

Faculty Athletic Committee

Minutes

February 7, 2024

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

1. Roll call

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

2. Meeting called to order at 8:08 AM

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

4. Approval of Minutes for 11.30.2023 by Dr. Derkas, second by Dr. Park. All in favor, motion carried. Abstained, Dr. Moreira.

5. Shanna Halalilo – Co-Athletic Director’s report

- Reported on Academic Night. Student Athletes that meet GPA requirement received a certificate and monetary award. Students that earned a GPA of 3.75 – 3.90 receive \$50 U.S. dollars and students that earned a 4.0 received \$100 U.S. dollars.
- Softball team played in Los Lunas, winning over Western NM University and Eastern NM University.
- Softball Athlete receives RMAC Award.
- Track Team competed in Albuquerque, NM. Patrice Clark, hurler, came out 6th Place in the nation.
- Senior and Alumni Athletes’ night February 20, 2024.
- Bianca Contreras stepped down from her position as Women’s Soccer Coach.
- The Athletic Department will start a search for Women’s Soccer Coach and Men’s Wrestling Coach.

6. Cody Cole – (Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance and Student Success).

- Working on compliance and getting transcripts from transfer athlete students.
- Signing 24 new football players.

- Baseball and softball students started study hall.
 - NMHU Coaches encourage students to attend study hall hours. Students also attend ARMAS. Study hall hours are based on classification and GPA.
- ALL present -
- Group discussion on hybrid courses and wanting to see more students on campus. Discussion about Faculty's right for academic freedom, face-to-face, hybrid and asynchronous courses.

7. New Business

- Introduction from Dr. Moreira.
- Report on Academic Night, done earlier during the meeting.

8. Old Business

- Intercession Dates – discussion around intersession dates. Dr. Bencomo reported meeting with Dr. Romero, Registrar. The academic calendar is set for next year including intersession dates. As indicated by Dr. Romero, a change in intersession dates is a discussion to have with the Faculty Association as it is a change on working conditions. Dr. Bencomo indicated, the Registrar's Office drafts the academic calendar, but this goes through the Policy Committee for Academic Affairs, it is taken to a vote, then goes through Faculty Senate. Dr. Bencomo suggested inviting Dr. Romero, so she can explain the process.
- Early Alert – Tabled for next meeting. Motion made by Dr. Moreira, second by Dr. Bencomo. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Next meeting date and plan: March 6 at 8 AM.

10. Adjournment, motion made by Dr. Zollner, second by Dr. Moreira. All in favor, motion carried. 9:14 AM.