

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Hotel Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM
January 20, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Terry Othick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Dan Patterson, Veronica Ayala, Susan Tatum, Jane Christensen and Terry Othick were present.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Patterson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Othick asked if the regents had any objections to approving the three sets of minutes in a single motion. There being no objections, *Regent Patterson moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2015; December 11, 2015; and December 18, 2015 as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT

Regent Othick welcomed everyone to Santa Fe. He introduced Cabinet Secretary Barbara Damron of the New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) and welcomed her to the meeting. Dr. Damron gave a brief update on the HED and some initiatives that will be addressed this year—transfer articulation across the higher education institutions in New Mexico, a review of the general education core curriculum, and the development of metamajors. Dr. Damron reviewed ENMU's legislative priorities and said many of them will be discussed during the legislative session. Regent Othick thanked Dr. Damron for visiting the Board meeting today.

Regent Othick said the legislative session gives us the opportunity to thank our legislators for their support and to spread the word about the many good things going on at ENMU. He participated in the Alumni Office's annual visit to the Roundhouse this morning and looks forward to the reception this evening.

Mr. Othick thanked his fellow regents for selecting him as president of the Board for 2016. He looks forward to working with the Board and the University's administration to continue the success of Eastern and its students.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- Dr. Gamble thanked Dr. Damron for attending the meeting today. He mentioned that this is the first time a Cabinet Secretary from the Higher Education Department has attended an ENMU Board meeting.
- The legislative session began yesterday. A new revenue projection for the State will be released next week, and it will undoubtedly show further decline.
- Dr. Gamble expects that funding for capital projects items will be limited for this session except for the 2016 General Obligation Bond. ENMU has been included in the bond for \$11 million for the renovation/conversion of the Golden Library into the Golden Student Success Center.
- The spring semester began on Monday and enrollment is expected to be about 1% above that of last spring.

- The Martin Luther King Jr. March was held on Monday and was well-attended. There was an excellent event held afterward in Buchanan Hall. Dr. Gamble thanked Robert Graham and the Alumni Association for their hard work to make this a successful event.

Regent Othick introduced Mr. Draco Miller, director of Student Activities and the Campus Union. Mr. Miller traveled to Santa Fe with the student lobbying group who attended today's Board meeting. He introduced student Rey Coss who introduced the rest of the lobbying group and gave a brief report on their visit with legislators this morning. Mr. Miller also introduced student body president Halle Pittman and vice president Ashley Nelson who gave reports of activities planned for the student body and Student Senate this semester.

REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. Madden thanked the regents for touring the campus in December. He welcomed the opportunity to show the regents some of the excellent programs offered at the Roswell campus.
- Dr. Madden mentioned the heavy snow storm that occurred after Christmas. He thanked his staff who worked very hard so that the campus could reopen in January.
- Dr. Madden expects that enrollment will be flat this semester despite the downturn in the oil industry, which usually results in a small rise in enrollment.
- The campus is hosting the Leadership Roswell program.
- Cabinet Secretary Barbara Damron is scheduled to visit the Roswell campus on April 6 and will meet with faculty, staff, students, community members and board members.
- The campus will have an accreditation visit in April 2017. A survey has been developed to gather input from employees, community members and the general public regarding their view of the campus. The information taken from this survey will be folded into the strategic planning for the campus.
- A national study of retention was recently conducted by a university in Michigan. The results show that ENMU-Roswell is 65th of 369 community colleges in retention of full-time students and sixth in retention of part-time students. Dr. Madden said this is a tribute to the faculty and staff of the ENMU-Roswell campus who work very hard to help their students be successful.

REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Clayton Alred said that Secretary Damron will visit the Ruidoso campus on April 4.
- Spring enrollment is about 10% less than a year ago, but Dr. Alred said he expects this could change by census day.
- Dr. Alred reported that recent heavy snow storms have impacted the village of Ruidoso and the campus, but the campus only closed for one day due to weather.
- Dr. Alred thanked the Board of Regents for their support of an opportunity to expand the Ruidoso campus by purchasing an adjacent property. He will present an update on this purchase later in the meeting.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. 2016 Presidential Goals

Dr. Gamble presented his goals for 2016 to the Board. This is an information item.

