

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Minutes of Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2014
Lobo Club Board Room

Members Present: Alfred Mathewson, Paul Krebs, Karl Hinterbichler, Colt Balok, Mike Thomas, Phillip Felipe Gonzales, Henry Villegas, Daniel Barkley, Michael Rocca, Gig Brummell, Aasha Marler, Janice Ruggiero and Dennis Dunn.

Absent: Jeffrey Long, Jeffery Noremborg, Tim Cass, Marie Lobo, Dan Barkley, Todd Seidler, Lauren Wade, Janet Poole, Breda Bova, Jackie Hood, John Russell, Dawn Martinez and Rita Chavez.

Guest: Ryan Swanson, Honors College

AGENDA ITEM/DESCRIPTION

MINUTES/ACTION TAKEN

MEETING MINUTES:

OPENING

(January 9, 2014 minutes were not approved)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 3:35 p.m. by Alfred Mathewson, Chair.

GUEST

RYAN SWANSON, HONORS COLLEGE

Mike Thomas introduced Ryan Swanson and explained that the Lobo Scholarship Program has evolved over the last three years in answer to Paul Krebs stating that not enough was being done in athletics to support the high academic achieving athlete. Manuel Montoya and Henry Villegas met a number of times and developed an initiative between the Honors College and Athletics. This resulted in Ryan Swanson being hired by the Honors College, in which he has a role as faculty, within the Honors College, and also as a liaison and coordinating support for high achieving athletes. Ryan came on board in August 2013 as a tenured track faculty member, within the Honors College, and is a historian with a PhD in History. His specialty is sports history. Within the next couple of months Ryan, and Henry Villegas, will head up an effort to identify UNM world class athletes, with GPA's of 3.8, or better, and assist these athletes in applying for post-graduate scholarships, the Rhodes Scholarship being the most prominent of these scholarships. They will assist the athletes with applying for these scholarships and help the athletes to become a part of the Honors College, which is one of the largest Honors Colleges in the United States. Ryan will be teaching a class in the Fall 2014 semester which will be a historical overview of student athletes and instruction for the athletes in how to create a portfolio to advance their

academic career. On Monday, February 17, 2014, Ryan will be meeting with around forty athletes to explain the internship process. Ryan is also involved in the recruitment of student athletes for UNM.

ATHLETICS REPORT

PAUL KREBS, VP ATHLETECS

And email was sent out to all Lobo Club members, and basketball season ticket holders reminding them of the Texas Tech incident with Markus Smart, regarding a fan and a student athlete interaction. The email was sent as a reminder to all to be aware of sportsmanship at all times during a game. This is now a national concern in athletics. The UNM coaches will also be brought into this conversation. Paul has also been working with student athletes in order to engage them in how decisions are made within the UNM Athletic Department, and to include the athletes in this decision making process. Paul has also met with Janice Ruggiero, Henry Villegas and Aasha Marler to discuss how UNM's student athletes engage in the department's decision making process, and how to further engage them in this process. They have identified almost a dozen areas where the student athletes can become engaged in departmental decisions.

ABSENCE POLICY

COLT BALOK, ASUNM

Colt is submitting a resolution through ASUNM stating what the undergraduate student body feels about the policy of "D170 Student Attendance". ASUNM is supporting the changes proposed by the Athletic Council in 2008. The current language on Official Absences would be changed as follows:

are:

Official Absences – After discussion, Colt proposed to use the final version of the 2008 proposal drafted by the Athletic Council. The proposed change reads as follows: "Students who represent the University of New Mexico at University-related extracurricular activities shall have the opportunity to make up any assignments or examinations missed as a result of official university events. It is the responsibility of the student and the sponsoring UNM organization to provide official written notification to the instructor within the first two weeks of class stating the date(s) of the anticipated absence(s) and the nature of the official University activity requiring the absence(s). When official events arise during the semester, official written notification must be provided at the earliest

possible date and no later than one week before the authorized absence stating the date(s) of the anticipated absence(s) and the nature of the official University activity requiring the absence(s). Instructors shall make a good faith effort to accommodate students unless this would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the University that could be reasonably avoided. When disagreements regarding this policy arise, they may be appealed following the steps outlined in the Pathfinder under Student Grievances, Article Two on Academic Disputes.”

