

**EASTERN New Mexico UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**Eastern New Mexico University – Ruidoso Campus**  
**March 23, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regent President Jane Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Jane Christensen, Edwin Tatum, Kekoa VonSchriltz, Terry Othick, and Dan Patterson were present.

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Othick moved to approve the agenda. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Tatum moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018 as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT**

- Regent President Jane Christensen welcomed everyone to the meeting. She commented on several interesting events taking place at ENMU, many of which are listed in today's agenda.

**REPORT FROM THE ENMU – ROSWELL PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Ken Maguire, Acting President stated that he is relatively new to this position but the transition has been smooth.
- Campus event updates – There will be a Presidential Scholars meeting in April as well as "Explore Eastern" with area schools. The Foundation Golf Tournament will be held April 14 and the ENMU-Roswell campus will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 18 with local radio broadcasting.
- Dr. Maguire spoke about Dr. John Madden's recent retirement announcement. He thanked Dr. Elwell for attending this week's CCB meeting to clarify the transition and the timeline for a presidential search. Regent Christensen voiced that she is glad the transition is going well and thanked Dr. Maguire for stepping up to fill in as acting president.

**REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Ryan Carstens reported on spring enrollment. Numbers are down significantly as the result of dramatically lower dual-credit enrollments.
- Dr. Carstens commended the ENMU-Ruidoso personnel and stated that he has learned to appreciate the great people he has to work with.
- A handout was given to Regents and meeting attendees that highlighted the current status of enrollment, foundation activity, marketing and recruitment and various other program activity.
- Of special interest, Dr. Carstens informed the Regents of an upcoming fundraiser, "Aim High" which takes place on the Inn of the Mountain Gods property. This bow shooting fundraiser netted \$20K last year and could potentially see an increase this year due to the extensive advertising underway.
- The matter of campus security was discussed at length. Security system options (RAVE) are being looked into for future implementation on both Ruidoso and Roswell campuses.



Cost estimates should be received soon. It was suggested by Regent Christensen that this topic be revisited at a future Board of Regents Meeting.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Jeff Elwell reported on the Legislative Session, commenting that ENMU did extremely well with a 4% redistribution. The House of Representatives voted on 1% new money and the Senate voted on 2% new money which translates into an additional appropriation of \$705 for ENMU-Portales, \$20K for ENMU-Ruidoso and \$54K for ENMU-Roswell. He said that seemingly, all local and state legislators seemed interested in higher education.
- Dr. Elwell stated that there will be a 2% raise for all employees with 1.41% coming from the state and the additional amount coming from the institution.
- Dr. Elwell gave an update on the upcoming GO Bond which was approved by the legislature and will be on the ballot in November for \$8 million. If approved, these funds would be used for the first phase of the Roosevelt Hall remodel. Additionally, Roswell received a \$3 million GO Bond recommendation and \$500K for Ruidoso.
- Dr. Elwell said that he and Joe Shepherd of Western New Mexico University put forth a recommendation that some monies be returned to athletic programs. After much debate, it was decided that all the comprehensive schools would receive \$100K specifically for athletic programs to replenish funds that had previously been taken away.
- Dr. Elwell reported that small capital projects were requested and approved which include \$140K requested by local legislators to pave the visitor's parking lot at the football stadium as well as \$50K to extend sidewalks and lighting to the stadium. Gay Kernan put through \$100K for KENW which was line-item vetoed by the Governor. ENMU-Roswell had requests vetoed as well.
- Dr. Elwell stated the Lottery Scholarships have been decoupled from tuition and that HED will make an announcement in the spring as to what students will be receiving.
- Also reported was ENMU-Portales enrollment, which is up by 2% from last spring. Junior preview day is this weekend with 102 student registrations. Aggressive recruiting is underway and we hope to see a larger incoming freshmen class with greater retention.
- Dr. Elwell stated that fundraising goal for this year was \$1.4 million and currently they have reached \$2.24 million. Regent Christensen thanked Dr. Elwell for his concerted fundraising efforts this year.
- Also mentioned was the ENMU track meet taking place tomorrow. This will be the first home-meet in three decades. This event will serve as practice for the LSC Conference track meet taking place next May.
- Lastly, Dr. Elwell reported that a press release would be going out today announcing Dr. Steven Gamble as Interim President for ENMU-Roswell while the presidential search is underway. This search will begin immediately with the goal of hiring a new president by August 15. Dr. Ken Maguire has voiced his intention to be a candidate in this search.

**10:45 a.m. (5 minute break)**

**NOTE: The following minutes are in synchrony with the agenda. Some items were presented out-of-order to accommodate guest presenters.**

