



Athletic Council

FINAL

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

4:00-5:00 PM

Malooof Conference Room/Zoom Video Conference

Voting Members Present: Ryan Swanson, Todd Seidler, Michael Rocca, Gig Brummell, Monica Cyrino, Karl Hinterbichler, Shelley McLaughlin, Eliza Rice

Absent Voting Members-Excused: Diego Pena Parr, Janet Poole, Lindsay Smart, Tamala Bos

Absent Voting Members-Unexcused: Brandi Fink, John Benavidez, Matthew Borrego

Ex-Officio, Guests & Minutes: Chris Baca, Eric Schultz, Eddie Nunez, Felisha Martinez

Called to order at 4:01 pm.

Quorum was met.

1. Approval of Agenda

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A motion to approve the November 10, 2021, agenda was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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Gig asked that the October meeting minutes also acknowledge staff such as Janice and Ed regarding the Mountain West Conference (MWC) Commissioner's Award. A motion to approve the October meeting minutes as amended was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Athletic Council Chair's Report

Ryan Swanson

All council members have been added to the Athletic Council folder on Microsoft Teams. All documents related to council business are saved there. Ryan has been working on liaison assignments and is keeping with past assignments when applicable and personal council member preferences. The assignments are not finalized yet and can be changed if needed. Ryan encouraged council members to contact their teams in the next few weeks. Eddie offered to set up a meeting with appropriate coaches and liaisons if needed. Ryan is finalizing the roster for subcommittees (Academic integrity, Governance Compliance and Fiscal Integrity, Equity Welfare and Sportsmanship). He will send out a draft this week. Ryan is also working on getting a graduate student to participate in the council. He asked for recommendations from the council and hopes to have them join the next meeting.

4. Athletic Director's Report

Eddie Nunez



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UNM is getting ready to end the fall semester. There are two conferences for championships with soccer and cross country. Basketball starts soon. There have been some great things with the women's team. They have been some injuries, but they have a great team.

Athletics had their gala two weeks ago and has raised \$400K. They are proud of their staff and donors. They had fewer attendees due to COVID and moving the date.

Everyone stepped up for the Lobo Life program. This is a 3-part program that is assisting student athletes', Athletic staff, and coaches. The program is meant to address professional and personal development. The focus is on mental health, mindfulness, communication, etiquette, and making professional connections. They are working on getting speakers to make presentations.

Athletics is finalizing funding for the Olympic weight room, however \$500K-700K still needs to be funded. This will be a focus for the next 6-8 months. Athletics will need to find ways to put more funding within the program. They are 95% done with drawing and will be going out to bid this month. Construction may start in December, but more likely will begin after the holidays. The weight room will be in the football stadium near Tow Diehl. It could take 8-10 months to build, but more likely will take 10-12 months to finish. This facility will be for all student athletes to use. Athletics has worked with Nicole Dopson and Teresa Costantinidis to finalize their multiyear plan. They are looking at creating their 10-year plan as well. Where are we going and what areas do we see as a concern?

Security will be a focus for Athletics. A former UNM baseball player was killed, and their assailant was charged and convicted of their murder. There was a recent shooting near The Cottage apartments. There are many student athletes that stay there. Eddie has spoken with the University President about this issue. On campus housing is limited in general, let alone for student athletes. The University would like to expand on housing, but this would need to be expanded across the board and not just for student athletes.

A council member asked for an update regarding the conference alignment. The Mid-American Conference (MAC) will not be expanding. There is the opportunity as the MWC to be the strongest of the five conferences. The financial funding that could come from the CFP could be \$1-2 million for each school. The MWC is the strongest conference currently and is in a great position. There is a chance in the next few years that the conference can lose one or two schools. We need to grow our budget to meet that power five. We need enrollment to grow in order to help bring more money in. UNM is looking at other scenarios to help the basketball side, as this could help financially.

5. Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Karen Gaudreault

Karen made a brief introduction of herself to the council. She is working with the advising team to support athletes with courses they take. There is one specific course that is most problematic with all students not just student athletes. This



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course could provide some eligibility and compliance issues. The council report they have heard about issues with chemistry courses, but not math. One student did report in an exit interview heard about issues with a math class. Any course with a lab seems to be the most problematic. Remedial math (Math 1215) is the course in question and is taken at the beginning of a student's college career. Karen is hoping to connect more with the professor and the chair. She will reach out to Pamela Cheek if necessary. The way they deliver the course is complicated and chooses to drop students are various points. They say students are aware of being dropped from the course, but most are not. There is a 24-page syllabus which seems to be difficult to review in depth. Students are dropped from the course but are told to continue working on the class. They are then told to register for the class the next semester. Karen is in the information gathering stage. Chris stated the course is a self-taught structure which is overwhelming. A council member recommended Karen reach out to the Associate Dean for curriculum in the College of Arts and Sciences, Mary Domski.

A discussion was held regarding the modification of the faculty handbook surrounding make up work. An example was given about a student wanting to drop their lowest score on a quiz, however they were told to use the quiz they had to miss due to their game schedule. They were not allowed to make up the quiz. Ryan stated the council would look for past information regarding this issue so Karen does not need to start over with her research. Recommendations were made to update the handbook, however that progressed was stalled due to COVID.

6. Director of Lobo Center for Student-Athlete Success Report

Chris Baca

An event was held to give student athletes registration priority. This event is set up so students can choose classes early and do not conflict with their practices/games.

Regarding the online course policy, student athletes are limited to two online classes as in person classes help them forge relationships with professors, other students, etc., if they wish to take more online classes; they work with Chris. They do exhaust every opportunity before moving towards additional online classes. Karen have been doing a lot of proctoring for students. If anyone is willing to be in that group, it would be helpful.

Their stole ceremony is set for December 15 at 6 pm, but that time is tentative.

Chris suggested having exit interviews for the fall for students who graduate in the fall rather than the spring. It would be great to get started soon. The council does have the forms for the interviews. Chris will get a list of exiting student tomorrow morning and send it to Ryan.

7. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Report

Eliza Rice

Community service is a big push this year. They are submitting a video for a contest to the MWC. Any clips the council can send from community service events are appreciated.



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The leadership academy is rolling out. Athletes will be matched with mentors at UNM and throughout Albuquerque. Eliza will be mentoring with the New Mexico United team.

SAAC is hoping to bring back the UNM Emmy's this year. They want to unite the teams and get to know each other to create a cohesive athletic culture at UNM.

Eliza will go to the MWC student athlete forum next week. She is happy to pass along any information from the council if needed.

8. **Other Business:**

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UNM lost a treasured member of our community last week. Former Assistant Tennis Coach Loren Dils passed away last Wednesday after a 13-year battle with ALS. He served as the assistant coach of the Men's Tennis team while his twin brother, Alan, was head coach. He won multiple coach-of-the-year awards and conference championships. He was a close friend, a true inspiration for all Lobos, and a beloved member of the New Mexico tennis community. Here are two wonderful tributes to his legacy.

- <https://golobos.com/news/2021/11/04/loren-dils-former-asst-tennis-coach-passes-away-at-55/>
- <https://www.abqjournal.com/2443621/loren-dils-19662021.html>

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
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Adjourn

4:59 PM