

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.**  
**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

**Absent:** Janet Poole, Karl Hinterbichler, Matthew Borrego, Raj Mahto, Lindsay Smart, Monica Cyrino, Michael Rocca, Abigail Lutz, Gregory Romero, Janice Ruggiero, Natasha Dark.

**Athletic Dept. Staff:** Chris Baca, Amy Beggin

**SAAC President:** Absent

**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 not met.**
  
- **Approval of Agenda.....Ryan Swanson**  
Agenda was not approved due to lack of quorum.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes.....Ryan Swanson**

- December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

**3. Team Liaison Report.....Ryan Swanson**

- As the liaison for the Track and Field teams, Ryan reported that he was able to meet with the coach and some of the team members. They were doing well but have been met with resistance from professors who do not wish to work with the athlete over excused absences.
- Men’s Basketball was unable to meet because of how busy the end of their season was. The same applied to the women’s basketball team. Gig was able to contact the women’s tennis team, and all was well on that front. He did find that the women’s tennis team members were also having difficulties with professors and excused absences.
- Mark was able to contact the football team and he only got positive feedback from the team.
- Ann has worked to meet with the volleyball team but was unable to spend much time with them due to practice schedules. She also contacted the women’s swim and dive team, and they plan to meet after Spring Break.
- Jackie was able to meet with the women’s golf team and Jackie said that they were doing very well both in their sport and academically.

**4. Athletic Chair's Report.....Ryan Swanson**

- Ryan wanted to point out how great of a partnership it is for the City of Albuquerque and UNM to come together to put on the indoor field and track meet.
- 3 of the athletic students will be presenting their research at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, which is a very exciting thing for the students and the department. The conference will be held at the end of the month.
- Ryan also wanted to express his support for the student athletes and the coaches affected by the COVID-19 travel ban. He understands that there are unique challenges that they will have to overcome because of this worldwide event.

**5. FAR Report/Introduction.....Sara Nottingham**

- Sara shared that there are some things that the FAR representatives are discussing, such as grad transfers. The transfer topic was up to a vote, but was tabled because they wanted to see the outcomes of other topics up for votes.
- As far as proctoring student test when they are traveling, Sara found that other institutions have their FAR representative proctor these tests. She wanted to know what the process was at UNM, and it was shared that the FAR report has been involved in the past, but so have other faculty members, just depending on the need and volume of tests needing to be proctored.
- When it comes to student athletes who are having trouble working with professors on missed assignments, Sara would like to find out where Amy left off in regards to building a relationship with the departments who have been a bit more difficult when it came to accommodations.

**6. Compliance Report.....Amy Beggin**

- Amy shared that they have started updating their site to have all of the compliance forms online, which has helped a lot with workflow and tracking.
- Her department has also been working with incoming athletes, helping them get register for the right classes and collecting all documentation needed for admissions.

**7. SAAC Report.....Ross Sinclair**

- SAAC had met the night before the Athletic Council meeting and they discussed involving some of the UNME awards with the Student Athlete Banquet. This year the awards and the Banquet will be done together, but in the future, they may be separate events.
- Ross felt that having the two events could really help all the teams, from all the sports, socialize and get to know each other.

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

- Ryan asked the committee if anyone had any objections to, or saw any issues with, moving up the Exit Interviews and conducting during the first week of April.
  - Chris felt that on her end, it would be incredibly easy to work on a timeline that asked for the interviews to be held earlier than usual.
- When it was brought up that the specific dates for the exit interviews should be chosen at this meeting, Chris reminded the council that last year, the specific dates were chosen based on the student athlete's availability. Because this strategy was so successful, she felt it was important to use the same strategy again.
- The council wanted to make some changes to the wording of the exit interview questions. Because they did not have quorum, they chose to vote on the finalized document electronically.

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

- Because of the COVID-19 virus the Mountain West Conference had an emergency teleconference. Eddie shared that he would be banning travel for any of his recruiters as a result of this teleconference. Other travel bands or sporting event cancelations could also be an action in the near future.
- Another outcome from the teleconference was that there will no longer be spectators at and of the sporting events.
- Because of the fluidity of the situation, Eddie could not speak on any of the other courses of actions to be taken to combat the spreading of the COVID-19 virus and just aske that the Council stayed informed.

**10. Other Business:**

- Gig expressed some concern over the need to address COVID-19. He felt that it was incredibly important that the student athletes be supported by the Council in any capacity that be available to them.
  - The council agreed and asked that the athletic department reach out to the council should they think they could be of use in one capacity or another.

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

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**12. Adjourn**

3:45 pm.