

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents Meeting

Regents Room, Portales

June 7, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Jane Christensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Chad Lydick, Brett Leach and Jane Christensen were present. Regents Randy Harris and Chase Sturdevant were absent.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Lydick moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Leach seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

- Mr. Steve Doerr said the Foundation had an excellent board meeting this afternoon. He reported that fundraising for the multi-purpose stadium is going well. It has been met with enthusiasm and has been well-received. To date, \$9.3 million has been raised or pledged toward the \$12 million goal. The “buy a brick” campaign has raised almost \$50,000 with very little effort. Mr. Doerr said that once the architectural plans are complete he will be able to start another wave of fundraising.
- Mr. Doerr said the Foundation’s barbeque is tonight, and he invited the regents to attend.
- The Greyhounds football team will play at Cowboy Stadium in Dallas on September 20. Noelle Bartl and Robert Graham are contacting Dallas area alums to join the festivities. The Greyhounds are the featured team this year, playing the evening game.
- Mr. Doerr stated that fundraising for the stadium has not detracted from general fundraising for the Foundation. The Foundation has received \$1,843,218 in this fiscal year. Of that amount, \$757,000 is not part of the stadium fundraising. The investment committee reported that as of May, the total assets of the Foundation were \$14,259,576, about \$2 million more than last year. A record number of scholarships were given out this past year with the largest amounts ever.

REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT

Regent President Christensen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- Dr. Gamble reported that a proposal for an architect has been requested for the stadium project.
- Dr. Gamble said the Foundation’s meeting today was very positive, and the barbeque is tonight. He said Steve Doerr and Noelle Bartl have done an excellent job in fundraising for the stadium. Dr. Gamble said it was possible that some additional funding for the stadium could be received next year from the legislature.

- Summer enrollment is about 2% less than last summer. Dr. Gamble said fall enrollment appears to be down 1.5% in head count and semester credit hours. He does not expect that any of the state's institutions will see an increase in enrollment this fall.
- Dr. Gamble toured the Jack Williamson Liberal Arts Building on Friday. He said the renovation is coming along well. It will be a state-of-the-art instructional building that students and faculty will enjoy. Planning continues for the Golden Student Success Center renovation.
- Dr. Judith Haislett briefed the regents on the food service contract through Sodexo. Two companies submitted bids for the service, and the new contract with Sodexo begins July 1.
- The NCAA has begun interviews regarding the ineligibility issue. This is an indicator that the issue is progressing to an end.
- Dr. Gamble handed out an article that appeared in *USA Today* that names Eastern as one of the five most inexpensive colleges in the U.S. The article has been sent to students and parents. It will also be sent to high school counselors. Dr. Gamble said he was very pleased to learn about the article and expects that it will have a positive impact on the University.

REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. John Madden reported summer enrollment is 10% less in head count than last summer and 3% less in semester credit hours. This means there are fewer students enrolled but they are taking more classes.
- Dr. Madden said three programs should positively impact the campus' fall enrollment:
 - 1) The new agreement with the Roswell Independent School District for an early college program. Thirty-five students have already enrolled, and space is available for 15 more.
 - 2) Doubling the size of the aviation maintenance program from 25 students to 50. This program is in high demand of the area's two aviation employers.
 - 3) The new commitment from the Youth Challenge Program to enroll 120 students this fall.
- The Roswell campus has been included in the 2014 General Obligation Bond for \$3 million. Should the bond pass, the campus will use the funds for infrastructure improvement. The campus is still using several buildings constructed in the late 1940s. More recent buildings are in need of boiler, chiller and roof repairs/replacements.
- The Roswell campus has heavily recruited the top 10% of high school graduates in the area. Dr. Madden reported that 99 of these students have enrolled at ENMU-Roswell. He also reported that several ENMU-Roswell graduates have received full-ride scholarships to New Mexico Tech for engineering and petroleum engineering programs, and one student was accepted into Cornell University.

REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Clayton Alred said summer enrollment is 161 students compared to 195 last summer.
- The campus has several ongoing searches for key positions. One of those is to replace Dr. Alred's administrative assistant, Beth Defoor.
- Dr. Alred reported on the recent primary elections. Community College Board chair Dr. Lynn Willard and former county manager Tom Stewart have been elected as county commissioners. Dr. Alred looks forward to working with both of these new commissioners.
- The Ruidoso campus is included in the 2014 General Obligation Bond for \$325,000 that will be used to remodel the front entrance of the campus building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Leach moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2014, as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Graduation Addendum List, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred presented for approval an additional list of five students who have met degree requirements for graduation and one student who has met certificate requirements.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the graduation addendum list for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Leach seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred presented the five-year capital projects plan for the Ruidoso campus. The first priority is the renovation of the existing student services area, followed by repurposing the construction trades area, developing a rainwater harvesting system, renovating the parking lot, and acquiring an expansion facility.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the five-year capital projects plan for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Leach seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

3. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan, Roswell

Mr. Johnston-Ortiz presented the five-year capital projects plan for the Roswell campus. The plan addresses the need to construct a physical plant complex, maintain the current campus infrastructure, construct a campus archives and repository facility, upgrade the electrical grid, and expand the Performing Arts Center. The physical plant and archives and repository area are currently housed

in Quonset huts built in the 1940s and subject to security and environmental issues.

