

## **Faculty Athletic Committee**

### **Minutes**

November 2, 2023

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

1. Roll call

Present: Jim Deisler (Co-Athletic Director), Cody Cole (Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance and Student Success), Dr. Melanie Zollner (Business), Dr. Seonsook Park (Education) and Dr. Benjamin Bencomo (Social Work). Absent: Shana Halalilo (Co-Athletic Director), Dr. Erika Derkas (Sociology) and Dr. William Hayward (FAR).

2. Meeting called to order at 8:09 AM

3. Approval of the Agenda, motion made by Dr. Park, second by Dr. Zollner. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for 10.5.2023 with correction (to include Cody Cole's role at NMHU) motion made by Dr. Park, second by Dr. Zollner. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Jim Deisler – Co-Athletic Director's report – Internal Report

- Officially, the Basketball team will play games Thursday afternoons and Saturday nights, starting in the 2024 – 2025 season.
- The Soccer team season ended on November 1.
- The Football team will have games the next two weeks. Leaving for South Dakota this afternoon.
- The Volleyball and Football teams will finish the season on November 12
- The Wrestling and basketball teams started the season on November 1.
- The Athletic Department is planning their yearly Thanksgiving meal. This will be held at Stu Clark either Wednesday or Thursday of Thanksgiving week (to be confirmed).
- During the pre-season and before classes start the NMHU Cafeteria is closed. The NMHU Cafeteria will open and serve student athletes, if there are at least 100 student athletes on campus. During times when the NMHU Cafeteria is not open, the Athletic Department pays for student athletes' meals from their budget. Partnerships are made with local restaurants.
- NCAA mandate student athletes get 1 week off during the winter break.
- The Athletic Department is working with Dr. Minner on creating a proposal to develop a Women's Wrestling team. A fast growing sport in the nation. New Mexico highschools have wrestling teams. There is interest in New Mexico and nation wide for more opportunities of Higher Education for Wrestling Women's teams. If approved, this would create opportunities for increase enrollment at NMHU. The Women's Wrestling team

would bring in between 30 – 40 new student athletes. In addition, this would help address the proportionality requirement mandated by Title IX, of UG student body population to student athlete population by gender. There is a need for more Women's Wrestling teams around the nation and for the RMAC conference. It was indicated that RMAC would welcome a new Women's Wrestling team. The proposed Bill will include a request of \$250,000 dollars from the State to help support the endeavor for the first 2 – 3 years.

6. Cody Cole – (Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance and Student Success).
  - Indicated the proposed Women's Wrestling team would help increase enrollment at NMHU, as stated earlier the Athletic Department would enroll between 30 – 40 new student athletes.
7. New Business – tabled
8. Old Business – tabled
9. Next meeting date and plan: November 30 at 8 AM on Zoom.
10. Adjournment, motion made by Dr. Park, second by Dr. Zollner. Time 9 AM.