

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**ENMU-Portales Administration Building, Regents Room**  
**April 21, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AMEND THE AGENDA**

*Regent Othick moved to amend the agenda to move Business Matters Item 1, Naming of the Mathematic Faculty Hall, ahead of Routine Matters. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Othick moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. Naming of the Mathematic Faculty Hall

Dr. Gamble introduced Dr. Thurman Elder who retired in 2006. Dr. Elder was a long-time mathematics faculty member, chair of the Mathematics Department, and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In honor of his countless contributions to his discipline and to ENMU, a request has been made to name the mathematics faculty hallway in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Building the "Dr. Thurman Elder Hall of Mathematical Sciences."

*Regent VonSchriltz moved to approve the naming the Dr. Thurman Elder Hall of Mathematical Sciences as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Kekoa VonSchriltz moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2017 and April 4-19, 2017 as presented. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

**REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT**

President Patterson said this has been a very busy time on campus with the presidential search, Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation visits, upcoming commencements and more. Regent Patterson thanked all who were involved with the presidential search and the HLC visit for their hard work and successful completion of both.

**REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Gamble introduced the incoming president and vice president of student government, Ryann Montano and Paden Hagler.
- The HLC accreditation visit earlier this week went very well. Dr. Jamie Laurenz gave a brief report of the visit and said the final results will be received this fall.
- Dr. Gamble said it is a busy time on campus with many end-of-semester events. The budget is still not resolved, and a date for the special session is not known.
- The selection of Dr. Jeff Elwell as president has been well received on campus. He will begin July 1.

- Dr. Gamble said there is another record number of spring graduates. He said this has been a good year, and Eastern remains strong in its commitment to its students.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT**

- Dr. John Madden said the Roswell campus' visit from the HLC is Monday and Tuesday. His campus has done a good job putting together its assurance argument.
- The Foundation held its annual golf tournament last Saturday, and it was very successful.
- Several recruiting events are being held – the Special Services recruiting event, Explore Eastern Day for high school seniors and Transfer Night.
- Dr. Madden attended a dinner Thursday night for Energizing New Mexico hosted by oil companies. The representatives indicated an upswing in the oil industry for New Mexico, which is encouraging.

#### **REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Clayton Alred said the end of semester includes a choir concert and art exhibit.
- The HLC committee chair visited the Ruidoso campus on Monday. Dr. Alred said it was a good meeting.
- The remodel to the entrance of the building is moving forward.
- Kimberly Smith is the new community college board member. Ms. Smith replaced Dr. Michael Budd who moved out of state.

#### **BUSINESS MATTERS**

2. 2017-18 Student Fees Activity Allocation, Portales  
Dr. Jeff Long introduced student fees committee chair Kris-ann Walters who responded to questions from the Board. Student organizations submitted applications to the Student Fees Board, and the board distributed \$1.65 million in funds.  
*Regent Christensen moved to approve the allocation of student fees as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*
3. Annual Authorizing of Officers Authorizing Signature Authority  
Dr. Gamble presented the authorization of officers document for approval. The document is required since Board officers were elected in March. The document has been amended to reflect that expenditures in excess of \$500,000 will require prior Board of Regents approval.  
*Regent Othick moved to approve the authorization of officers authorizing signature authority document as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*
4. 2016-17 Budget Adjustment Request, Ruidoso  
Dr. Alred presented the 2016-17 budget adjustment request as required by the Higher Education Department (HED).  
*Regent VonSchriltz moved to approve the budget adjustment request for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

5. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred said the five-year capital projects plan mailed to the regents contained requests for a roof renovation on the expansion facility (\$155,000) and renovation of expansion facility (\$250,000) as separate items. After visiting with the HED, it was decided that these items should be combined into one request and increased to a total of \$500,000. The third request on the capital projects plan is a parking lot renovation for \$665,000.

***Regent VonSchriltz moved to approve the five-year capital projects plan for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

6. Degree and Certificate Deactivation in the 2017-18 Catalog, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred requested deactivation of the following degrees and certificates. A review indicated each of these programs has little to no enrollment in recent semesters.

•Studio Arts (AA)                      •Construction Trades (AAS) (CC)  
•English Literature (AA)              •History (AA)                      •Culinary Arts (CC)  
•Occupational Safety and Health (AAS) (CC)

***Regent Othick moved to deactivate the listed degrees and certificates from the 2017-18 catalog as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

7. 2017-18 Operating Budget, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred presented the 2017-18 operating budget for the Ruidoso campus to the regents for approval. The budget reflects a 6.1% decrease from last year.