2. Annual Authorization of Officers Authorizing Signature Authority
Each year the regents are asked to approve the officers who have signature authority for the University. The form authorizes President Steven Gamble and Vice President for Business Affairs Scott Smart and their delegates to sign documents for the University.
Regent Patterson moved to approve the annual authorization of officers authorizing signature authority as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.
3. Tuition Rate for Communicative Disorders Program, Portales
Dr. Jamie Laurenz requested a change in the tuition rate charged for out-of-state students in the Communicative Disorders program (CDIS) program. Speech pathology is a lucrative career choice and students must complete a master's degree to receive licensure. Students with a bachelor's degree in another discipline can take a 40-hour program of "leveling" courses in CDIS (and also gain a second bachelor's degree) to be eligible to apply for admission to the CDIS graduate program. This is a course that has gained national attention in past years, but a recent decline in enrollment has been attributed to cost. Currently out-of-state students pay \$460 per semester credit hour and in-state students pay \$216 semester credit hour. Dr. Laurenz requested a change to a flat rate of \$275 per semester credit hour for out-of-state students that includes tuition, fees and online course fees. This will allow ENMU to compete with other universities that offer a similar program.
Regent Patterson moved to approve the out-of-state flat tuition rate for the Communicative Disorders program as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.
4. Addendum to Fall 2015 Graduation List, Portales
Mr. Clark Elswick presented for approval an addendum to the 2015 fall graduation list. There are 17 additional students who have met the requirements for graduation.
Regent Tatum moved to approve the addendum to the fall 2015 graduation list for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.
5. Property Acquisition Update, Ruidoso
Dr. Alred discussed his meeting with the Higher Education Department's capital projects committee on January 13. The committee has deferred action until all required documents are available. Although the Board of Regents approved this purchase in concept at their December 18 meeting, the capital projects committee has requested that the Board approve the purchase once it has reviewed all the documents. Dr. Alred said the materials will be available within the next few weeks. This is an information item.

[Mr. Othick called for a 10 minute break at 3:20 p.m.]

REGENTS MATTERS

1. Status of proposed faculty handbook modifications and update on subsequent meetings President Gamble has had with faculty

Dr. Gamble reported that there is no update on this matter because faculty have been on leave and only returned to campus last week. He expects to have a report available at the March Board of Regents meeting.

2. Update on stadium status and fund raising

Mr. Scott Smart said construction on the stadium is still on schedule. To date, \$14.6 million has been raised and the project was approved for \$14.5 million. This cost does not include a hospitality suite. If the hospitality suite is added at a later date, the cost would increase from the \$1 million estimated now to \$1.5 million because it would be considered a separate construction project.

Mr. Smart said a potential buyer expressed interest in purchasing the stadium site, but an offer has not been made. Dr. Patterson asked if Blackwater Draw would be suitable for use as an energy site (either wind or solar). Mr. Smart said this would need to be explored. This is an information item.

3. Discussion on budget timeline, regent budget priorities, and planning assumptions being proposed by administration

Dr. Gamble reviewed a document he prepared that discusses his goals and assumptions for the 2016-17 budget. He will discuss this in more detail with the Board's Audit and Finance Committee. He said the administration plans to request a 4.8% increase in tuition and fees to cover increases in fixed costs. Dr. Gamble said that ENMU is the fourth lowest institution in the Southwest for tuition and fees and would probably remain so, even with a tuition increase. He reviewed anticipated changes in revenues and expenditures for 2016-17. Although not included in the budget, Dr. Gamble would like to find a way to include a compensation increase. Dr. Gamble said administration has worked hard over the past eight years to develop a budget that continues to serve the institution while addressing the reduction in state funding. Regents Othick and Patterson agreed that a compensation increase is needed, and Regent Patterson recommended that the Board develop its own priorities for the 2016-17 budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Patterson moved to enter executive session at 3:58 p.m. to discuss three limited personnel items. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Patterson – yes; Regent Ayala – yes; Regent Othick – yes; Regent Tatum – yes; Regent Christensen – yes

OPEN SESSION

Regent Patterson moved to return to open session at 4:22 p.m. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.


President Othick reported that the regents discussed one limited personnel item, but no action was taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Ayala moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m. Regent Christensen 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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