

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024
3:45 – 4:45 PM

Minutes

Voting Council Members: Doug Thomas, Hongyoung Kim, Todd Quinn, Gig Brummell, Alexander Adams, Ann Gibson, Ryan Swanson, Shelly McLaughlin, Karen Gaudreault

Absent Council Members: Monica Cyrino, Janet Poole, Gina Voelker Bobrowski, Lindsay Smart, Michael Rocca

Ex-Officio, Guests & Minutes: Athletics Director, Eddie Nunez, Manager Student Success, Chris Hudson, Office of the University Secretary, Gena Garcia

Opening and Call to Order

Doug Thomas

- The meeting started at 3:45 pm. Quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda

Council

- A motion to approve the March agenda was made and seconded.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Council

- A motion to approve the February minutes was made and seconded.

Athletic Council Chair's Report

Doug Thomas

- Welcome to Isabella Campbell, our new student athletic advisory representative. Isabella is a journalism and communications major and loves all Lobo athletics.

Athletic Department Report

Eddie Nunez

- The men's basketball team are heading to Mountain West next week.
- Track athletes are competing for a national championship this weekend.
- Continuing to focus on student athletes' success and mental health.
- We have a psychiatrist in-house to address mental health aspects of the game.
- Received some funding on some capital projects.
- More talk with the Governor's office about Title IX funding for women's sports and facilities.
- We would like to get nutrition fully funded; this area needs more focus for student athlete success.
- Amy Beggin and Chris Hudson do a terrific job prepping student athletes to be in good academic standing when transferring to and leaving from UNM.

Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Karen Gaudreault

- Mountain West FAR group is revising and providing policies and procedures for students with medical hardship waivers.
- Concern was brought up about offices with staffing shortages that affect student recruitment and retention at all levels, including student athletes.
- Karen will discuss these difficulties with President Stokes.

Lobo Center for Student -Athlete Success Report

Chris Hudson

- We have a sport clinical psychologist who helps students seeking services.
- We have training around suicide prevention, something we're really cognizant of. We're talking with students to learn the language and be comfortable talking about those things in those spaces. Our coaches are supportive of it and we're looking at best practices to try to ensure we are helping students.

ASUNM Report

Alexander Adams

- ASUNM secured \$115K from the State to help aid student mental health. The money will be used to purchase and install sleep pods in Zimmerman, Centennial and Arts & Design Libraries.

Other Business

- Gig Brummell mentioned the alumni letterman basketball team put together an annual reunion that has grown into 75 alumni attending this year. We are glad it is growing an identity. The women's basketball alum team had a nice turn out this year.
- Ann mentioned the women's volleyball team beat West Texas A&M last week.
- Josh Kerr, UNM alumni, won a world record.

Adjourn

4:30 PM