

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Zoom Conference**  
**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

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## **Minutes**

**Council Members:** Jacqueline Hood, Ryan Swanson, Todd Seidler, Ann Gibson, Gig Brummell, Mark Lasota, Ross Sinclair, Sara Nottingham, Eddie Nunez, Matthew Borrego, Raj Mahto, Janice Ruggiero

**Absent:** Janet Poole, Karl Hinterbichler, Lindsay Smart, Monica Cyrino, Michael Rocca, Abigail Lutz, Gregory Romero

**Athletic Dept. Staff:** Chris Baca

**SAAC President:** Natasha Dark

**Guests & Minutes:** Mary Dorado – University Secretary’s Office

- 1. Opening and Call to Order .....Ryan Swanson**

Ryan opened the meeting at 2:31 pm.

  - **Quorum was met.**
  - **Approval of Agenda.....Ryan Swanson**

Agenda was approved unanimously.
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes.....Ryan Swanson**
  - February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes approved unanimously.
  - March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes approved unanimously.
- 3. Athletic Chair Report.....Ryan Swanson**
  - Ryan wanted to note that he feels that the Lobo Center for Success has a really great system that has proved to continue to be supportive, even during these difficult times. It is the type of system that could really have something to teach to the rest of the departments on how to continue to be in touch with students and keep an encouraging learning environment.
- 4. FAR Report/Introduction.....Sara Nottingham**
  - Sara said that UNM was one of the first to adopt the Credit/No Credit grading scale in light of the pandemic. Because of this, a few other Mountain West colleges have been asking about how that is going for us as a school.
  - Continued conversations on the ever-evolving situation due to COVID-19 have been had, and Sara is just keeping up with the latest news that comes through the Mountain West conversations. However, nothing new has developed at the time of this meeting.
- 5. LCSAS.....Chris Baca**
  - Chris thanked Janice, Eddie, Eric, and everyone else she works with for being incredibly supportive. It is because of them that she is able to support the athletic students. The students have been finding ingenious ways in

which they are able to stay in contact with each other, and continue to function as a team.

- In terms of the Credit/No Credit options, Chris has had students who have stuck with traditional grading because they have a 4.0 and which to maintain it. Whereas other students have chosen the credit/no credit option because they were unsure of how well they would perform in online settings.
- For the students who choose credit/no credit, Chris and her team are having the students reach out to professors so that they can truly understand each individual professors' expectations.
- She is happy to share that they have been working on registering students for summer and fall classes. The students have enjoyed getting to watch their progress, and it is very motivating for them, even during this tough time.
- Because of the postponed in person graduations and convocations, the Athletic Department is working a way to honor their graduating athletes though video on Facebook. They are still working out the details.

**6. SAAC Report.....Natasha Dark**

- SAAC has not yet had the opportunity to meet, but Natasha has been in contact with Heidi to find out how they will proceed and how they can help during this time.
- The NCAA has decided that the Spring competition for the Spring Sports has been waved. For those in their fourth year, they have approved to extend their eligibility for another year.

**7. Exit Interview Planning.....Committee and Chris Baca**

- Ryan feels that it is important to continue with the exit interviews. However, these interviews will have to take place via Zoom to be sure to maintain social distancing standards and local government guidelines.
- Chris believes that this is viable and that she is willing to support in any way she can to make sure that they are able to hold the exit interviews.
- The Council reviewed the questions and moderately edited and revised them. Once the Council was satisfied with the revisions, a vote was held to approve the exit interview questions. The vote was passed unanimously.

**8. Athletic Director's Report.....Eddie Nuñez**

- Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Athletics Department is working to determine how the budget will be affected. This is because sporting events that typically bring in revenue are being canceled, among other revenue inflow issues.
- Eddie is encouraging staff and students to continue communicating and looking towards the Fall season as it is unlikely that they will be able to come back during the summer.

**9. Other Business:**

- No new business was introduced.

**10. Proposed Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**11. Adjourn**

4:15 pm.