CALL TO ORDER
Regent President Terry Othick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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
  Regent Ayala moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016 as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT
Regent Othick welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said several of the items presented today relate to the 2016-17 budgets for the three campuses. The regents have spent a lot of time reviewing the budgets, funding sources and expenditures, and he believes the budgets being presented today are responsible budgets that will keep the campuses in sound financial condition. He thanked those who have assisted with this process.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT
• Dr. Gamble said this is a good time of year. Some of the graduating students are getting notices of acceptance into law school, pharmacy school or medical school. This year five of our 11 students who applied for medical school have been accepted. This is almost a 50% ratio, which is higher than the national average. This shows that our programs are preparing students to compete nationally for these positions.
• There are many choral and orchestra events scheduled as the semester winds down. The Spirit of Eastern awards was held last week, and the retirees’ reception and emeritus faculty luncheon will be held in early May. There are student banquets, honor society inductions, awards ceremonies and many more events happening as the semester closes.
• Junior Preview was held last week. High school juniors and their parents were invited on campus to learn more about Eastern. Dr. Gamble said it was well-attended, and it was a good event.
• The Bank of Clovis held its annual spring event that honors the best graduating seniors in Curry County. Of the 42 seniors honored, 11 indicated they plan to attend Eastern.

REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT
• Dr. John Madden reported that the Adult Basic Education graduation will be held May 12, and commencements will be held May 13 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
• The Roswell campus is hosting the Legislative Finance Committee June 15-17.
• Dr. Madden reported on recruitment efforts. The Presidential Scholars Program has been very successful in attracting graduates who are in the top 10% of their class, and 16 Chase scholars from the Artesia area and 32 merit scholars have committed to attending ENMU-Roswell this fall.
• Dr. Barbara Damron visited the Roswell campus on April 6. Dr. Madden said it was an excellent visit with a good turn out from the community and the campus.

REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT
• Dr. Clayton Alred said end of semester events include a choir concert and a student art exhibit; and for the first time, qualifying students in the Adult Basic Education program will be inducted into an honor society.
• Dr. Gamble and Dr. Alred attended a State Board of Finance meeting where the purchase of the adjacent building was presented. The purchase was approved with contingencies, including that certain documents must include the legal description documented in the survey and plat. Dr. Alred said this is being done.
• Dr. Damron’s visit to the Ruidoso campus was very well-received, and she was able to tour the adjacent building that will soon be purchased.
• The campus held a parents’ night where prospective students and their parents were able to tour the campus and receive information regarding programs, financial aid and more.

BUSINESS MATTERS
1. Naming of the Natural History Museum, Portales
Dr. Gamble introduced alumni Tom and Karen Salb and faculty members attending the meeting today who were friends and co-workers of Tony Gennaro. Dr. Gennaro passed away in 2015, and based on his long career and his dedication to Eastern and its students, it is requested that Natural History Museum be renamed the Dr. Antonio “Tony” Gennaro Natural History Museum.
Regent Patterson moved to approve the naming of the Dr. Antonio “Tony” Gennaro Natural History Museum as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Recommendation for Student Fees Activity Allocation, Portales
Dr. Jeff Long presented the recommendation of the student fees allocation. He introduced Kris-Ann Walters, director of the Student Fees Board, who reviewed the process in which the allocations were made. The total awarded for 2016-17 is $1,683,000.
Regent Tatum moved to approve the recommendation of the Student Fees Activity Allocation as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

3. 2015-16 Budget Adjustment Request, Ruidoso
Ms. Sheila Farquer presented the 2015-16 budget adjustment request (BAR) for approval as required by the Higher Education Department.
Regent Ayala moved to approve the 2015-16 budget adjustment request for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

4. 2016-17 Operating Budget, Ruidoso
Dr. Alred presented the 2016-17 operating budget for approval. The budget reflects a 5.56% decrease from last year due to an expected decline in revenues.
Regent Christensen moved to approve the 2016-17 operating budget for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

5. Deactivation of the AAS degree in Air Traffic Control (ATC), Roswell
Dr. Ken Maguire requested the deactivation of the AAS degree in Air Traffic Control. The Roswell campus is one of 32 institutions providing this degree that was once a recommended program for students seeking acceptance into the FFA training academy. The FFA has changed its admittance procedures and this AAS degree is no longer beneficial. The request for deactivation will allow the program to be reinstated should the FFA reverse its current admittance procedures.
Regent Tatum moved to deactivate the AAS degree in Air Traffic Control as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Deactivation of the Certificate of Occupational Training (COT) in Child Development (CD), Roswell
Dr. Maguire requested the deactivation of the certificate of Occupational Training in Child Development. An associate program in COT is currently available and this certificate is a part of that program. It has been determined that the students enrolled in this program are seeking the associate’s degree, and the certificate does not add value. If the state ever requires the certificate, the certificate program will be reactivated.
Regent Tatum moved to deactivate the certificate of Occupational Training in Child Development as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