Absences due to illness –.

Discussion ensued regarding what qualifies as a “UNM activity” and it was pointed out UNM has 362 student organizations. Would the policy only apply to UNM athletics or to athletics and all student organizations? It would apply to both. Alfred Mathewson pointed out that this policy also affects the law students at the UNM School of Law, who often must leave campus for various activities that are required by their courses. UNM veteran students also have issues with the Student Attendance Policy. It was subsequently agreed to replace “University-related extracurricular activities with “authorized University activity such as field trips, athletic trips, etc.” This language is included in the current policy D-170 under “Absences due to illness.”

These changes, in order to officially take effect, will need to be presented before the Faculty Senate Operations Committee, the Faculty Senate Policy Committee, and finally the Faculty Senate, so that the UNM faculty can vote on this issue.

Colt will submit these changes to ASUNM on Friday, February 14, 2014. Then, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 it will be presented to the Student Rules Committee, and if they approve it, it will go before the full Student Senate the following week. It was also suggest that this policy change be sent to Dr. Richard Holder, Faculty Senate President, and to the Dean’s Council.

Janice Ruggiero pointed out that she has been involved in trying to change the wording of the Student Attendance policy for sixteen years, and it has always been voted down by the Faculty Senate and related committees. Paul Krebs countered Janice’s observation by stating that the world has changed in the last sixteen years, including the view

points of the UNM faculty. He also wanted to go on record by stating that no matter what changes are made to the attendance policy the students who will confront this issue with a faculty member, rather than begin the grievance process, will simply drop the class and register for another class, thereby avoiding a confrontation with the faculty member. But he feels the effort must be made to follow through on the changes suggested to the Student Attendance policy.

MOTION: A motion was made to change the wording in the proposed policy change from “University related” to “University authorized” extracurricular activities. The motion was seconded and passed.

HENRY VILLEGAS’ REPORT

The Scholar Athlete Banquet will take place on April 21, 2014, 7:00pm at the Student Union Building (SUB). This is an event which showcases student athlete’s academic achievements. Zorro the Lobo, the university mascot, will be present at the banquet. The Lauren Bills Courage Award will also be presented at the banquet. This is an award that will be presented annually to either a student athlete or an athletic department staff member who has overcome any type of obstacles or adversity.

Fall 2013 GPA results were released and the department’s student athletes attained an all time high of 3.25 cumulative GPA, which broke the 3.23 GPA record achieved in the previous semester. Female athletes achieved a record 3.51, and the male athletes achieved a GPA of 3.06. Thirty student athletes have a GPA of 4.0, or better. Overall UNM student GPA was 3.19.

(see below for complete GPA listings)

LIAISON REPORTS

Karl Hinterbichler reported that he has attended a couple of baseball practices, had a good conversation with coach Birmingham, and then addressed the team as a whole. He was very impressed with the entire team.

OTHER BUSINESS

Paul Krebs reminded the council that UNM is hosting the NCAA Men and Women’s Indoor Track & Field Championships, in mid-March, at the Albuquerque Convention Center. This will attract track and field athletes from all over the country. It is also the same time as the basketball tournaments in Las Vegas, Nevada.

APR scores will be released in mid-March.

ACTION: Contact Ken Walls, Albuquerque Journal, and ask him do write a story on the student athletes achievements both in athletics and in academics.

