

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 22, 2018**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.**  
**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

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## Minutes

**Council Members:** Finnie Coleman, Mike Rocca, Todd Seidler, Mike Lasota, Ryan Swanson, Janet L. Poole and Amy Neel.

**Absent:** Jackie Hood, Gig Brummell, Ann Gibson, Karl Hinterbichler.

**Excused:**

**Athletic Dept. Staff:** Eddie Nuñez.

**Guests:** Garnett Stokes, UNM President, and, Pamela Pyle, Faculty Senate President.

**Minutes:** Amy Cordoba, University Secretary's Office.

**Quorum was met.**

- 1. Opening and Call to Order .....Finnie Coleman**  
Finnie called the meeting to order at 3:31pm and opened the meeting by introducing guests President Garnett Stokes, and Pamela Pyle, Faculty Senate President.
- 2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes.....Finnie Coleman**  
The February 22, 2018 minutes were approved.
- 3. Greetings from President Stokes.....Garnett Stokes**
  - President Stokes thanked the council for inviting her to the meeting and expressed her interest, and previous experience, working with athletics. Introductions were then made by all in attendance to President Stokes.
- 4. Athletic Director's Report.....Eddie Nuñez**
  - Eddie announced the results of the Director's Cup for UNM in which UNM student-athletes excelled.
  - Community Service – Community Service is now a big focus of the Athletic Department and the football team recently did Community Service at a couple of local schools. At this time spring practice has begun early for the football team which give them more time for community service, which will also include coaches.
  - Eddie is continuing to travel around the state speaking to as many groups and organizations as possible. He, and selected coaches, recently met with legislators and donors on a trip between Grants and Gallup, NM. The purpose of these trips is not only to promote Athletics, but UNM as a whole. He feels these trips are vital to promoting UNM.
  - Work continues on the athletic department's FY 19 budget. The hiring of new department employees continues and employee accountability is

being stressed. There is still a chance one, or two, sports will need to be eliminated.

- Eddie is working with Coach Davies (Football), and is quite impressed with the entire football coaching staff.
- Eddie explained the funding for the new locker room. The funds were donated by Dream Style Stucco, and various donors, and are currently being reallocated for the project. The original lockers were installed in 1996.
- Eddie explained some of the complexities of adding Gonzaga University to next year's conference.

**5. Team Liaison's Report.....Finnie Coleman**

- The women's softball team is doing well, despite budget issues. The team also has a new coach.
- Finnie attended a recent football meeting in which grades and eligibility was discussed. He also met with President Stokes to discuss reporting on the student-athlete exit interviews at the end of the semester, rather than in the fall.

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

- Amy, and Eric Schultz (Compliance Director), are looking into how the NCAA deals with academic misconduct issues. This would involve bringing members of the Athletic Council into the process and would require a change to the council's charge. Discussion followed on the processes involved in changing a council's charge. Taking a year to change a council's charge is not uncommon.
- ACTION: Amy will present Finnie with a draft of the new language required to change the charge to reflect faculty member of the council becoming involved with academic misconduct issues. This process will continue over the summer.

**7. Exit Interview Format & Schedule.....Finnie Coleman**

- Finnie would like to stay with the same process as last year's exit interviews.
- ACTION: Amy will present Finnie with the schedule used for last year's exit interviews.

**8. Other Business:**

None.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

**TBD. 3:30pm – 4:30pm.**

**10. Adjourn**

**4:37 pm.**