

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Roswell, Campus Union Building
Multipurpose Room
December 8, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Patterson moved to approve the minutes of November 11, 2016 as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT

President Othick welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Dr. Madden and members of the Roswell campus for the warm welcome and hospitality. He also thanked the regents and the presidents of the three campuses for their achievements in 2016 in dealing with some difficult issues while maintaining the mission of the University. As outgoing president of the Board, Mr. Othick said he has enjoyed serving in this capacity and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT

- Dr. Gamble said that the Portales campus will graduate its largest winter class this Saturday. He said it has been a good fall. Enrollment was good; the stadium was a great success; and the General Obligation Bond passed, providing the funds needed for the Golden Student Success Center renovation.
- Budget concerns have and will continue to affect the three campuses. It is expected that additional budget cuts will come in January's legislative session. Dr. Gamble said that the primary focus in these difficult times will be to protect the mission of the University and to protect its employees.
- Applications for the student regent position have been forwarded to the Governor's Office. It is expected that the governor will make her appointment sometime in January. Regent Ayala's term expires this year. Dr. Gamble and the regents congratulated Regent Ayala for her excellent service to the Board.
- Dr. Gamble presented a plaque to Regent Jane Christensen in appreciation of her service as president of the Board for 2014 and 2015.
- Dr. Gamble asked for a report from each campus on retention efforts. Dr. Jamie Laurenz reported that Eastern's cycle is recruitment, retention and completion. He gave an overview of the programs and other tools used by the Portales campus to help students persist and complete their degrees.

REPORT FROM THE ROSWELL PRESIDENT

- Dr. John Madden said that the Roswell campus also has a record number of students graduating in December. The campus will hold two ceremonies tonight at the Convention Center.

- Dr. Madden discussed the funding formula for the two-year colleges and the negative impact it has had for the Roswell campus. He also expressed concerns about adequate funding for the Lottery Scholarship.
- The three presidents attended a meeting last week with the Higher Education Department and the Public Education Department regarding dual credit classes. Suggested changes to the program would negatively impact all the community colleges in the state and most of the four-year institutions. The proposal will continue to be studied, and it is hoped that positive changes will be made.
- Dr. Madden distributed information about retention and discussed the efforts used on the Roswell campus to help students succeed.

REPORT FROM THE RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

- Dr. Clayton Alred said the Ruidoso campus hosted the Sierra Blanca Wildland Fire Academy. Participants are offered the opportunity to earn college credit for classes taken.
- The Ruidoso Foundation was tasked with raising matching funds for the Title V grant. Dr. Alred reported that at the end of the second year, the Foundation is well on its way to raise the funds needed.
- Dr. Alred also expressed his concern about the funding formula for two-year institutions and the need for changes in how funding is calculated.
- Dr. Alred discussed retention efforts on the Ruidoso campus.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. 2017-18 Proposed Tuition Increase, Ruidoso
Dr. Alred distributed copies of an annual survey of tuition and fees for New Mexico's two-year colleges. The Ruidoso campus ranks second lowest in the state. The Community College Board has determined that the campus must increase tuition in order to provide more revenue to the campus, and the campus has steadily increased tuition in recent years. Dr. Alred requested an approximate 5% increase resulting in a \$2 per credit hour increase for in-district students, a \$3 per credit hour increase for out-of-district students, and an \$8 increase per credit hour for out-of-state students.
Regent Patterson moved to approve the 2017-18 tuition increase as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.
2. Adoption of Prior Learning Assessment Policy, Ruidoso
Mr. Pierre Laroche said a Prior Learning Assessment Policy has been developed to evaluate experience, licenses, certifications and transfer courses of students admitted to the Ruidoso campus and apply them towards credits earned and degrees awarded. The policy also aligns the Ruidoso campus with other colleges included in the SUN PATH TAACCCT Consortium.
Regent Tatum moved to approve the adoption of the Prior Learning Assessment Policy as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.
3. 2016-17 Budget Adjustment Request, Ruidoso
Ms. Sheila Farquer presented the 2016-17 budget adjustment request for approval. The adjustments reflect the reductions in state funding and a transfer of fund balances into BR&R for current capital projects.

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

4. Higher Learning Commission Update, Portales

Dr. Jamie Laurenz continued his review of the upcoming accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) scheduled for April 2017. He reviewed Criterion One and Criterion Two with the regents at the October Board meeting and Criterion Three in November. He reviewed Criterion Four today. This is an information item.

