

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Administration Conference Room**  
**South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.**  
**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

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## Minutes

**Council Members:** Matthew Borrego, Lindsay Smart, Michael Rocca, Gig Brummell, Mark Lasota, Abigail Lutz, Gregory Romero, Ross Sinclair, Eddie Nuñez, Amy Neel

**Absent:** Jacqueline Hood, Janet Poole, Paulita Aguilar, Ryan Swanson, Karl Hinterbichler, Raj Mohto, Todd Seidler, Ann Gibson, Monica Cyrino, Gregory Romero, Janice Ruggiero

**Athletic Dept. Staff:** Chris Baca, Eric Schultz

**Guests & Minutes:** Natasha Dark – SAAC President, Mary Dorado – University Secretary’s Office

- 1. Opening and Call to Order .....Mike Rocca**  
Mike opened the meeting at 2:30 pm.
  - **Quorum was not met.**
  
- 2. Approval of Agenda.....Mike Rocca**
  - Was not approved due to lack of quorum.
  
- 3. Approval of the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes.....Mike Rocca**
  - The minutes were not approved due to a lack of quorum.
  
- 4. Athletic Chair’s Report..... Mike Rocca**
  - Mike announced that he would be going on sabbatical over the Spring semester and let the council know that an interim chair would be needed.
  - Shared that he and Amy Neel submitted a statement on the D170 policy, disagreeing with the changes that the policy went through during the first campus comment period.
    - Mike has been in contact with Leslie Oakes, the Policy Committee Chair, to hopefully improve the D170 policy.
    - Amy and Mike thanked Natasha for sharing the information she had on other colleges and their attendance policies to help the council shape D170 into a comparable policy.
  
- 5. Athletic Director’s Report.....Eddie Nuñez**
  - Eddie thanked the support Athletics has received from HSC in helping the student athletes cope with their recent loss of their teammate.
  - The fall season sports are coming to an end and have been doing really well and have really created a sense of community among each other, supporting their teammates in a positive manner.
  - Athletics is putting together their five-year budget plan together, and once it is in its final stages of completion, Eddie will bring copies for the Council to take a look at.

- The Hall of Honor was recently held, and the turn out was incredible. It really highlighted the community’s involvement in Athletics.
- Eddie asked the Council, that should they see any of the students who were affected by the loss of the teammate, to please just reach out to them. Check in with them to see how they are doing, chat with them, and let them know that you are there for them.

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

- Amy has been trying to work with the departments who have the most resistance to the student attendance policy and will continue to do so until the end of her term.

**7. Associate Athletic Director of Compliance Report.....Eric Shultz**

- Eric let the council know that the Mountain West Conference was having a compliance retreat the next week that he and Chris Baca would be attending.

**8. Director of Lobo Center for Student-Athlete Success Report.....Chris Baca**

- Chris reported that their focus has been on registering their student athletes for the Spring Semester. She is happy with how the Fall Semester is ending and hopes that the Spring Semester will continue the trend.
- The Fall Commencement ceremony is on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and Chris asked that if any of the Council members were available, to attend the ceremony to help support any of the graduating athletes.

**9. SAAC Report..... Natasha Dark**

- SAAC has been working on the Lobos for Life initiative and have been trying to figure out what they would like to focus on for the life skills workshops.
- Natasha reported that they have also been working on facilitation a peer mentorship program with Ryan Swanson’s Lobo Scholar’s group.
- Natasha again brought up the importance of focusing on Mental Health, and she hopes that they could soon start a program where key people in teams will be trained in spotting the warning signs of poor mental health. These people are called “gatekeepers” and similar programs have been put into place in other Mountain West conference schools.

**10. FAR Selection.....Mike Rocca**

- Mike discussed with the committee on how the FAR Call was conducted and made a few suggestions on how to improve it in the future. Mike welcomed suggestions from the Council as well.
  - It was suggestion that the time to receive applications should be a longer period.
- The received FAR application was reviewed by the committee and it was agreed that the application would be sent on to the President for approval.

**11. Athletic Council Charge..... Mike Rocca**

- The council reviewed and discussed the changes the Policy Committee had suggested for the Athletic Council's charge and discussed the impact some of the language would have on the Council's functions.
- In addition to reviewing the suggested changes, the council also reviewed some of the changes they had been working on for some time to include in their report back to the Policy Committee.

**12. Other Business:**

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

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

**14. Adjourn**

3:59 pm.