#### EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents Meeting Regents Room October 14, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Terry Othick called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Dan Patterson, Veronica Ayala, Terry Othick, Jane Christensen and Susan Tatum were present.

#### APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Tatum moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Ayala moved to approve the minutes of September 9, 2016 as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

#### REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT

President Othick welcomed everyone to Homecoming weekend. There are many activities planned and the dedication of a museum. It should be a great weekend.

## REPORT FROM THE ENMU FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

- Mr. Steve Doerr, president of the ENMU Foundation, gave an annual report to the Board.
  He said Homecoming is always an exciting time, but this year is special because of the
  football stadium on campus and a community that is excited about the Homecoming
  activities.
- Mr. Doerr said the Foundation's fundraising efforts brought in \$1,236,894 for 2015-16.
   He thanked Noelle Bartl and her staff for their efforts. Total scholarships awarded were \$322,000 and \$100,000 for the Starter Scholarship program. This year, fundraising efforts are focused on planned giving. Over the last eight years, the assets of the Foundation have increased by \$9 million.
- The *Green and Silver Magazine* has been highly successful among alumni, and Mr. Doerr said there are plans to expand the magazine by four more pages.
- The Foundation is still fundraising for the stadium. The brick campaign has been expanded until December. Other campaigns coming soon are a locker and seatback campaign, an annual sponsorship of the scoreboard, a phoneathon, and an ENMU logo scarf campaign.

Mr. Othick thanked Mr. Doerr for his work with the Foundation and support of ENMU. Dr. Gamble presented Mr. Doerr with a commemorative football signed by members of the Greyhound football team as recognition of his tireless efforts to promote the stadium on campus.

Mr. Othick also thanked alumnus Ray Hammond for his longtime support of ENMU and alumni events.

## REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

 Dr. Gamble said Homecoming weekend is always a special time on campus. He asked Mr. Robert Graham, director of the Alumni Office, to review the activities taking place this weekend.

- Dr. Gamble said the campus continues its promotion of General Obligation Bond C in the community.
- Drs. Jamie Laurenz and Mary Ayala and their committees are working hard to assure reaccreditation when the Higher Learning Commission visits in April 2017.
- The inaugural football game and stadium dedication took place in September. It was a great day for ENMU and the football team.
- The campus recently received a \$2.3 million Title V grant for a five-year period.
- A special legislative session was held earlier this month that reduced funding to higher education institutions by 5% for FY17, which is \$1.6 million for ENMU-Portales. This is in addition to \$750,000 that was cut in January. Dr. Gamble said administration is reviewing scenarios for budget reductions.

# REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. John Madden said his administration will also develop a scenario to address the budget cuts.
- The ENMU-Roswell campus and NMMI have worked together in Roswell to promote the G. O. Bond. Dr. Madden said the presentations have been well-received.
- Enrollment at the Roswell campus has increased 8% over last year.
- The Roswell campus received a five-year STEM grant for almost \$3 million. It will be used for recruitment and retention of Hispanic STEM students, to recruit and train public school teachers to teach STEM classes, and to expand the campus' Innovation Center.
- Administrators met with Kuwaiti representatives about fixed-wing aircraft training, mechanic training and air traffic control training. If this contract is secured, it will be a multi-year, multi-million-dollar contract. The campus currently is training Tunisian pilots and mechanics.
- A program in commercial piloting has been restarted and will be in full swing for January.
- Dr. Madden said that fall commencement is anticipated to be larger than usual, and two
  ceremonies may be needed.

# REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Clayton Alred said the Ruidoso campus celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week. It
  was an exciting time for the campus and community.
- A contractor is on campus today to study the remodeling of the building entrance. The construction launch date has not been set yet.
- Dr. Alred said his campus has been active in promoting the G. O. Bond and is also addressing the coming budget reductions.

# **BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. Report of Actuals, Ruidoso

Ms. Sheila Farquer presented the 2015-16 Report of Actuals for the Ruidoso campus. This is an information item.

2. 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, Ruidoso

Dr. Alred discussed the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for the Ruidoso campus. This document is the result of a collaboration with several constituency groups, and it has been

reviewed by campus faculty and staff and approved by the Ruidoso Community College Board. He requested approval by the Board of Regents.

Regent Christensen moved to approve the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

# 3. Memorandum of Agreement, Roswell

Dr. Madden presented a revised memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the ENMU-Roswell Foundation, the ENMU Board of Regents and the ENMU-Roswell Branch Community College Board. He said the major changes to the MOA defines the Foundation as a "component" of ENMU and states that the Foundation will be included in the annual ENMU audit. Should the State Auditor determine in the future that the Foundation must provide its own audit, this agreement also permits that. This is a five-year agreement.