Regent Leach moved to approve the five-year capital projects plan for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan, Portales

Mr. Scott Smart presented the five-year capital projects plan for the Portales campus. Current projects include the completion of the Jack Williamson Liberal Arts building, renovation of the West Campus apartments and the replacement of the Administration Building piping. Projects in the planning process include the Phase I renovation of the Golden Student Success Center and construction of the new Greyhound Stadium. Other proposed projects include a Phase II renovation of the Golden Student Success Center, equipment upgrades for KENW, and renovations of the Human Sciences (Family and Consumer Sciences) building, the College of Business, Student Academic Services building, Greyhound Arena, University Theatre, and the Computer Center.

Regent Leach moved to approve the five-year capital projects plan for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

5. Multi-purpose Sports Facility, Portales

Mr. Smart presented the multi-purpose sports facility to the regents for approval. If approved, the project will be forwarded to the Higher Education Department (HED) and the State Board of Finance (SBOF) for approval. The budget is anticipated to be between \$9 million and \$12 million.

The approval process through the HED requires a re-approval of a project if the funding amount changes more than 10% of what was originally submitted—usually a 90 day process. Mr. Smart discussed with the HED the probability that the sports facility project will change in an amount greater than 10% due to additional funds being raised. He learned that the additional project amount can be submitted as an emergency approval. He will meet with the SBOF to learn if this emergency approval process will apply to the SBOF as well.

In light of on-going fundraising, Mr. Smart asked that his original request to approve the multi-sports facility for \$12 million be amended to read “Approval to plan, design, and construct a multi-purpose sports facility on the campus of ENMU not to exceed *the total funds raised for the project.*”

Regent Leach moved to amend the request for approval to read "Approval to plan, design, and construct a multi-purpose sports facility on the campus of ENMU not to exceed the total funds raised for the project." Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Lydick moved to approve the multi-purpose stadium project for the ENMU-Portales campus as amended. Regent Leach seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Degree Requirements—Moving to 120 Hours

In a follow-up discussion to one he presented to the regents in May, Dr. Jamie Laurenz discussed the topic of universities providing degree programs that can be completed in 120 hours. He gave examples of degrees that could be reduced to 120 hours and some that could not without affecting the integrity of the program. In many instances, there are state and accreditation requirements that would prevent the reduction of hours to 120. He also reviewed Eastern's institutional requirements and possible changes that could be made to those requirements. This is an information item.

7. Addendum to 2014 Spring Graduation List, Portales

Ms. Ronnie Birdsong presented for approval a list of 34 additional students who have met graduation requirements.

Regent Leach moved to approve the graduation addendum list for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Lydick moved to enter executive session at 5:43 p.m. to discuss three personnel items and the annual evaluation of the university president. Regent Leach seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Lydick – yes; Regent Leach – yes; Regent Christensen – yes.

OPEN SESSION

Regent Leach moved to return to open session at 6:14 p.m. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

President Christensen reported that only one personnel item was discussed, and the regents conducted the annual evaluation of the University president with no action taken.

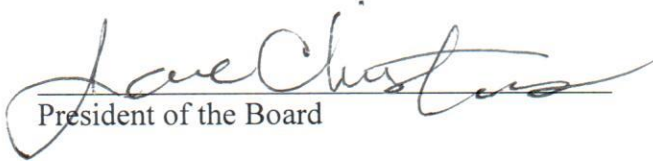
8. Recommendation on Contract for University President

Regent Christensen asked for a recommendation on the president's contract.

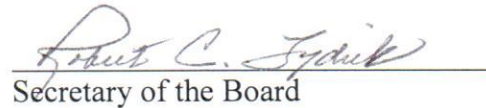
Regent Leach moved to renew the president's contract as presented which includes a 2% salary increase, the same increase approved by the Board of Regents for employees of the Portales campus effective July 1, 2014. The contract also includes a provision to permit the president, upon his retirement or voluntary resignation, to continue his employment at 25% of his salary in a professional capacity. Regent Lydick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Lydick moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Regent Leach seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

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