

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 28, 2019
Administration Conference Room
South Athletic Complex-Colleen J. Maloof Bldg.
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Minutes

Council Members: Mike Rocca, Eddie Nunez, Jackie Hood, Lindsay Smart, Gig Brummell, Ann Gibson, Amy Neel, Matthew Borrego, Karl Hinterbichler, Rachel Montoya, Janice Ruggiero, Paulita Aguilar, Gregory Romero, Todd Seidler

Absent: Ryan Swanson, Janet Poole, Brayden Merritt, Raj Mahto, Mark Lasota, Monica Cyrino

Athletic Dept. Staff: Antonette Martinez, Eric Schulz, Chris Baca, David Williams, Coach Mike Bradbury

Minutes & Guests: Amy Cordoba, University Secretary's Office

- 1. Opening and Call to OrderMike Rocca**

Mike opened the meeting at 2:30 pm.

 - **Quorum was met.**

- 2. Approval of Agenda.....Mike Rocca**
 - The Agenda was approved with one change. Item #4 will now be a request from Coach Bradbury to play a women's basketball game during Finals Week.

- 3. Approval of the February 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes.....Mike Rocca**
 - The minutes were approved from February 28, 2019.

- 4. Women's Basketball Game During Finals Week.....Coach Mike Bradbury**
 - Women's Basketball coach Mike Bradbury explained that two conference women's basketball games have been added to the December 2019 schedule. These games will be played December 4 & 7, 2019. Discussion on this issue followed with the council voting to approve the two games during finals week.

- 5. Athletic Chair's Report..... Mike Rocca**
 - Mike began his presentation by congratulating council member Lindsay Smart on her new appointment as Director of Leadership at the Office of Equity and Inclusion. He then moved the meeting on to the Athletic Director's Report.

- 6. Athletic Director's Report..... Eddie Nuñez**
 - Eddie began by introducing his new Deputy Director of Athletics, Dave Williams, who was hired just after the Holidays.
 - The department is still in the process of restructuring the Lobo Club.
 - Football, and volleyball, are beginning their spring training.

- The department is still waiting on decisions from the recent legislative session, and the governor’s decision on these results.
- Eddie is still in the process of filling vacancies within the Athletic Department.
- Eddie has met with the new members of the Board of Regents and is very impressed with the new members.
- The Budget Summit is coming up on April 9, 2019. Eddie will address the Athletic Department’s Budget later in today’s meeting.

7. FAR Report.....Amy Neel

- Amy reported that she was able to travel to Las Vegas for the Mountain West Conference and watched three games.
- At this conference Amy met with her fellow FAR’s who are connected with the Mountain West Conference.
- She reported that she is working with a Student-Athlete Tennis player, from the School of Architecture and Planning, who is having trouble coordinating practice time for their sport with Architecture’s studio classes. Mike Rocca, Tennis Liaison, volunteered to work with Amy on this matter.

8. Associate Athletic Director of Compliance Report.....Eric Schultz

- Eric is working on new compliance recruiting software since the current contract has expired and a new RFP is being sent out.
- He is also looking at a new Athletic Aid contract for student-athletes.

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

- Chris reported that her office is now offering holistic student development through a series of workshops.
- Last week they had a series of workshops on resume building and job interviewing skills. Former student-athletes, and coaches, presented at the workshops on their job-hunting experiences after leaving UNM. At future workshops she might reach out to members of the Athletic Council to present at these workshops.
- They are also looking at summer internship programs for student-athletes. Mike said that there is a huge demand for intern students in the state of New Mexico.
- Her office is now seeing many more student-athletes applying for graduate school.

10. Athletics Budget Discussion.....Eddie Nunez & Committee

- Eddie began the presentation by giving an overview of the confusion of dealing with the Athletics Budget.
- Over the past year and a half Athletics has been restructuring the entire budget. During this process they have been working closely with the Higher Education Department (HED).
- The Athletics Budget is now listed under Academic Affairs, through Shared Services, as opposed to the Administration side of the budget.

- The department is now down to the final candidates for the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Eddie hopes to have the position filled in the next couple of weeks.
- Eddie then explained the handouts he distributed. Athletics presents their budget to the regents Finance & Facilities Committee, the full Board of Regents, and they present monthly to the HED. The handouts detail the budgets of each sport.
- Athletics had a \$4.7 million deficit. They currently have a plan to pay that amount back to the university. A set amount is paid every year.
- Revenues continue to be an issue for the department.
- New ticketing software has been installed to make the process more efficient.
- Negotiations are continuing for multi-media rights.
- Student fees have gone up. Only 26% of athletics budget comes from the state, the institution, and student fees. The national average, in UNM's league, is 45%. 64% of New Mexico State University's budget comes from these areas.
- Athletics is also actively looking into creating additional revenue through special events, concerts, etc. for the Pit and the football stadium.
- The direction, and duties, of the Lobo Club are being expanded.
- A question and answer period followed Eddie's introduction. Eddie will present again on the budget at the next Athletic Council meeting.

11. Exit Interview Process:

- Mike reported that the exit interviews will begin before the next Athletic Council meeting. They should begin during the fourth week of April.
- The results of these interviews will be delivered to UNM's Athletic Director, President Stokes, and the FAR. Then, at the next full council meeting, the results of the exit interviews will be discussed.
- Mike reminded the council that all notes taken during the exit interviews are public records.
- Mike then went over the list of exit interview questions with the council. Mike will clean up the list of questions and email the finished copy to the members of the council.

12. Athletic Council Charge:

- *Discussion of the Council's Charge was tabled until the next meeting in order to address the Subcommittee and Liaison reports.*

13. Other Business:

- **Liaison Reports:**
 - Mike distributed a draft copy of "Liaison Role & Responsibilities" that he wrote. He asked that the Governance, Compliance & Fiscal Integrity Committee, chaired by Jackie Hood, review and comment on the draft.
 - The men's baseball team was met with two weeks ago. The baseball coach is focusing on psychological issues facing injured players.

- Amy reported that the NCAA is working with FAR to address class attendance issues with universities nationally. Amy would like to see this issue brought up with the Faculty Senate.
- **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - **Academic Integrity** - Monica could not make today's meeting, but she sent a report to Mike, who will circulate it to the council. Mike will work on creating an action plan for Monica's report.
 - **Student Report** – Adam Biederwolf has been elected president of ASUNM and will assume his office in the fall of 2019. Adam is working on numerous ideas to increase student attendance at games.

14. Date of Next Meeting

April 25, 2019.

15. Adjourn

4 pm.