Regent Tatum moved to approve the memorandum of agreement for the ENMU-Roswell Foundation as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

# 4. Report of Actuals, Roswell

Mr. Eric Johnston-Ortiz presented the 2015-16 Report of Actuals for the Roswell campus. This is an information item.

## 5. Higher Learning Commission Update, Portales

Dr. Jamie Laurenz discussed the upcoming accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) scheduled for April 2017. The HLC requires the submission of an assurance argument that is based on criteria established by the HLC. An accreditation committee and subcommittees have been created; the committees have reviewed the criteria and have developed arguments that document ENMU's compliance. This document will be refined and delivered to the HLC in advance of its campus visit. Dr. Laurenz will present a series of discussions in the months ahead to familiarize the Board with the five criteria and core components that drive the assurance argument. Today, Dr. Laurenz reviewed Criterion One and Criterion Two. This is an information item.

[Regent Othick called for a 10 minute break at 10:57 a.m.]

# 6. Report of Actuals, Portales

Mr. Scott Smart presented the 2015-16 Report of Actuals for the Portales campus. This is an information item.

# 7. Changes to International Expediting Fees, Portales

Mr. Clark Elswick said when students request transcripts to be expedited internationally, the Registrar's Office requires a fee. Previously, each address location had to be researched to determine the cost for the student. Mr. Elswick requested that a flat fee of \$60 be charged to any student requesting a transcript to be sent internationally and expedited. This fee falls in line with an average fee charged for various locations. This is not an increase in fees, just a change in procedure to charge the average cost. Transcripts

that are picked up in the Registrar's Office or mailed through the normal mailing process are free to students.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the changes to international expediting fees as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

# 8. Early FAFSA Process

A change to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process begins this year. Students attending college in fall 2017 may use tax information from 2015 to complete their FAFSA form and submit it as early as October 1, 2016. This is a change from the previous start date of January 1 and using current year tax information. Dr. Jeff Long said notification of these changes has been widely disseminated to current and prospective students. This change will require that ENMU determine tuition and fees costs much sooner each year and determine an earlier mail out date for financial aid packages. This is an information item.

9. 2015-16 Update on Strategic Plan, Portales

Dr. Patrice Caldwell reviewed updates to the Strategic Plan. This is an information item.

## REGENTS MATTERS

1. Approve Resolution Supporting General Obligation Bond C

Mr. Othick presented for approval and read a resolution to support General Obligation Bond C.

Regent Patterson moved approve the resolution supporting General Obligation Bond C as read. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Update on Greyhound Stadium

Dr. Gamble said the stadium on campus has made a tremendous difference in school spirit and attendance. It has been a wonderful addition. There are still two issues that need to be addressed—one is paving the parking lot and adding lights. The second issue is to correct the audio system. The noise level outside of the stadium is often louder than inside the stadium. Expert sound technicians have been consulted and changes will be made once football season is over.

3. Strategy regarding legal matters

Regent Patterson moved to remove Regents Matters agenda item 3, Strategy regarding legal matters, from the agenda today. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Board of Regents self-assessment process

As part of the preparation for the HLC visit, the Regents were given a self-assessment questionnaire to complete. Each regent independently completed the form, and Mr. Othick reported that out of a 5 point scale the overall average for all the board members' responses was 4.52. Dr. Gamble said this is a questionnaire that will be given to the regents each year to assess any areas of concern the regents may have. This is an information item.

5. Approve Letter of Engagement with Witt/Kieffer

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out by ENMU's Purchasing Department for a presidential search firm. Twelve firms received the RFP and five firms responded. The Regents reviewed the five proposals, rated the firms and determined the top two firms that were then invited to make presentations to the Board. As a result of this process, Witt/Kieffer was selected as the preferred search firm to conduct the presidential search. Witt/Kieffer has provided a Letter of Engagement to initiate the process. Mr. Othick asked approval to sign the Letter of Engagement.

Regent Ayala moved approval to sign the Letter of Engagement as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Mr. Othick said Witt/Kieffer representatives will be on campus next month to conduct meetings with search committee members and to attend the November Board of Regents meeting.

6. <u>Approval of Board to begin search committee selection process</u>
With the approval of the Letter of Engagement, Mr. Othick asked approval for the Board to begin the search committee selection process.

Regent Patterson moved approval for the Board to begin the search committee selection process as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Regent Ayala moved to enter executive session at 12:16 p.m. to discuss three limited personnel items. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

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

## **OPEN SESSION**

Regent Ayala moved to return to open session at 1:30 p.m. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

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

# ADJOURNMENT

Regent Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. 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