

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Ruidoso
March 24, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent Vice President Dan Patterson called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Patterson, Terry Othick, Jane Christensen and Kekoa VonSchriltz were present.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Christensen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE REGENT VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President Patterson recognized former Board of Regents member, Susan Tatum, who passed in January. She will be remembered for her sense of humor, her dedication to the students of Eastern and for her work as a Regent. Dr. Patterson said the Board and the entire University will deeply miss her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Othick moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2017; March 13, 2017; and March 20, 2017 as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- Dr. Gamble said it was good to be in Ruidoso. He introduced Ruidoso Community College Board members Mr. Brad Treptow and Ms. Gina Klinekole who were in attendance today.
- Dr. Gamble said Regent Tatum's passing has deeply affected the Board and those who knew her best. She will be fondly remembered for her contributions to the Board and her commitment to ENMU.
- The three ENMU campuses are hard at work preparing for the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) accreditation visits in April. Drs. Jamie Laurenz and Mary Ayala have headed the HLC committee for the Portales/Ruidoso accreditation which will take place April 17 and 18. Roswell's HLC visit will be April 24 and 25.
- The presidential search is ongoing, and candidates will take part in campus visits in early April.
- Budget reductions for the three campuses have been difficult, but through it all, Dr. Gamble said the mission of the institution will be protected as well as the employees.
- March and April are busy months for the Portales campus with many events, banquets, award ceremonies, athletic events and more. The musical, Pirates of Penzance, was a quality event and well-attended. It's a good time of year.

REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. John Madden said two Roswell students were named Phi Theta Kappa scholarship recipients, Darien Sturtevant and Omar Martinez.
- Dr. Madden said that the campus' recent enrollment increase has helped offset some of the budget reductions from the state.
- The Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit to the Roswell campus will be April 24 and 25.

REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Clayton Alred welcomed everyone to the Ruidoso campus. He also thanked the Community College Board members who were in attendance today.
- The Ruidoso campus will be included in the Portales HLC accreditation visit. One accreditation team member visit the Ruidoso campus as part of that visit. He thanked those on the Ruidoso team who helped prepare the assurance document for their campus.
- The Ruidoso campus is looking forward to participating in the presidential search.
- A remodel of the entrance of the campus is underway. It will be exciting to see the finished work.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Course Fee Request for all Online Courses, Portales

Dr. Jamie Laurenz requested a fee increase for all online courses from \$10 per semester credit hour to \$17 per semester credit hour. He presented a comparison of ten other area universities and colleges, and even with this increase, ENMU will remain near the lowest in online fees.

Regent Othick moved to approve the increase in online course fees as presented.

Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Tuition Rate for Personal Finance Planning Certificate, Portales

Dr. Laurenz said that Eastern's Personal Finance Planning Certificate has been very popular with students across the nation. Other universities offer this certificate which can be completed in less than one year. Eastern can also deliver this program in less than one year, but it requires students to take more than six credit hours a semester. Nonresident students who take more than six hours a semester are charged out-of-state tuition. In order to recruit nationally for this certificate, Dr. Laurenz requested that students who enroll for the certificate program *only* be charged at the resident tuition rate.

Regent Christensen moved to approve the resident tuition rate for the Personal Finance Planning Certificate as presented. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0.

Motion approved.

3. Tuition and Fees Increase for FY18, Portales

Serious budget reductions in state appropriations have necessitated the need for additional revenue to balance the budget. Mr. Scott Smart said the regents previously approved a 6.5% increase in tuition and fees for FY17-18, but it is necessary to request an additional 1% increase. The 1% increase will raise tuition and fees \$27.24 per semester for a full-time student.

Regent Othick moved to approve an additional 1% increase in tuition and fees as presented for FY17-18. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Campus Wide Energy Conservation Project, Portales

ENMU previously contracted with Bernhard Energy for an investment grade audit of campus energy consumption. Bernhard Energy has identified 20 energy conservation measures (ECMs) that will save ENMU \$405,000 per year in energy costs, and the savings are guaranteed by Bernhard. The cost of this 20-year project is \$4,542,316, and

ENMU would seek financing through the New Mexico Finance Authority. Mr. Smart requested approval to move ahead with the project. If approved by the Regents, the project must also be approved by the Higher Education Department (HED) and the State Board of Finance (SBOF).

Regent Othick discussed his concerns about the 20-year commitment, the aging of equipment throughout the project period and contracting with an out-of-state company. He feels strongly that New Mexico workers and resources should be utilized in projects funded by state money. Regent Christensen expressed her concern about the viability of Bernhard Energy still being in business 20 years from now, since the energy cost savings are guaranteed by the company for that length of time. The Bernhard representative present at the meeting stated his company's long history and did not foresee that the company would cease to operate in the years ahead.

Regent Christensen moved to approve the campus wide energy project as presented and to forward it to the HED and SBOF for approval. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-1-0. Regents Christensen, VonSchriltz and Patterson approved. Regent Othick opposed. Motion approved.

