

University of New Mexico
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda for Tuesday December 4th, 2007

President Gary Beresford calls meeting to order at 7:05pm

- Briefly explained the new format of meetings
 - o Review of previous minutes
 - o Input from each executive officer
 - o President's address
 - o Forum for representative feedback
 - o Upcoming team schedules
 - o Meeting adjourns

Coach Paulsen

- Coach Paulsen introduced the idea of a Student Athlete Intervention Committee
 - o Mental health issues regarding coaches/athletics/academics etc. could be brought to this professional.
 - o Questions to SAAC regarding the Committee;
 - Should this person be called a sports psychologist or another title?
 - Should a member of SAAC join this committee as a peer liaison for other athletes?
 - Theresa Rogers, Andy Taylor, Whitney Johnson, and Tina Moya volunteered
- Is there a better way to go about preventing crisis than a sports psychologist?
- Should the liaison be a coach? A peer?
- Should this psychologist be in a more secluded area in order to make appointments less visible to others?

Secretary recorded attendance

- Erin Brandow, Lucy Scott, Blake Ligon, Mark Rockey, Megan Bodenheimer, Veronika Strnadova, Andy Taylor, Stasia Ploskonka, Jodi Ewart, Morgan Grantham, Guillermo Chavez, Tom Carlson, Jake Lestischen, Rob Bierbaum, Mackenzie White, Gary Beresford, Whitney Johnson, Theresa Rogers, Dr. Brian Smith
- No review of previous minutes at this meeting.

Vice President

- Mountain West Conference Meeting Recap
 - o Members discussed adding a psychologist to the staff at schools to help prevent crisis amongst athletes
 - o 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).

- Post-Grad Scholarships are available on the NCAA website for those considering Graduate school next year.
- It was discussed that there should be a SAAC member attending the Coaches' meetings in order to bring up any concerns and to hear of coaches' opinions.

Treasurer

- Tom Carlson introduced himself and said that there was \$1000 dollars in the budget at the beginning of the year. Mackenzie White's plane tickets to the MWC Meeting came out of this budget, as well as expenses for the get-together at the beginning of the year.

Secretary

- Theresa Rogers discussed the new SAAC website.
 - The SAAC website is on golobos.com, on the student-athlete tab all the way to the right side of the page.
 - There is a link to a page with both the SAAC officers and representatives names and pictures
 - There is a link to the SAAC Handbook put together by Timi E-Nunu last year.
 - SAAC events are also located under a link on the front page, illustrating all the events SAAC is participating in. Currently the e-waste event with the tennis team is up.
 - The Student Information Tab answers questions about NCAA rules and eligibility requirements that are most frequently asked.
 - There is also a tab for emailing SAAC information or questions. The email is unmsaac@unm.edu

Chair of Minority Interests

- Blake Ligon introduced himself as the Chairman
 - The committee was formed in order to hear the interests and concerns of minority student-athletes and present them to SAAC as a coherent group.
 - SAAC will be looking for members of this committee soon.

President

- SAAC Yearly student-athlete functions
 - The Spring get together is already being planned
 - Humane Society volunteer work
 - In the process of being planned
- Summary of Agenda Items
 - Toys for Tots (12/6/07)
 - SAAC Members attending:
 - Erin Brandow, Blake Ligon, Megan Bodenheimer, Veronika Strnadova, Andy Taylor, Stasia Ploskonka, Jodi Ewart, Morgan Grantham, Guillermo Chavez, Tom Carlson, Jake Lestischen, Mackenzie White, Gary Beresford, Whitney Johnson, Tennis Team (8-10 people)
 - Mountain West Conference Blood Drive (2/26/08)

- Team sports schedules:
 - o Swimming and Track and Field have meets coming up
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

Meeting called to a close by Gary Beresford at 8:00pm