

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**  
**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday November 3, 2022**  
**3:30 – 4:30 PM**

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## **Final**

**Voting Council Members:** Ryan Swanson, Todd Seidler, Gig Brummell, Hongyoung Kim, Belinda Wallace, Ann Gibson, John Benavidez, Amy Beggin, Janet Poole, Monica Cyrino, Michael Rocca, Lindsay Smart, Karl Hinterbichler

**Absent Voting Council Members:** Richard File-Muriel, Shelly McLaughlin

**Ex-Officio, Guests & Minutes:** Chris Baca, Student Success Manager, Kamie Hamada, SAC President

### **Opening and Call to Order**

*Ryan Swanson*

Meeting started at 3:35 pm. Quorum was met.

### **Approval of Agenda**

*Council*

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*Council*

### **Introductions**

*Council*

Introductions as there are new members since the previous meeting in May 2022.

### **Athletic Council Chair's Welcome and Report**

*Ryan Swanson*

Liaison assignments-three teams still needing assignment.

- Women's Swim and Dive-Monica offered to take on women's swim and dive.
- Baseball-Gig offered
- Men's Golf-Kim offered

Some committee members have done the liaison in the past, some are new--Ryan suggested reach out to the coaches, introduce yourself. Look over the liaison parameter in the Teams account.

### **Athletic Department Report**

*Amy Beggins*

- We are hosting cross-country regionals in a week.
- Soccer ended their season with a loss but a great season for them with three straight conference championships. Basketball is about to start. Now more than

ever we are doing more for the athlete led organization as part of our Life Program.

- Follet will be supplying the merchandise at basketball and football games for UNM. We are excited for that partnership. They have high quality Nike and Champion gear.

### **Faculty Athletic Representative Report**

*Karen Gaudreault*

Unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting.

### **Lobo Center for Student -Athlete Success Report**

*Chris Baca*

- Student athletes have priority registration. They have been busy getting students to meet with their advisors, getting holds lifted and planning their Spring courses.
- We continue to address mental health needs of the athletes. We have a great group of people who are on the hiring committee for the sport and clinical psychologist position.
- [The Hidden Opponent](#) a nationwide organization, with over 800 student-athlete ambassadors called, “Campus Captains” will be coming to UNM. The Hidden Opponent was endorsed and supported by the late Kobe Bryant. The organization is devoted to student athletes’ mental health. We will have a student led chapter coming here on campus reaches

### **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Report**

*Kamie Hamada*

- We meet monthly and have two focuses this year; community outreach and enhancing student athlete activity. Would like to talk with Eddie about creating an event at the end of the year for athletes. She was able to go to the Mountain West SAC meeting where all reps from the different schools in the Mountain West. These schools have an event at the end of the year to celebrate the athletes. Kamie would like to work on doing something like that for the UNM athletes. Like the event for scholar athletes, but she says for that you must have a certain GPA to attend. She is wanting to have an event where all athletes can attend.
- We have been doing a lot more community service and we are looking for more events and partners to partner with to do more community service. She asked for any suggestions for companies to partner with. She would love to have an event where the teams can team up. It’s a great time to bond.

### **Action Item: Attendance policy**

*Michael Rocca*

Regarding D170 Attendance Policy that was about 90% completed a couple of years ago and some problems are still being seen. Some language in the policy states students “should” be able to makeup exams and in other areas it states students “must” be able to makeup exams. Some faculty members stated that it is very difficult in large core classes, and they do not have the bandwidth to give makeup exams. Giving travel letters at the beginning of the semester is not sufficient. Communication by the student to their instructor is necessary. Another

point was brought up that a clear, well circulated policy would be good to give to chairs and supervisors.

It is up to us to make sure that departments and students are aware of this change and that there is some room for interpretation when it comes to excused absences, and if students get push back that there is a grievance process that exists. A suggestion to speak to the Provost office about language in the attendance policy. In addition, a suggestion to use the word “accommodation” could be more acceptable than dictating to give a makeup exam.

### **Other Business?**

**Adjourn**

4: 34PM