***Regent VonSchriltz moved to approve the 2017-18 operating budget for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

8. 2016-17 Graduation List, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred presented the 2016-17 graduation list for approval. There are a total of 100 degrees and certificates to be awarded at the annual commencement ceremony in May.

***Regent Othick moved to approve the graduation list for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

[Regent Patterson called for a short break at 10:30 a.m.]

9. 2016-17 Budget Adjustment Request, Portales

Mr. Scott Smart presented the 2016-17 budget adjustment request for the Portales campus for approval.

***Regent Othick moved to approve the budget adjustment request for the Portales campus as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

10. 2017-18 Operating Budget, Portales

Mr. Smart presented the 2017-18 operating budget for the Portales campus for approval. The budget reflects the 7½% budget decrease from last year plus an additional 1% reduction in anticipation of a special session of the state legislature. Mr. Smart stated that this budget is a “placeholder” until results of the special session are known.

Regent Othick expressed his concern about retiring employees who return to work on a quarter-time basis and asked that this be discussed in executive session at the next board meeting.

***Regent Othick moved to approve the 2017-18 operating budget for the Portales campus as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

11. 2017 Spring Graduation List, Portales

Mr. Clark Elswick presented the 2017 spring graduation list to the regents for approval. There are 544 applications approved for graduation.

***Regent VonSchriltz moved to approve the 2017 spring graduation list as presented. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

12. 2016-17 Budget Adjustment Request, Roswell

Mr. Eric Johnston-Ortiz presented the 2016-17 budget adjustment request for approval for the Roswell campus.

***Regent Othick moved to approve the budget adjustment request for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

13. 2017-18 Operating Budget, Roswell

Mr. Johnston-Ortiz presented the 2017-18 operating budget for approval.

***Regent Othick moved to approve the 2017-18 operating budget for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

## REGENTS MATTERS

1. Consideration to approve presidential contract

In early April Dr. Jeff Elwell was selected as the tenth president of ENMU. Dr. Patterson said a contract has been offered to Dr. Elwell and he has accepted. Dr. Patterson asked approval from the regents to accept the contract.

***Regent Othick moved to approve the contract for Dr. Jeff Elwell as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

2. Report from the student government on any proposed changes concerning the use of the stadium and tailgating (information only)

There was recently a suggestion to move the tailgating area at Greyhound Stadium from Lot B to Lot A. Dr. Gamble distributed a memo that outlined the additional expenses should this occur and the loss of parking spaces. He also discussed this proposal with representatives of student government who said they were content to keep the tailgating area where it is for a year and revisit the proposal next year.

3. Report on stadium use, expense of operating the stadium and possible income streams from stadium (information only)

Regent Christensen requested a report on stadium expenses and revenue and wanted to explore additional ways in which use of the stadium could provide additional income.

Mr. Smart provided a report of the expenses and revenues for the fall 2016 football season, and there was a net income of approximately \$7,000. Mr. Smart said he was open to suggestions of how the stadium could be used for more events and possible revenue.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Regent VonSchriltz moved to enter executive session at 11:58 a.m. to discuss three limited personnel matters regarding employee discipline pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), and to discuss one limited personnel item regarding a university employee pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

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

## REGENTS MATTERS

*Regent VonSchriltz moved to return to open session at 1:05 p.m. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

Regent Patterson said the regents discussed three limited personnel matters regarding employee discipline pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) and one limited personnel item regarding a university employee pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), but no action was taken during executive session.

1. Consideration to modify president's retirement plan (Action)

Regent Patterson stated that Dr. Gamble's retirement date has been moved to October 24, 2017, but he will step down as president on June 30. Dr. Gamble has accumulated vacation time that he will lose unless he is given ample time to use it before his retirement date. Stepping down as president on June 30 will allow Dr. Gamble to work the month of July with Dr. Elwell as a transitional month, then use the months of August through October 24 to work some hours but also take a large portion of the accumulated vacation time he has earned. Beginning November 1, Dr. Gamble will work as a quarter-time employee for a maximum of three years, renewable annually after that time.

*Regent VonSchriltz moved to accept President Gamble's modified retirement plan as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.*

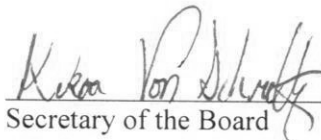
Regent Patterson said that the Board of Regents greatly appreciates Dr. Gamble's commitment to the University and his sixteen years of service.

## ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Patterson adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.*



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board