

## **A62** ~~A61.2~~: Athletic Council

**(Renumbered from A61.2 and placed in new policy format)**

Approved By: Faculty Senate

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Responsible Faculty Committee: Athletic Council

Office Responsible for Administration: Office of University Secretary

**Legend** Proposed Additions are highlighted in red and proposed deletions are in ~~strikeout~~.

Revisions to the Policy Rationale, Policy Statement, and Applicability sections of this document must be approved by the full Faculty Senate.

### POLICY RATIONALE

The purpose of the Athletic Council is to bring the view of the greater university community to decisions concerning athletics at the University of New Mexico (UNM). ~~is to support the personal and academic welfare of the student athlete, protect institutional integrity, and ensure compliance with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and affiliated conference rules.~~

### POLICY STATEMENT

The chief duties and functions of the Athletic Council are to formulate, maintain, and review general policies pertaining to intercollegiate athletics that are compatible with the best academic interests of UNM. In formulating policy, the Athletic Council shall:

(a) Support the personal and academic welfare of the student athlete;

~~(b) (a) Maintain a position in favor of~~ Emphasize high scholastic standards for intercollegiate athletics;

~~(c) (b) Maintain a position in favor of~~ Emphasize high standards of institutional, and personal and fiscal integrity, and ethical conduct for intercollegiate athletics; ~~and – (c) Maintain the concept of the intercollegiate athlete as an amateur competitor, a bona fide student pursuing a degree program.~~

(d) Ensure compliance with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and affiliated conference rules; and

(e) Promote equity.

The duties of the Athletic Council are further defined as:

- (a) To transmit to the UNM President and Faculty Senate at the beginning of each ~~calendar~~ academic year a report to include the following: an executive summary; ~~information~~ a report on athletic scholarships and financial aid awarded given to student athletes, and those not renewed; ~~current~~ a review of the graduation rates of student athletes; an executive summary of student-athlete exit interviews; ~~the eligibility of student athletes as indicated by the Faculty Representative to the NCAA, the Registrar's Office, and the Athletic Academic Advising Office, and appropriate~~ any recommendations concerning the administration of athletic programs regarding ~~from the perspective of the academic performance of student athletes;~~ an athletics academic advisement annual report; council priorities and initiatives; and other reports and special items as deemed appropriate by the Athletic Council.
- (b) To encourage ethical conduct in intercollegiate sports at UNM.
- (c) To make appropriate recommendations to the Vice President for Athletics, the faculty, and UNM President regarding items pertaining to the maintenance of scholastic standards for intercollegiate athletics.
- (d) To review criteria for admission and eligibility of student athletes, and policies regarding student-athletes' progress towards degrees.
- (e) To review and monitor UNM's athletics programs for compliance with National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) and affiliated conference ~~Mountain West Conference (MWC)~~ rules and regulations including the review of periodic compliance reports.
- (f) To provide comments and recommendations regarding changes in NCAA ~~MWC~~, or other relevant conferences rules, bylaws, policies, and procedures to the Vice President for Athletics and the faculty representative to the NCAA.
- (g) ~~Review and make recommendations regarding~~ To advise the Vice President for Athletics on matters of conference affiliations and other intercollegiate relationships.
- (h) To review at the end of each ~~academic year~~ semester ~~the list~~ an overview provided by the Vice President for Athletics of student-athletes transfer rates, and number of ~~whose~~ scholarships or and financial aid non renewals ~~are not being renewed,~~ including common reasons for each category. ~~the reason for each action.~~
- (i) To review annually team schedules for conformity to the Athletic Council policy on scheduling of academic events and review and approve scheduling exceptions.
- (j) To review and make recommendations regarding ~~Consult with the Vice President for Athletics on~~ policies and procedures for the annual evaluation of coaches and athletic staff.

(k) To review and make recommendations regarding appeals of student-athletes on academic and athletic matters when appropriate.

(l) To advise the Vice President for Athletics, when an Associate Director of Athletics or a head coach is to be employed or dismissed.

(m) To conduct student-athlete exit interviews at least once during the academic year with focus upon academic integrity, student-athlete well-being, and equity.

(n) As requested by the President, review and/or nominate candidates for the position of Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) to the NCAA.

Voting members of the Council are: twelve (12) faculty members, the majority of whom should be tenured) including the Chair (elected to a two-year term by a vote of the twelve (12) faculty members of the Council) and the chairs of any committees of the Council (both standing and ad-hoc committees of the Council, appointed by the Council Chair.) These twelve (12) members shall come from a minimum of ~~must be representative of at least four (4) colleges.~~ The terms of office shall be for three (3) years, set up on a staggered basis so that the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of members will expire each year. ~~so that the terms of two (2) members will expire each year.~~ The remaining council membership shall be composed of: three (3) voting undergraduate student members; one (1) voting graduate student member; one (1) voting alumni member; and, also, ex-officio, non-voting members of the Council including are the Vice President for Athletics, the Associate Director of Athletics, three (3) faculty senators (elected by that body for two-year terms), and the faculty representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). ~~An executive committee of the Council may be appointed to provide coverage during the summer months when some faculty members of the Council may not be available.~~

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## APPLICABILITY

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All UNM faculty, including the Health Sciences Center and Branch Community Colleges.

Revisions to the remaining sections of this document may be amended with the approval of the Faculty Senate Policy Committee, and Operations Committee.
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## DEFINITIONS

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There are no specific definitions required by this Policy.

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## WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

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- All UNM faculty.
- Academic administrators and staff.
- Administrative staff responsible for policy development.

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## RELATED DOCUMENTS

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*Faculty Handbook*: Note: Committee Charges Policy numbers are being changed to align with their respective Council per the new Faculty Senate Restructure

**Policy A51** “Faculty Constitution”

**Policy A53** “Development and Approval of Faculty Policies”

**Policy A60** “Faculty Senate Bylaws”

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## CONTACTS

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Direct any questions about this policy to Office of the University Secretary.

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## PROCEDURES

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The Athletic Council will schedule regular meetings. The Council Chair will meet regularly with the Operations Committee, but no less than once each semester.

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## DRAFT HISTORY

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**January 21, 2020—Clarification added for UNM President per**

January 9, 2020 – Revised to incorporate Athletic Council changes

October 19, 2019 –Revisions to address member terms.

May 7, 2017 –Minor revisions to and renumbering of the policy to address changes to Policy A60 “Faculty Senate Bylaws” resulting from reorganization of the Faculty Senate.

March 2014 –Special Rules Revised by the Faculty Senate

March 2013—Interim Restructure Document Approved by the Faculty Senate

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## HISTORY

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