7. New Associate of Arts (AA) Degree in Behavioral Sciences, Roswell
Dr. Maguire presented a new associate of arts degree in Behavioral Sciences for approval. This degree is designed for students who are generally interested in a degree in behavioral sciences but unsure of which specific discipline. The associate degree will transfer to a four-year university for students who are interested in Psychology, Sociology or Anthropology.
Regent Ayala moved to approve an associate of arts degree in Behavioral Sciences as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

8. New Certificate of Completion in Workforce Interpersonal Effectiveness, Roswell
Dr. Maguire requested approval of a new certificate of completion in Workforce Interpersonal Sciences. The certificate coursework equips a student with the skills needed to become a successful member of a workforce.
Regent Patterson moved to approve a new certificate of completion in Workforce Interpersonal Effectiveness as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

9. Addition of Fee to ELEC 201, Roswell
Dr. Maguire requested a $15 fee for ELEC 201 to cover the certification exam fee. Students taking this course will no longer need to take ELEC 202, which also has a $15 fee, so there is no added cost to the students.
Regent Ayala moved to approve the addition of a $15 fee to ELEC 201 as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

[Regent Othick requested a break at 10:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:42 a.m.]

10. 2015-16 Budget Adjustment Request, Roswell
Mr. Eric Johnston-Ortiz presented the 2015-16 budget adjustment request for approval as required by the Higher Education Department.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the 2015-16 budget adjustment request for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

11. 2016-17 Proposed Tuition and Fees, Roswell
Mr. Johnston-Ortiz presented tuition rate increases as follows:
   From $64 to $69 per semester credit hour for in-district students
   From $69 to $75 per semester credit hour for out-of-district students
   From $177 to $193 per semester credit hour for out-of-state students

There is no request for an increase in fees.

Regent Tatum moved to approve the increase in tuition for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

12. 2016-17 Operating Budget, Roswell
Mr. Johnston-Ortiz presented the operating budget for the Roswell campus for approval. The budget decreased 1.45% overall.

Regent Christensen moved to approve the 2016-17 operating budget for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

13. 2016 Spring Graduation List, Portales
Mr. Clark Elswick presented the 2016 spring graduation list for approval. There are 567 applications for graduation.

Regent Tatum moved to approve the 2016 spring graduation list as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

14. 2016-17 Proposed Housing and Board Rates, Portales
Dr. Jeff Long requested a 3% increase in housing and board rates for 2016-17. He reviewed the increases for the different apartment and room options available to students.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the 2016-17 housing and board rate increase as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

15. 2015-16 Budget Adjustment Request, Portales
Mr. Scott Smart presented the 2015-16 budget adjustment request for approval as required by the Higher Education Department.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the 2015-16 budget adjustment request for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.
16. **2016-17 Proposed Tuition and Fees, Portales**
   Mr. Smart presented a proposed 5% increase in tuition and 9.8% increase in fees for the Portales campus. This would result in a $171 increase per semester for an in-state undergraduate student. Costs for an in-state graduate student would increase by $183 per semester.

   *Regent Patterson moved to approve the increase in tuition and fees for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

17. **2016-17 Operating Budget, Portales**
   Mr. Smart presented the 2016-17 operating budget for the Portales campus. He stated that the budget is essentially flat as compared to last year.

   *Regent Ayala moved to approve the 2016-17 operating budget for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**REGENTS MATTERS**

1. **Consideration to petition to join the New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) for our liability / risk management coverage**
   Mr. Smart said that the university has requested permission to withdraw from the New Mexico Risk Management group and the request was denied. In talking with Risk Management, they have agreed to have an actuary review Eastern’s account and provide a proposal for a reduced rate. It will be compared with the rate from NMPSIA. Mr. Smart said he believes Eastern is in the wrong risk management group—it should be in the NMPSIA group where our employee insurance coverage is carried. This change in carrier will be explored.

   *Regent Ayala moved to approve the following motion: Eastern New Mexico University immediately petition to join the New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority’s (NMPSIA) Liability/Risk Management Program for all “risk related coverage” as required by the Tort Claims Act, after we are provided with a formal cost and coverage analysis from NMPSIA and if that analysis is favorable to the university and after all required permissions are received. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

2. **Update on stadium construction and tailgating section**
   Mr. Smart said the football field and soccer field will be completed today. Construction is still on schedule to be completed by the end of July. Funds raised exceed the $14.6 million needed. A fenced area for tailgating will be identified, and it will be monitored during events. This is an information item.

3. **Status of policy changes**
   Dr. Gamble said Faculty Handbook changes and the faculty severance policy will be presented at the May Board of Regents meeting.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
Regent Ayala moved to enter executive session at 11:41 a.m. to discuss four limited personnel items. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

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

OPEN SESSION
Regent Patterson moved to return to open session at 12:40 p.m. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

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

[Regent Othick requested a lunch break at 12:22 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.]

REGENTS WORK SESSION
Regent Othick led a discussion about the process and planning for a presidential search. Materials related to a search were distributed and discussed by the Board. The Board also discussed the possibility of hiring a search firm. No action was taken. This is an information item.

ADJOURNMENT
Regent Ayala moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board

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