

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2014
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Marie Lobo, Janet Poole, Michael Rocca, Gig Brummell, Jeffrey Long, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Todd Seidler, Daniel Barkley, Jackie Hood, Karl Hinterbichler, Jessica Marshall, Amy Neel, and Janice Ruggiero.

Absent: Mike Thomas, Aasha Marler and Kendall Spencer.

Guests: Tim Goldsmith, Psychology.

Staff Present: Dawn Martinez and Dennis Dunn.

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 10:30am p.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair

MEETING MINUTES:

(September 3, 2014 minutes were approved by a motion from Marie Lobo and seconded by Daniel Barkley.)

PAUL KREBS,
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Paul Krebs reported to the Council:

- The Athletics' Department has finalized its departmental hazing policy which will appear on all team manuals, student-athlete handbook, and will be given to all of the department's coaches during their orientation process. A copy was also given to Alfred Mathewson and the Council.
- The Athletic Department is participating in the Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Violence, which has been initiated by President Frank. Certain staff members have been interviewed and student-athletes will be interviewed next week.
- Educational programs have begun on alcohol awareness and binge drinking. The department nutritionist, Becky Freeman is conducting a program for all the teams that will focus on the impact of drinking on an athlete's training and performance.
- Paul's name has been forwarded by the Mountain West Conference to be UNM's representative on the new

NCAA council and he is awaiting approval from the NCAA.

- Today is the last day for the override on the governance changes and Paul does not expect the changes to be overridden.

AMY NEEL
SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCES

Amy Neel presented the Faculty Report to the Council:

- Amy introduced herself to the Council as the new Faculty Athletic Representative and stated that she has been attending a number of meetings.
- The first meeting was the four day NCAA Rules Seminar, in San Diego, CA.
- She also attended the Mountain West Conference Administrative Meeting for academic compliance and faculty athletic representative.
- The next was a meeting for Division 1A Faculty Athletic Representatives, Dallas, TX.
- She reported that she has been working with certification to make sure UNM is following NCAA guidelines.
- She has been looking at class clustering due to a recent scandal at the University of North Carolina. Class clustering is when a number of student-athletes begin taking certain classes due to the fact that they are easy and they can receive good grades. UNM has set up a system where the academic advisors flag any class that has more than thirty five percent student-athletes. If there is more than fifty percent student-athletes UNM will try to close the class.
- Within the Athletic Department Amy is assisting in forming a Wellness Intervention Team, which is headed up by the department's psychologist, Dr. Valerie Valle nutritionist, Becky Freeman head trainer, Bob Waller Amy Neel, and academic people. This is so they can deal with mental health and academic issues more holistically and proactively.
- Finally, Amy informed the Council that there is now heightened awareness in the media about academic misconduct stemming from the recent issues at the University of North Carolina and Notre Dame, involving student-athletes.

Regarding the Wellness Intervention Team, Paul Krebs asked Amy how student-athletes, who need help, are being identified. Amy replied that the team is still working on that issue, due to privacy issues, but that the coaches and academic advisors would be the logical starting point. The

team will also be talking to other universities who already have similar programs in place.

In response to a question from Alfred Mathewson, Amy reported that she had heard from the chief medical officer of the NCAA regarding student-athlete concussions, but that he does not feel that it is the chief medical issue facing student-athletes today. Rather, the top issue is mental health, although the NCAA is putting together a large national concussion study which will be announced to the media in the next week, or two. In addition, the NCAA is putting out an E-publication on mental health, which will include a mental health screening tool and this will be accessible on the NCAA website in the next couple of weeks. Paul added that he has met with the training staff, medical staff and football coach and they walked him through their protocol on the side lines during football games and he feels very good about their professionalism in dealing with the players and the possibilities of injuries.

The issue of the Absence Policy was raised by Amy and she stated there is not a lot of support for the policy as compared to other universities. She stated that she needs more hard data on student-athletes who are having difficulties with professors and with their grades due to missing classes for athletics, and to open it up to other students who are having similar problems with their classes due to commitments to the university. She has met with the director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, Sharon Heintz, to discuss the possibility of meeting with faculty to discuss this issue, and Sharon suggested a meeting with faculty at the beginning of each school year. Amy mentioned that at San Diego State the Absence Policy did not come from the faculty senate but from the Provost's Office and that UNM might consider this option.

ALFRED MATHEWSON
SCHOOL OF LAW

Alfred reported on the Knight Commission Meeting, that he attended in September. Items covered by the commission were:

- The chief medical officer presented and stated that concussions were not the most important health issues facing athletics, but that mental health issues were, and that they were more concerned with concussions that occurred during the high school, and junior high, years and their lingering effects.
- Oliver Luck, of West Virginia, was at the conference and discussed enhancing the package for student-athletes.

- One issue was of a lifetime scholarship in regards to obtaining a degree, and limiting mid-week competition.
- Regarding the labor law, and what is happening at Northwestern, and unionization, Alfred stated that they are opposed to creating an employer/employee relationship, but they do think that enhancing the aid that is available would be a good idea.
 - Better career training was discussed, and acknowledging that football, baseball and basketball were big time business as revenue generators.
 - A final point Oliver Luck discussed at the conference the NCAA was seeking to make Olympic sports where there are professional opportunities for revenue generators.
 - Leadership Training for athletes was discussed at the conference and touched on three points:
 - o A co-curricular approach in which athletics is a fundamental part of the athlete's learning experience;
 - o A comprehensive assessment process;
 - o A culture that promotes ethics and accountability.

MARIE LOBO
COLLEGE OF NURSING

Marie Lobo reported on the Academic Integrity meeting, which met last Friday:

- Class Capacity Review – this would entail watching the percentage numbers of students in a class to make sure the number of student-athletes does not exceed the number of regular students. Henry Villegas is looking into this topic although he could not attend this meeting.
- The Lois Scholars Program – this gives support to top students to compete in nationally and internationally competitive scholarship programs. Currently there are forty students participating and there are one hundred twenty who are eligible. They are trying to put together a Scholar/Athlete portfolio with experienced faculty mentorship, Honors College admission and advising, and student research opportunities.
- In the next couple of weeks the graduation rates will be coming out. Marie reported that unofficially the numbers look good.
- They have started a Student-Athlete Registration Hold Management System so that a student cannot drop a course and end up being short of hours. The student will have to fill out a form, meet with their advisor, and the advisor will make sure that they do not drop enough hours to be ineligible to play.

Following these presentations a discussion ensued

regarding keeping track of classes and faculty that may be catering to student-athletes and the difficulties inherently found in this process, especially during the summer session. The purpose of this process, as Amy Neel pointed out, is that the media is watching and looking for any discrepancies in the universities' classes that involve student-athletes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alfred announced that on Wednesday morning, October 8, 2014, at 9:30am, in the Tow Diehm Building, Football Classroom, 2nd floor, there will be a meeting of the Athletic Department All-Staff, and the Athletic Department Liaisons are encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNED:

11:30am

NEXT MEETING:

November 7, 2014 10:30am