

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Hotel Santa Fe
January 18, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Chad Lydick called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Randy Harris, Santana Chavez, Brett Leach, Marshall Stinnett and Chad Lydick were present.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Stinnett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT

Regent Lydick welcomed everyone to Santa Fe and the opening of the legislative session. He hopes for a better outcome from this session than in past years since the state is in better financial condition. Despite the past economic difficulties, the Portales campus continues its record enrollment this spring, and all the campuses continue to prosper due to the efforts of their faculty and staff. Regent Lydick invited everyone to attend the Alumni Legislative Reception later this evening.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- Dr. Gamble introduced the student group attending the legislative session—Alan Kinlund, Marissa Hyde, Rachel Whitt and Reydecel Coss. The students visited with legislators this morning about higher education and ENMU.
- Spring enrollment is anticipated to exceed 5,000 students for the first time ever. Dr. Gamble believes headcount will increase by 6% to 8% over last spring and semester credit hours will increase by 5% to 6%.
- There are two important items for ENMU in this legislative session. The first is the capital outlay bill that goes forward to the voters of New Mexico in November as the General Obligation Bond. ENMU is recommended for \$10M for a complete renovation of the Jack Williamson Liberal Arts building. The second issue is the operational budget. There are two very different proposed versions for higher education. The executive branch budget provides no new funding for higher education except for refunding the 1.75% contribution to the state retirement system that was passed on to employees during the last session. The Legislative Finance Committee's (LFC) version includes an 8½% increase in funding for ENMU due to increased enrollment. Although this is good news, this

amount is likely to be changed as the state's budget is adjusted. Also included is a ½% compensation increase for state employees.

- The state's recent redistricting initiative has reduced one state representative position from the Roswell area and one state senate position in the Alamogordo and Roswell areas.

REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. John Madden said enrollment is down 1% to 2% but expects that the final count will show a slight increase over last spring.
- Ground has been broken for the construction of the new Student Services Center. The center will be a one-stop place for students that houses offices for enrollment, registration and financial aid.
- ENMU-Roswell is negotiating an agreement with Excel Energy to provide 20 to 40 solar-covered parking spaces that will generate enough electricity for a \$2,000 a month savings in utility costs for the campus.
- Dr. Madden said the Roswell campus is included on the capital outlay bill for \$2.5 million for infrastructure repairs.
- Dr. Madden distributed to the regents a new marketing publication for the Roswell campus.

REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Clayton Alred reported that the spring 2012 campus enrollment of 1,049 has exceeded last spring's enrollment of 1,041. Registration continues, and he expects strong final numbers.
- Dr. Alred discussed proposed budget recommendations for the Ruidoso campus. The Higher Education Department's (HED) recommendation would reduce the campus' budget by 1.2%; the executive branch's budget would increase the campus's budget by 0.7%; and the LFC would increase the budget by 6.6%.
- Two service awards were presented in December to Ruidoso employees—Beth Defoor received the Distinguished Service Award, and Holly Braden received the Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Dr. Alred made a presentation to the Lincoln County Commissioners on December 20 regarding the economic impact of the Ruidoso campus on the Ruidoso community. There were negative comments from two commissioners regarding the results; however, subsequent comments by community members in letters to the newspaper, phone calls and emails were positive.
- Rep. Andy Nunez is introducing a bill this legislative session that will allow all community colleges in New Mexico to expand their taxing districts. Currently, independent community colleges have this ability and branch campuses do not. This bill will benefit the Ruidoso campus, if passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Chavez moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2011, as presented. Regent Leach seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENTS MATTERS

1. Change to 2012 Meeting Calendar

Regent Lydick presented a change in the 2012 meeting calendar to the regents for approval. The proposal is to move the June Board of Regents meeting from June 23 to June 2 to coincide with the ENMU-Foundation's annual barbeque.

Regent Leach moved to approve the change to the 2012 meeting calendar as presented. Regent Harris seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Election of Officers

Regent President Lydick called for the annual election of officers. Regent Leach nominated Regent Randy Harris as president of the Board. There were no other nominations.

