

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Hotel Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM
January 16, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent Marshall Stinnett called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Chad Lydick, Santana Chavez and Marshall Stinnett were present. Regents Brett Leach and Randy Harris were absent.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Dr. Steven Gamble recommended the removal of these items from today's agenda because the regent president and vice president were unable to attend as well as the vice president for Academic Affairs:

- Routine Matters #1 – Report from the president of the Board
- Regents Matters #2 – Election of Officers
- Business Matters #2 – Update on Academic Affairs Issues
- Executive Session

Regent Chavez moved to amend the agenda as presented by Dr. Gamble. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA

Regent Chavez moved to approve the amended agenda as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- Dr. Steven Gamble introduced Chase Sturdevant who has been appointed by Governor Martinez as the new student regent. His term will commence once he has been confirmed by the legislature.
- Dr. Gamble introduced the student lobbying group—Marissa Hyde, Reydecel Coss, Robert Johnston and Rachel Whitt. Ms. Hyde gave a brief report of the group's visit with legislators today. Dr. Gamble also introduced Trish Maguire who is the president of the Alumni Association. She reported on the visits the alumni group made with legislators today. She stated that Robert Graham, Alumni Office Coordinator, did an excellent job organizing events for this legislative visit.
- Dr. Gamble introduced Robert Graham who gave a brief report and invited the regents to attend the legislative reception this evening at 5:00 p.m.
- Dr. Gamble said the campus has a plan in place should the flu become an issue for the students and staff. Faculty have prepared in advance for their classes to continue online should they become ill. Flu shots are available and encouraged for students and staff.
- Spring enrollment is good. Dr. Gamble believes census day will show a 4% increase in head count over last spring and a 3% increase in semester credit hours. The number of graduate students continues to increase while the number of undergraduate students has leveled off.

- Guadalupe Hall opened Sunday, and occupancy is at capacity. The move went smoothly, and Dr. Gamble said it is a beautiful building that students will enjoy.
- At the end of semester in May, faculty will be moved into Bernalillo Hall while the Jack Williamson Liberal Arts Building undergoes renovation.
- Dr. Gamble said the budget recommendation from the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) is very good for ENMU, but the governor's recommendation is less favorable. He hopes the LFC's recommendation will be adopted by the legislature as it has been in past years.
- Dr. Gamble said the highest priority for this legislative session is to see the Lottery Scholarship remain fully funded.
- The four-year presidents met with Educational Retirement Board (ERB) representatives yesterday. In order to maintain retiree benefits, an increase in contributions by employees and employers will be necessary. It was suggested that employees' contributions increase 3% and employers' contributions increase 4%. This is a significant increase (which results in a reduction in employees' take-home pay), but a necessary increase to keep the fund solvent.
- Dr. Gamble does not believe a tuition credit will be included in this year's state budget.

REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. John Madden is concerned at the trend affecting employees' pay. Employees saw a 2% increase in social security withholding that began in January and now may be faced with a 3% increase for ERB contributions. He believes many employees cannot withstand these reductions in take-home pay and may look for employment elsewhere.
- Dr. Madden reported that enrollment is 1% higher than last spring. He said this is quite remarkable considering the reduction in the number of Gear Up students enrolled for fall 2012. The campus has initiated a variety of retention efforts that Dr. Madden believes is responsible for this increase in enrollment.
- State senators William Burt and Cliff Pirtl and Representatives Nora Espinoza and Bob Wooley recently toured the Roswell campus. They are all very interested in the types of programs the campus offers and recognize the campus as an economic driver in the region.
- Dr. Madden said that students who attend or plan to attend the Roswell campus will be greatly affected should the Lottery Scholarship not be fully funded. Many of these students will simply not attend college anywhere. A reduction in the funding will impact students statewide.
- After several years of discussion, officials at the state level have decided to refurbish the residence hall for the Youth Challenge students on the Roswell campus. When this occurs, leaders from the Youth Challenge program have told Dr. Madden that enrollment will return to 125 students. In recent years, while the location of living quarters has been deliberated, enrollment for the Youth

Challenge program has dramatically decreased, which has affected the overall enrollment of the Roswell campus. Dr. Madden is encouraged that the program is on the right track to restore its full enrollment.

- Problems with water pressure at the new Student Services building have been resolved, and the building will open in February. Dr. Madden said invitations to an open house ceremony will be sent in the near future.
- The Roswell campus and the City of Roswell have discussed for several years the need for a stop sign on University Blvd. The City still has not approved a stop sign, but has designated the campus as part of a school zone. Thus, the speed limit on University Blvd. has been reduced to 20 mph.
- The Roswell campus is in the process of privatizing the bookstore. A request for proposals has been sent out, and Dr. Madden hopes to bring a request to award the bid to the March meeting.

REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Clayton Alred addressed the ERB increase. He said changes of this nature are particularly difficult for Ruidoso campus employees due to the higher cost of living in that area.
- Enrollment for the spring semester is 1,034, relatively the same as last spring.
- Community College Board elections will be held February 5. Two of the current board members are seeking reelection, and neither is opposed.
- The budget recommendation from the LFC for the Ruidoso campus, if approved, would result in a 1.8% increase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Regent Chavez moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2012, November 30, 2012, and December 6, 2012 as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion.
Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

REGENTS MATTERS

1. Change to 2013 Board of Regents Calendar

Dr. Gamble said there is one change to the 2013 Board of Regents calendar. The date for homecoming was moved from September 28 to October 5, which changes the date of the board meeting associated with the homecoming weekend.

*Regent Lydick moved to approve the change to the 2013 Board of Regents calendar as presented. Regent Chavez seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0.
Motion approved.*

3. Annual Authorization of Officers Authorizing Signature Authority

Dr. Gamble presented the annual authorization document for approval. This document gives authority to the officers of the Board of Regents and the University president and vice president for Business Affairs to sign documents for the University.

