

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
Administration Conference Room
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Members Present: Finnie Coleman, Paul Krebs, Amy Neel, Tim Goldsmith, Nick Schlereth, Ryan Swanson, Karl Hinterbichler, Aasha Marler, Gig Brummell, and

Absent: Jeffrey Long, Mike Thomas, Jackie Hood, Janet Poole, Mike Rocca, Todd Seidler, Ann Gibson and Cassiano De Oliveria

Guests: Head Diving Coach, Julie Weddle

Athletic Department Staff Present: Janice Ruggiero, Dawn Martinez, Quinton Freeman, Rita Chavez, and Dennis Dunn, University Secretary's Office.

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

Minutes/Action Taken
Opening

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 1:05 pm by Council Chair, Finnie Coleman. A motion was made by Tim Goldsmith to approve the minutes from November 18, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ryan Swanson. The motion was approved, no abstentions.

Julie Weddle

Head diving Coach

Coach Julie Weddle has been at UNM for 4-years as the Head Diving Coach. Kunio Kuno the head swim coach has been here the same amount of time. Kunio and Julie came to UNM from the same school and have worked together for 9-years. The diving team is rounding up the season and will complete regular season competition on Saturday, January 30th, which will be Senior Day. The Air Force invite will be held in Colorado Springs February 5th and 6th. The Mountain West Conference meet will be held in College Station at Texas A & M February 17th thru February 20th. The team is looking forward to the competition as this has been a good year for the student-athletes. The team is ranked 4th in the nation with their GPA at 3.53. The team had a training trip to Puerto Rico early in the year and the trip proved to be good for the student-athletes. They all worked really hard at their practices and enjoyed Puerto Rico. The swimming and diving team would like to invite the Athletic Council members to attend one of the team practices or meets/competition.

AMY NEEL

FAR Report

Amy stated that all student-athletes were certified last Friday, January 15th. Amy is going to give an athletic Council report to the Faculty Senate later this month. If anyone would like for Amy to bring up any particular information, please contact her.

PAUL KREBS

Vice President for Athletics Report

Paul attended the NCAA Convention last week. Paul is the representative for the MW Conference and serves on the NCAA Division 1 Council. The Council voted to change requirements for a conference to hold a football championship game and the other was time demands on Student-athlete's. These topics were a big focus at the convention. The Olympic team sports do not want a limit on the number of hours that they can practice. The national SAAC Committee will push to get rid of the 20-hour a week practice rule.

A new rule was voted on that all schools must identify a Chief Medical Officer that will be with the football team during practice and games to make the medical decision whether a student-athlete is okay to play on the field. This rule will go into effect sometime in July. There was also talk about holding NCAA Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada. More to follow on that topic in April. The last major topic of discussion was regarding team travel. Can a day of travel be considered a day off? Currently, a travel day is not considered a day off. This piece of legislation was tabled for the future because there are so many unanswered questions.

Tim Cass is no longer with the University he accepted a job in Florida. With Tim being gone the athletic department has undergone a reorganization. (Paul provided a hand-out of the Org. Chart) [..Org Charts2015Org Chart 12.10.15.Paul.vsd](#)

The student-athletes once again have good GPA's. Women's Golf is ranked number one in the nation for their GPA's.

TEAM LIAISON REPORT

Ryan Swanson – Baseball No Report.

Gig Brummell – Women's Basketball; Gig met with Coach Sanchez and there are no issues, the team is in good shape.

Tim Goldsmith – Volleyball and men's soccer; all is good no issues.

Finnie Coleman – The Ski Team is doing well and Finnie is going to try and travel with them to a meet. Finnie just took over football and has not had the opportunity to meet with the team yet.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Integrity (AI) – Finnie Coleman

No Report

Governance, Compliance & Fiscal Integrity (GCFI) – Jackie Hood

No Report

Equity, Welfare & Sportsmanship (EWS) – Mike Rocca

No Report

ATHLETIC COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

FINNIE COLEMAN

Finnie would like the AC to think about other ways the council can be involved in athletics. If any member has ideas, please send them to Finnie.

- Bring a Regent to a meeting
- Encourage AC to attend the Athletic Department's all-staff meetings
- Attend a SAAC Meeting
- Become more involved with the student-athletes by attending practices and games. AC will get to meet student-athletes and they will become familiar with the Athletic Council.

The student-athletes are succeeding in academics over the regular university students. Finnie would like more student-athletes to get an opportunity to study abroad. Who would the council talk to about this? It would be nice if participation could occur sometime in the summer.

As a Council we need to discuss ways to get all the athletic news to all UNM faculty. Athletics has so many accomplishments that are outstanding and we really must share with the faculty.

OTHER BUSINESS

Head Baseball Coach, Ray Birmingham and Assistant Athletic Performance Coach, Carla Garrett has been inducted into the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame. The event will be held on April 2nd. More information to follow.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held for football player, Markel Byrd who was tragically killed in a one-car accident on December 22nd. The service will be held on Sunday, February 24th at 2pm in the SUB and you are all invited to attend.

The next Athletic Council meeting is on Wednesday, February 17th at 1:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.

ADJOURNED