5. Curry/Quay HVAC Renovation, Portales

Mr. Smart stated that circumstances have changed since this item was placed on the agenda. The piping is worse than originally thought, and it not possible to obtain the necessary approvals and replace the pipe during the summer of 2017. This project will be presented to the Regents again as a summer 2018 project. Mr. Smart requested that this item be tabled at this time.

Regent Othick moved to table this item. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Audited Financial Statements for FY16

Mr. Smart reviewed the FY16 audited financial statement with the Regents and asked for acceptance.

Regent Christensen moved to accept the audited financial statement for FY16 as presented. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

7. Expenditures from KENW Reserves, Portales

Dr. Patrice Caldwell presented for approval a request from KENW to use \$120,000 of endowment funds to purchase badly needed equipment and vehicles. The balance left in the reserves will exceed \$1 million.

\$45,000	for engineering vehicle
\$25,000	for travel/production vehicle
\$30,000	for tower maintenance
\$20,000	for sports replay equipment

Regent Othick moved to approve the use of \$120,000 in endowment funds for the purchase of equipment and vehicles as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

8. Amendments to Policies, Portales

Dr. Caldwell presented revisions to the following policies for Regent approval. After discussion, these policy revisions were approved with the following changes:

10-3 Board of Regents Manual: Part Three: Financial Matters and Reports

No changes to the revisions presented.

10-7 Charter of Audit and Finance Committee

In the revisions presented, item 8B and 8C were stricken. The Regents requested that these two items remain in the policy. All other revisions were accepted.

40-3 Recruitment and Hiring

In item 4A, change the phrase "in consultation with Administration" to "in consultation with the hiring supervisor."

In item D3a, add the word "months" to the phrase "...shall last no longer than nine (9) *months* unless an extension is approved..."

In item D8, add the words "an internal" to the phrase "...whenever possible, *an internal* search should be conducted..."

All other revisions were accepted.

Dr. Caldwell requested these policies be vacated since neither is no longer relevant:

65-5 Monday Memo – this publication is no longer active

70-5 Bookstore – the bookstore functions are contracted out and no longer a part of ENMU functions

Regent Othick moved to approve the changes to the proposed revisions as noted above. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent VonSchriltz moved to approve the policy revisions and deletions as amended. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

9. Tenure Approved Faculty, Roswell

Dr. Madden informed the Regents that Ms. Jerolyn Wagner, instructor of Nursing, has been granted tenure. This is an information item.

10. Community College Operating Agreement, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred presented the Community College Operating Agreement for the Ruidoso campus for approval. There have been no changes to the agreement other than to update the dates of the agreement.

Regent Christensen moved to approve the community college operating agreement for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENTS MATTERS

1. Election of Board officers

Dr. Patterson asked for nominations for the office of president of the Board of Regents.

Regent Othick moved to elect Dr. Patterson as president. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Dr. Patterson asked for nominations for the office of vice president of the Board of Regents.

Regent Christensen moved to elect Regent Othick as vice president. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Dr. Patterson asked for nominations for the office of secretary/treasurer of the Board of Regents.

Regent Patterson moved to elect Regent VonSchriltz as secretary/treasurer of the Board of Regents. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Board Committee Appointments

Dr. Patterson made committee appointments as follows:

Audit and Finance Committee – Regents Patterson and Othick

ENMU Foundation Board – Regent Othick

Three Campus Committee – Regent Christensen

Liaison between Board of Regents and ENMU Alumni Association – Regents

VonSchriltz and Christensen

Liaison to Higher Education Regents Consortium – Regents Patterson and Othick

3. Update on Risk Management Request

Mr. Smart said there is no change in Eastern's request to exit Risk Management. Mr. Smart also reported that an appraisal of the old Greyhound Stadium has been conducted and the net worth is "zero" when the value of the ten acres surrounding the stadium is considered versus the cost to raze the stadium.

4. Update on the Presidential Search by Regents Christensen and Othick

Regent Othick gave an update on the presidential search. A 16 member search committee was appointed consisting of two regents and members of the three campuses. Search firm Witt/Kieffer was hired to administer the search process. Witt/Kieffer provided 75-80 resumes to the committee, and the list was narrowed to 10 candidates. The search committee met with the 10 candidates in Albuquerque and narrowed the field to five finalists. Those finalists have been invited to the Portales campus for interviews the week of April 3. The candidates will also travel to the Roswell campus where they will meet with Roswell and Ruidoso administrators and staff. Regent Othick thanked the search committee that worked very hard and Dr. Caldwell for her organization and planning for the search.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Othick moved to enter executive session at 4:00 p.m. to discuss two limited personnel matters regarding employee discipline pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), and to discuss one limited personnel item regarding the presidential search pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

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

OPEN SESSION

Regent Othick moved to return to open session at 5:45 p.m. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

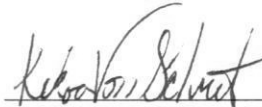
President Patterson reported that the regents discussed two limited personnel items regarding employee discipline pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) and one limited personnel item regarding the presidential search pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), but no action was taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Patterson adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Deborah Bentley
Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Regents*