

University of New Mexico  
Student Athlete Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Gary Beresford at 7:03pm

Members Attending:

Mackenzie White, Gary Beresford, Guillermo Chavez, Jodi Ewart, Megan Bodenheimer, Lucy Scott, Veronika Strnadova, Andy Taylor, Blake Ligon, Justice Bowe, Stasia Ploskonka, Ashley Grisdale, Alex Zannes, Brett Fanning, Brandi Kimble.

Sports not attending: volleyball, men's soccer, men's basketball, softball, men's tennis.

- Old Business
  - o Student Athlete Intervention Committee
    - Psychological / Sports Issues can be brought to a professional in a confidential manner. It would be in a somewhat hidden location to promote confidentiality. This person would be a trained psychologist and could serve as a mediator for those with sports psychology issues.
    - It was brought up that there could be Peer Liaison(s) within SAAC to who people could go in order to get in touch with the psychologist.
      - SAAC members Tina Moya, Andy Taylor, Whitney Johnson, and Theresa Rogers volunteered to become possible Peer Liaisons.
- Mountain West Conference Recap by VP Mackenzie White
  - o The idea of having a Sports Psychologist was also brought up.
  - o The members of the committee to whom complaints can be brought are Members of the Committee to whom complaints can be brought to are Janice Ruggiero (Associate AD for Student-Athlete Welfare/SWA), Breda Bova (Secretary to President), Paul Krebs (Athletic Director), and David Schmidley (President of University).
  - o Post grad scholarships are available on the NCAA website.
- New SAAC website up and running under the student athlete tab.
- New Minority Interests Chairperson is Blake Ligon.
- Humane Society Community service project is in the works, look for updates soon.
- Toys for Tots last December was successful.

New Business

- Mountain West Blood Drive (2/26/08): Denise Temple
  - o Denise Discussed that:
    - There is a huge need for donated blood in the New Mexican community.

- United Blood Services take care of all 43 hospitals and health care services in the State of New Mexico.
    - There is a huge donor base which can be tapped into by marketing and invitations by SAAC members, such as tabling in the SUB.
    - Average Donation time is 40 minutes, and an interview to qualify the donor is necessary.
    - All of United's staff will be present to help with this drive.
    - There will be t-shirts and music download cards available to donors.
    - The ideal material posting time is two weeks before the date of the drive.
  - Apple Conference
    - Blake Ligon and Justice Bowe attended.
      - The Conference was in Phoenix and was concerned with alcohol and drug abuse.
      - The main goal of the meeting was to set up a uniform program concerning drug and alcohol abuse.
      - All SAAC members should go to their team recruiter to inquire about any existing legal-type documents pertaining to drugs and alcohol on recruiting trips.
      - SAAC members were asked to brain storm ideas for where to bring recruits to avoid trouble in the future, such as parties, etc.
      - Positive Athlete Image posters will be made and posted around campus after the Life Skills meeting next semester.
  - Student Fees Review Board
    - 8 people are needed to attend
    - The meeting is this Friday at 1:15pm in the SUB Cherry-Silver Ballroom
    - The SAAC members who are available to attend are Theresa Rogers, Ashley Grisdale, Stasia Ploskonka, Andy Taylor, Megan Bodenheimer, and Veronika Strnadova.
    - 2 more members are needed to attend.
  - Life Skills Meeting
    - Dr. Gary Sailes will be speaking to the Lobos on Monday 2/11/08 at 7:00pm in the SUB ballroom.
    - Dr. Gary Sailes promotes diversity within campuses and stresses organization skills and positive thinking.
  - Attendance Policy
    - This policy is still in the works. It will be available soon.
- Meeting called to a close by President Gary Beresford at 7:33pm