

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**Regents Room**  
**June 4, 2016 – 2 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Tatum moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Patterson moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2016 as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

**REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT**

Regent President Othick welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. He thanked all the faculty, staff and administrators for the success of the spring semester and the record number of spring graduates.

**REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Gamble said the ENMU Foundation Board held its meeting today. The Foundation continues to grow and over 300 scholarships were awarded at a ceremony earlier this spring. The Foundation hosted “Burying of the Beef” last evening, and its annual barbeque is taking place this evening. A tour of the new Greyhound Stadium is also scheduled for today. Dr. Gamble said this is a busy weekend, but a good one with many good events to attend.
- Dr. Gamble said that seating at the spring graduation ceremony was near capacity for graduates and their families. Over 600 students graduated with approximately 500 participating. Space will become an issue if the number of graduates continues to grow, but this is a good problem to have.
- The exterior of Greyhound Arena will be painted this summer, and the Physical Plant staff will be busy with other maintenance projects.
- Boys State has already been hosted on campus this summer and Girls State participants arrive this weekend. Other events this summer include the Miss New Mexico Pageant, sports camps, and choir and music camps.
- Dr. Gamble reported on the four-year graduation plan at Eastern. He said the number one goal of Eastern is to graduate students. This year, more than 1,100 students have graduated. Currently, he said 15% of Eastern’s students graduate within four years—this is of first-time freshmen—and this number can increase with the growth of dual credit classes offered in high schools. Many first-time freshmen enroll at Eastern having already completed as many as 15 to 30 credit hours.

- All but seven degree plans have been reduced to 120 hours. The seven plans that have not been reduced are in the area of teacher education.
- Eastern is using innovative advising (advising broadly in the early stages of a student's career) for those students who have a field of interest but have not declared a major. This is the same concept the State of New Mexico has introduced as "meta majors."
- Eastern offers low tuition as a financial incentive, and students pay the same tuition for 12 to 18 credit hours.
- Dr. Gamble introduced new athletic director, Dr. Greg Waggoner, who arrived on campus this week.

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

- Dr. John Madden said the Roswell Civic Center, where the campus holds its commencements each semester, is undergoing renovation in the upcoming year, and this may prevent the spring 2017 ceremony from being held there.
- The Youth Challenge graduation is being held June 23.
- Dr. Madden said it is too early to know what fall enrollment will look like, but the early college program will expand to approximately 80 students this fall and the Youth Challenge program will expand to 160 students. Dual enrollment classes have increased significantly to almost 25% of enrollment.

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

- Dr. Clayton Alred said he was pleased to announce that the Ruidoso campus officially closed on the property adjacent to the campus on May 25. He presented the property deed to Regent President Terry Othick.
- Dr. Alred said the campus was able to give a one-time 5% stipend to all full-time, benefits-eligible employees.
- A new program was initiated last week with the Summer Youth Academy which enrolled 15 Mescalero Apache high school students. The Academy addresses leadership training and career exploration for the students. These students will continue in a Tribal Vista program on the Mescalero Apache reservation with hands-on field work in wildlife, forestry, range, and hydrology. This is part of a dual credit program in natural resources and a partnership between the Mescalero Apache tribe and the ENMU-Ruidoso campus.
- The Ruidoso campus has begun its campaign for the November General Obligation Bond. The campus has been included for \$700,000 for renovations to its student services area.
- Dr. Alred distributed a "save the date" card for an ENMU Ruidoso Foundation fundraiser taking place June 18. The event is a sporting clay (skeet) competition being held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.
- The Ruidoso campus is hosting the Legislative Finance Committee in July.

## BUSINESS MATTERS

### 1. Research and Public Service Projects, Portales

Dr. Patrice Caldwell presented for approval the Portales campus research and public service projects request for FY18. These will be forwarded to the Higher Education Department.

Cultivating STEM Careers (new initiative)	\$ 180,000
Student Success	499,950
Nursing Program Expansion	393,140
At-Risk Students	269,280
Allied Health	170,720
Blackwater Draw	105,270
Athletics	2,358,510
KENW	1,223,860

***Regent Patterson moved to approve the FY18 research and public service projects for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

### 2. Addendum 2 to 2016 Spring Graduation List, Portales

Dr. Gamble presented a second addendum to the spring 2016 graduation list. An additional 18 students have met the requirements for graduation.

***Regent Tatum moved to approve the addendum to the 2016 spring graduation list for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

### 3. Research and Public Service Projects, Roswell

Dr. Madden presented for approval the Roswell campus research and public service projects request for FY18. These will be forwarded to the Higher Education Department.

Nursing Program Expansion	\$95,000
Aviation Maintenance Technology	70,400
Special Services Program Deputy Director	61,900

***Regent Patterson moved to approve the FY18 research and public service projects for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

## REGENTS MATTERS

### 1. Update on petition to join the New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA)

Mr. Scott Smart reported these updates:

- Mr. Smart and Dr. Gamble met with insurance representatives and received a quote for coverage from NMPSIA.

- A former state senator is contacting the New Mexico Attorney General's Office to determine if Eastern can leave the State Risk Management pool and be insured through NMPSIA.
- Mr. Smart will contact Risk Management again regarding its analysis of Eastern's coverage costs.

Mr. Smart said the University wants to have an independent expert review coverage from both Risk Management and NMPSIA to determine which coverage would be best for the University. Dr. Patterson stated that it is his understanding that Eastern can change insurance carriers at any time and is not constrained by a July 1 deadline. This is an information item.

2. Update on stadium construction

Mr. Smart said a tour of the stadium is scheduled for 5 p.m. today. The stadium is 85% complete. Work continues through several entities to pave the entrances to the home and visitor's sides. This is an information item.

3. Discuss summer regents retreat

The regents have expressed interest in holding a retreat to discuss priorities and initiatives for the University. The retreat has been set for July 19 on the Ruidoso campus. An agenda will be developed, and this will be an open meeting. This is an information item.

4. Discuss presidential search

Dr. Patterson previously requested that Mr. Smart have a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) prepared that would be sent to prospective presidential search firms. Dr. Patterson suggests publishing the RFP as soon as possible so that interested firms can respond by mid-August. He would then like to award the RFP at a September Board of Regents meetings. Dr. Patterson also offered suggestions to assist with scoring the proposals received.

Mr. Othick thanked Dr. Gamble for the lead time he has given the regents so that the search process can be done properly to find the right candidate for the University. This is an information item.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Regent Tatum moved to enter executive session at 3:12 p.m. to discuss three limited personnel items and to discuss the annual evaluation of the University president. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

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

## OPEN SESSION

*Regent Tatum moved to return to open session at 4:00 p.m. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

President Othick reported that the regents discussed three limited personnel items and the annual evaluation of the University president but no action was taken during executive session.


1. Recommendation on contract for University president

*Regent Patterson moved to approve the amended contract for President Steven Gamble as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

## ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Tatum moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

  
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President of the Board

  
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Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Deborah Bentley  
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