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2014

MEETING ADJOURNED

4:45PM

UNM STUDENT ATHLETE TLAM GPA HISTORY

Team GPA's are rounded

Sports (Men)	SP05	FA05	SP06	EA06	SP07	FA07	SP08	EA08	SP09	EA09	SP10	FA10	SP11	FA11	SP12	FA12	SP13	FA13
Basketball	2.70	2.92	2.87	2.96	2.81	2.90	2.92	3.17	3.03	3.06	2.79	2.87	2.32	3.06	2.93	3.17	3.06	3.21
Basketball	2.73	2.82	2.97	2.54	2.31	2.53	2.87	2.73	2.91	2.77	2.92	2.78	2.71	2.75	2.72	2.89	2.52	2.87
Football	2.55	2.66	2.66	2.60	2.59	2.46	2.79	2.70	2.62	2.41	2.71	2.24	2.57	2.46	2.66	2.62	2.77	2.68
Golf	2.96	2.74	2.91	3.04	2.92	3.24	3.08	3.28	3.43	3.44	3.55	3.37	3.33	3.44	3.39	3.23	3.30	3.31
Ski	3.52	3.44	3.53	3.51	3.74	3.61	3.75	3.66	3.70	3.70	3.58	3.61	3.29	3.56	3.77	3.72	3.72	3.56
Soccer	3.35	3.15	3.28	3.25	3.26	2.95	3.17	3.25	3.15	3.21	3.24	2.80	2.97	3.27	3.33	3.43	3.64	3.43
Tennis	3.50	3.35	3.38	2.78	2.80	2.75	2.92	3.16	2.93	3.07	3.15	3.27	3.30	3.23	3.67	3.49	3.40	3.54
Track	3.03	3.06	3.07	2.95	2.91	2.75	2.90	2.92	2.84	3.21	3.19	3.08	2.94	3.12	3.14	3.21	3.24	3.23
Total Men	2.82	2.89	2.90	2.84	2.80	2.77	2.93	2.96	2.90	2.91	2.98	2.77	2.76	2.93	3.01	3.02	3.06	3.06

Sports (Women)	SP05	FA05	SP06	EA06	SP07	FA07	SP08	EA08	SP09	EA09	SP10	FA10	SP11	FA11	SP12	FA12	SP13	FA13
Basketball	3.33	3.48	3.50	3.25	3.16	3.37	3.26	3.31	3.41	3.36	3.51	3.46	3.42	3.39	3.43	3.24	3.50	3.30
Golf	3.79	3.05	3.40	3.08	3.22	3.38	3.54	3.34	3.52	3.60	3.59	3.68	3.67	3.42	3.59	3.79	3.90	3.80
Soccer	3.36	3.25	3.28	3.40	3.32	3.25	3.47	3.33	3.48	3.49	3.37	3.40	3.57	3.54	3.59	3.51	3.66	3.68
Softball	3.16	2.89	2.96	3.11	3.02	3.04	3.11	3.23	3.11	3.20	3.01	3.34	3.10	3.20	3.36	3.52	3.24	3.31
Ski	3.61	3.42	3.37	3.46	3.29	3.65	3.53	3.53	3.57	3.77	3.55	3.76	3.56	3.58	3.66	3.66	3.54	3.68
Swimming	3.02	3.11	3.29	3.45	3.47	3.49	3.50	3.46	3.43	3.31	3.28	3.37	3.31	3.41	3.50	3.38	3.79	3.45
Tennis	3.38	3.17	3.29	3.55	3.43	3.64	3.65	3.56	3.47	3.79	3.63	3.57	3.40	3.47	3.43	3.66	3.34	3.74
Track	3.22	3.30	3.32	3.28	3.25	3.30	3.37	3.42	3.47	3.30	3.35	3.41	3.47	3.48	3.47	3.49	3.38	3.51
Volleyball	3.18	3.31	3.43	3.63	3.31	3.12	3.16	3.29	3.37	3.51	3.48	3.61	3.45	2.97	3.12	3.22	3.06	3.27
Total Women	3.26	3.22	3.30	3.36	3.28	3.31	3.38	3.39	3.43	3.41	3.36	3.45	3.43	3.40	3.47	3.47	3.45	3.51

Overall Total	3.02	3.04	3.08	3.06	3.00	2.98	3.11	3.14	3.12	3.12	3.15	3.06	3.05	3.13	3.21	3.21	3.23	3.25
UNM Undergrads:	3.19	3.17	3.12	3.12	3.13	3.13	3.17	3.12	3.14	3.11	3.11	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.13	3.17	3.17	3.18