[Regent Othick called for a 5 minute break.]

5. Amendments to Policy 40-6 Work Time, Portales

Dr. Patrice Caldwell presented minor changes to Policy 40-6 Work Time.

Regent Christensen moved to approve the changes made to Policy 40-6 Work Time as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

6. 2016 Fall Graduation List, Portales

Mr. Clark Elswick presented the 2016 fall graduation list. There are 419 applications that have been approved for graduation.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the 2016 fall graduation list for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

7. Strategic Plan, Roswell

Dr. Madden presented the Strategic Plan for the Roswell campus. This was developed with campus and community input.

Regent Tatum moved to approve the Strategic Plan for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

8. 2017-18 Proposed Tuition and Fees Increase, Roswell

Mr. Eric Johnston-Ortiz presented an increase in tuition and fees for the Roswell campus. If approved, in-district rates will increase \$9 per credit hour, \$10 per credit hour for out-of-district students, and \$25 per credit hour for out-of-state students. Additionally, a \$4 per credit hour increase in fees is requested.

Regent Ayala moved to approve the 2017-18 increase in tuition and fees for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

9. 2016-17 Budget Adjustment Request, Roswell

Mr. Johnston-Ortiz presented the 2016-17 budget adjustment request for approval. The adjustments include reductions in state funding and a transfer to Capital Outlay for construction of a Physical Plant building.

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

10. 2016 Fall Graduation List, Roswell

Dr. Madden presented 438 applications for graduation for approval.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the 2016 fall graduation list for the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENTS MATTERS

1. Election of Officers (Regent Othick, Action)

Regent Othick asked for nominations for the office of president.

Regent Patterson moved to elect Regent Susan Tatum as president for the Board of Regents. Regent Ayala seconded the motion.

President Othick asked for nominations for vice president.

Regent Tatum moved to elect Regent Dan Patterson as vice president for the Board of Regents. Regent Ayala seconded the motion.

President Othick asked for nominations for secretary/treasurer with the intent that Regent Ayala will continue in the position until she is replaced with the new student regent who will assume the position.

Regent Patterson moved to elect Regent Veronica Ayala as secretary/treasurer for the Board of Regents. Regent Christensen seconded the motion.

Regent Ayala moved to approve the nominations as presented for the offices of president, vice president and secretary/treasurer of the Board of Regents. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

President Othick congratulated the newly elected officers.

2. Update on the Presidential Search by Dr. Caldwell, Regents Christensen and Tatum (Information Only)

Dr. Caldwell reported that Witt/Kieffer has posted a leadership profile and job posting on its website. Five applications have been received, but it is expected that many more will be received over the holiday break. The information from the Witt/Kieffer website will soon be added to the ENMU website. The job position will also be published in several educational magazines and newspapers. The next meeting of the search committee is February 15.

3. Update on the Council of University Regents from Regents Patterson and Tatum (Information Only)

Regent Patterson reported that an organization has been formed for all New Mexico university regents. In a meeting held November 28, Dr. Barbara Damron (Secretary for Higher Education Department) and Mr. David Abbey (Director of the Legislative Finance Committee) attended where changes to the dual credit program and the State's financial situation were discussed.

4. Update on Risk Management Request Issue (Information Only)

Dr. Gamble said Scott Smart will meet with the new director of Risk Management and the Higher Education Department to discuss Eastern's insurance costs. Risk Management has completed an actuarial study of Eastern's insurance risk and premiums paid. Another meeting is being planned with the Attorney General's office and Representative Moe Maestas to further discuss Eastern's proposed move from Risk Management to NMPSIA.

5. Update on Greyhound Stadium (Information Only)

Dr. Gamble said replacement of the audio system at the new stadium will take place soon. Paving and installation of lighting will be deferred until weather permits. An appraisal of the Blackwater Draw stadium site was determined to be "zero" once the cost of demolition is considered. Dr. Gamble said the cost of the land would pay for razing the stadium. At this time, a feasible alternative use for the property has not been identified, and there are no offers to purchase the site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Ayala moved to enter executive session at 4:32 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 Patterson moved to return to open session at 4:43 p.m. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

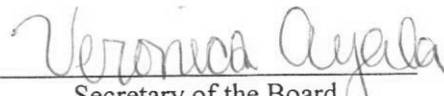
President Othick reported that the regents discussed three limited personnel items but no action was taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board Susan Tatum



Secretary of the Board