#### **BUSINESS MATTERS**



1. Naming of Multipurpose Room in Golden Student Success Center, Portales  
Dr. Jeff Elwell read the memorandum from the ENMU Foundation noting the contributions of Cecil and Mary Clotfelter in their various capacities of service at ENMU. It was noted that the naming of the multipurpose room in the Golden Success Student Center would be consistent with university policy.  
***Regent Tatum moved to approve the naming of the multipurpose room in the GSSE as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***
2. Update on Trifecta Progress, Portales  
Dr. Jamie Laurenz reported that the work on the redesign of general education core curriculum and statewide common course numbering and alignment project is on track. He stated that ENMU has been heavily involved in a task force with general education renumbering with all three ENMU campuses involved. The final recommendation came in the past week with a 22 hour core for all institutions. There will be forums held in the future for further discussion. Once approved, these changes will appear in the 2019 catalog. ENMU was recognized by Education Secretary Damron as one of the only universities to move forward aggressively with this project.  
Note: This information also serves to cover the update on the 120 hour degree completion.
3. Mescalero Program  
Dr. Laurenz stated that the MOU for the Mescalero Program was developed in 2017 with the understanding that this would require grant funding for a program coordinator, equipment and travel expenses to meet the overall purpose. Recruiting for this program began in the spring 2017 and to date there has been no student enrollment. There was one student enrolled in the business program but transferred to another institution. He outline three specific reasons he believes the program is not running as intended:
  - 1.) Communication – there are strings of communication with the College of Education and College of Business but no overarching communication.
  - 2.) Coordination – there is no coordinated effort to determine where students are so that we know what courses need to be provided.
  - 3.) Grant Funding – Dr. Jim Miller and Dr. Patrice Caldwell have been working on the grant writing for this program. The grant must be submitted within the next month to ensure funding.Dr. Carstens stated that the tribe has a newly elected president which will take the Mescalero Apaches in a new direction and this is a great time to revisit this program. Dr. Miller stated that he would move forward with the grant.

## REGENTS MATTERS

1. GSSC Student Interactive Center, Portales  
StoryLab Interactive (Dekker Perich Sabatini) representatives John-Mark Collins and Brandon Garret gave a PowerPoint presentation depicting the three interactive art options for the GSSC building which includes a mural wall, media wall and engagement kiosk. A handout was provided that described each of the pieces features and costs.



Dr. Laurenz, who serves on the Alignment Committee, stated that the goal of this project is to provide an "intentional student experience" which would impact faculty, students and the community. He stated that the remodel of the Golden Library is much different from any other building on campus and wants to ensure that those coming into this new building will have a reason to come back. In addition, he explained that all student services will be available in this building. Discussion took place as to the available funding for this project. Dr. Laurenz said that a private donation of \$200K could be used as well as contingency funds. Concerns were voiced in regard to the monthly/yearly maintenance and support costs.

Board of Regents members voiced for support the Media Wall (stairwell) and Student Engagement Kiosk options. The Jack Williamson Mural Wall may be revisited sometime in the future. It was decided that \$175K of contingency funds plus the \$200K in private donations would be used for these projects.

2. Update of AFROTC, Portales

Dr. Elwell reported that the wing commander at Cannon AFB put him in touch with ROTC personnel in the region. This person suggested that it would be very unlikely that a new detachment would be considered and that the last detachment was formed nearly ten years ago (Yale University). Dr. Elwell also stated that the closest cadre' is at Texas Tech University to whom he has reached out to with no reply.

3. Beer and Wine License for Sodexo, Portales

Dr. Elwell said that he has heard feedback from the community that many would like to hold parties, receptions and other events on the ENMU campus but choose other venues because of the inability to serve alcohol. The proposal today would allow Sodexo to pursue a beer and wine license which could generate revenue for the university. Mr. Smart stated that he has visited with Campus Police Chief, Bradley Mauldin and this would be manageable since it involves beer and wine only and would be restricted from student events. Also, ENMU attorney, Chris Holland has reviewed this matter and recommends that the license be held by Sodexo (not the university) and that there be a 30 day advance approval requirement from the ENMU President before each event.

***Regent Patterson moved to allow Sodexo to move forward with the pursuance of a beer and wine license during which time, the administration will develop guidelines and policy for its use before final approval takes place. Administration will report back at the next meeting. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.***

4. Alternative Energy Possibilities, Portales

Dr. Elwell introduced Dr. Kenwyn Cradock, ENMU Professor of Biology, to explain what is currently taking place at the Blackwater Draw land behind the former football stadium. He said it has been suggested that this could be used for future green energy locations for a solar array or wind turbine farm. Dr. Cradock reported that there is much enthusiasm in the biology department for the use of green energy but shared his concerns for the use of this land for that purpose. He stated that this is a very unique piece of grassland that has not be grazed since the 1940's. Because of that, biology and wildlife and fishery students have been able to study creatures in their natural environments. Dr. Cradock led an extensive presentation on the uses of this land and gave a listing of the courses that rely on this acreage. Regent Patterson asked if there is a possibility for the



co-existence of green energy and these programs. Dr. Cradock stated that wind turbines would be much more invasive than a solar array and that it would take a full season of research for the Biology Department to gather enough data to report back. He also suggested that if a solar array is the university's choice, the back parking lot of the former football stadium would be ideal.

Dr. Patterson suggested that we move forward with discovering our energy options in a positive manner. Dr. Elwell said that Xcel Energy is very interested and the next move would be to have other energy companies evaluate the area and submit proposals. Mr. Smart asked that the land behind the President's Residence also be considered as a future location for green energy sources.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (during lunch)**

1. President Christensen moved to enter executive session at 12:04 p.m. to discuss three limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) and two threatened or pending litigation matters involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978). Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

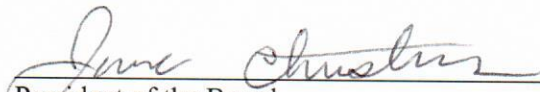
***Roll call: Regent Christensen – yes; Regent Tatum – yes; Regent VonSchriltz – yes; Regent Othick – yes; Regent Patterson – yes***

***Regent Patterson moved to return to open session at 1:05 p.m. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

President Christensen reported that the regents discussed two items pertaining to limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) and two threatened or pending litigation matters involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978) but no action was taken during executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Regent Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

  
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