following all NCAA academic regulations.

**7. Associate Athletic Director of Compliance Report.....Eric Schultz**

- Eric reported that he met yesterday with his Athletic Council subcommittee to frame monthly reports for the Council. Areas they discussed:
  - Legal Counsel.
  - Waivers.
  - Education by sport.
  - The issue of no games during finals week.

**8. Director of Lobo Center for Student-Athlete Success Report.....Chris Baca**

- Chris reported that twenty-one Student-Athletes graduated from UNM last December.
- Grade Point Average (GPA) Numbers – 3.29 is the overall Student-Athlete GPA. The undergraduate GPA at UNM is 3.23. Men’s Sports 3.13. Women’s Sports 3.50.
- The Scholar Banquet will be held in April 2019.

**9. Athletic Council Charge.....Committee**

- Mike handed out a copy of the old charge and the proposed edits for a new charge. He then walked the council through the new edits.
- Discussion of these new edits followed.
- Item H was tabled until legal counsel can be consulted.
- Item M deals with Student-Athlete exit interviews. The wording was changed to include both graduating Student-Athletes and transferring Student Athletes. The exit interviews could take place in either the fall or spring semesters.
- The discussion about the Athletic Council Charge will continue at the February 28, 2019 meeting. Mike will talk with UNM’s legal counsel before that meeting regarding Item H.

**10. Other Business:**

○ **Subcommittee Assignments & Reports:**

- Jackie Hood reported on scheduling exceptions and transfers. She and Eric Schultz are working together on these items. They are also looking at academic dishonesty and the reporting of Student-Athlete practice times.
- Mike reported on Equity, Welfare & Sportsmanship. He will be sending out an email regarding his meeting with university counsel to discuss exit interviews.
- Mike asked the council members to think about who would like to volunteer to be the chair of the Academic Integrity Subcommittee while Ryan is on sabbatical.

○ **Liaison Reports:**

- Mike asked the liaisons to meet with their coaches and teams and report to the council at the February meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

February 28, 2019.

**12. Adjourn**

**4:00 pm.**