Regent Stinnett moved that nominations cease. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Harris is president by acclamation.

Dr. Gamble and the regents thanked Regent Lydick for his service as president of the Board. Regent Lydick passed the gavel to Regent Harris.

Regent Harris called for nominations for the office of vice president. Regent Stinnett nominated Regent Brett Leach as vice president of the Board. There were no other nominations.

Regent Stinnett moved that nominations cease. Regent Leach seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Leach is vice president by acclamation.

Regent Harris called for nominations for the office of secretary/treasurer.
Regent Stinnett nominated Regent Chavez to continue as secretary/treasurer.
There were no other nominations.

Regent Leach moved that nominations cease. Regent Stinnett seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Chavez is the secretary/treasurer by acclamation.

3. Annual Authorization of Officers

Dr. Gamble presented the document authorizing annual signature authority for officers of the Board of Regents and University administration.

Regent Leach moved to approve the annual authorization of officers as presented. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Presidential Goals 2012

Dr. Gamble distributed his presidential goals to the regents at the December meeting for review. Today, he discussed his goals and distributed handouts for a feasibility study for an on-campus football stadium and a comparison of tuition and fees of southwestern institutions of higher education. Mr. Scott Smart also gave an update on the solar project. This is an information item.

2. Academic Support Review Report

As part of a budget review, the University examined cost savings measures and efficiencies in non-academic units. An *ad hoc* committee identified 25 measures that Dr. Gamble shared with the regents. This is an information item.

3. Academic Affairs Administrative Structure Review Report

Dr. Jamie Laurenz discussed recommendations from an *ad hoc* committee that studied changes that would promote efficiencies and effectiveness in academic affairs units. This is an information item.

4. Course Fee Request for All Online Courses

Dr. Laurenz stated that enrollment for online courses has increased significantly over the last three years. In order to meet the needs of students, ensure the quality of courses offered, and to provide the technology and faculty training needed, a \$5 per semester credit hour fee for all online courses is recommended. These fees will also help defray the cost of the learning management system used to deliver these courses.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the online course fee as presented. Regent Leach seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-1-0. Motion approved. Regent Chavez opposed.

5. Audited Financial Statements for FY10-11

Mr. Smart presented the audited financial statement for the three campuses. The financial status of the system improved over the past year, and total liabilities remained unchanged. The minor deficiencies noted in the audit are being addressed.

Regent Leach moved to accept the audited financial statement as presented. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Student Activity Fees Policy

Dr. Patrice Caldwell presented the Student Activity Fees policy for approval. The policy establishes the structure of the Student Fees Board, the University entities that are eligible to request money from the Student Fees Board, and the guidelines used to allocate funds.

Regent Leach moved to approve the Student Activity Fees policy as presented. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

7. Graduation Fees Increase

Ms. Ronnie Birdsong presented a request to increase the graduation fee from \$15 to \$30. The increased fee will help offset the costs of the Honors Convocation Breakfast, graduation ceremony, and the new graduates' reception that are provided for graduates and their families. These events cost in excess of \$7,000 each semester. Students who apply late for graduation will pay \$50.

Regent Stinnett moved to approve the graduation fee increase as presented. Regent Leach seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-1-0. Motion approved. Regent Chavez opposed.

8. Addendum to Fall 2011 Graduation List

Ms. Birdsong presented the addendum to the fall 2011 graduation list for three students who applied late for graduation.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the addendum to the fall 2011 graduation list as presented. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Chavez moved to enter executive session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss five personnel items. Regent Lydick seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Harris – yes; Regent Chavez – yes; Regent Lydick – yes; Regent Leach – yes; Regent Stinnett – yes

OPEN SESSION

Regent Lydick moved to return to open session at 4:57 p.m. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

President Harris reported that the regents discussed five personnel items, but no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Stinnett moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Regent Chavez seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Deborah Bentley
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