

## **Faculty Athletic Committee**

### **Minutes**

May 4, 2023

Via Zoom - 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

1. Roll call
  - a. Present: Shana Halalilo (Co-Athletic Director), Jim Deisler (Co-Athletic Director), Dr. Melanie Zollner - Chair (Business), Dr. Frances Ortega (Social Work), Dr. Kristin Bogda (Exercise & Sport Sciences), Dr. Erika Derkas (Sociology), Dr. Benjamin Bencomo (Social Work). Absent: Dr. William Hayward (FAR) and Rhett Bellon (Student-Athlete Success Coordinator).
2. Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM, motion made by Dr. Derkas, second by Dr. Bencomo.
3. Approval of the Agenda, motion made by Dr. Derkas, second by Dr. Bogda.
4. Approval of Minutes for 2.3.2023, motion made by Dr. Bencomo, second by Dr. Derkas.  
Approval of minutes for 4.13.2023, motion made by Dr. Derkas, second by Dr. Bogda.
5. Jim Deisler – Co-Athletic Director’s report –
  - Jim shared there was turnover in his department. Rhett Bellon, Student-Athlete Success Coordinator and her husband, Director of Sports Medicine, left the institution. They moved to Missouri over the weekend, prior to our meeting.
  - Athletic Department and sports wrapping up the sport season.
  - The softball was done with their season, with 20 wins.
  - Baseball finishes the season in May. The team would be on the road the weekend before finals. (Denver, CO).
  - NCAA requires student athletes conclude practices and games (if not in season) the week before finals.
  - Outdoor Track had their last meet in April. Possibility of National qualifications. For Outdoor Track, two female student athletes have qualified for Nationals held in Pueblo, Colorado. There was still a possibility for one more student to qualify for Nationals.
  - Volleyball and Soccer are done with the season.
  - Student Athletes are getting ready for finals.
  - Goal of the department for summer is to fill positions.
  - Department had to make decisions about softball as the team does not have a permanent coach. Finalize Head Coach and Assistant Coach positions.
  - Fall practices are scheduled to start August 4.

- Jim indicated to contact Shannon, if faculty has academic concerns for students. This is until the Student-Athlete Success Coordinator position is filled.
- Jim indicated, Andrew Ehling former Athletic Director was working with VPAA Dr. Gonzales-Walker and Henrietta Romero on defining Legitimate Educational Interest. No update.
- Jim indicated the Athletic Department needs certain information from student athletes to properly conduct business and be able to determine eligibility status on graduation and progress toward degree.
- Jim will reach out to the office of VPAA Gonzales-Walker to follow up on FERPA and Legitimate Educational Interest. The suggestion was Sr. Gonzales-Walker should indicate through a Global email how faculty must proceed regarding requests from coaches on student athletes' grade information.

6. Shanna Halalilo Co-Athletic Director's report –

- Shanna shared information about the Gala. About 270 people including student athletes, faculty and staff attended the event. Good turnout.
- Shanna shared information about the Golf Tournament at Buffalo Thunder. A partnership event between the Athletic Department and H Club.
- Working on Fall registration. Caroline was working with the Student Success Coach.
- Shanna is working with students close to graduation. 40 student athletes are expected to graduate in May.
- Athletics is looking at restructuring.
- Changes and renovation of the Student Success Center. This was done with money received through a State of NM grant.
- Shana indicated it would be useful to offer workshops on basic life skills to student athletes. Dr. Bencomo, Dr. Ortega, Dr. Bogda and Dr. Zollner volunteered to facilitate workshops and/or presentations for student athletes.

7. Adjournment, motion made by Dr. Bencomo, second by Dr. Bogda. Time 9:41 AM.