

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Special Meeting
Ruidoso Convention Center, Room 3, Ruidoso, NM
March 29, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Edwin Tatum called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Edwin Tatum, Terry Othick, Joseph Gergel, Dan Patterson and Lance Pyle were present.

Roll call: Regent Tatum – Yes; Regent Othick – Yes; Regent Gergel – Yes; Regent Patterson – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Patterson moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2019 as presented. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 3-2-0. Regents Pyle and Gergel abstained. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT

President Edwin Tatum welcomed everyone to the meeting and had new Regents, Lance Pyle and Joseph Gergel introduce themselves. Regent Tatum commented on the exceptional professionalism he has already witnessed in these two men and said that he looks forward to working with them.

Regent Tatum reported on the success of the Legislative Session and said that ENMU did well in attaining funds for projects and programs. He further stated that we are now waiting for the final signature from the Governor. He gave special commendation to Chancellor Jeff Elwell for his time and hard work in Santa Fe and also a special thanks to Senator Stuart Ingle for helping with our initiatives.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell reported on the services offered at the Adult Education Center. During the past year, 1,154 adult students were served by offering basic literacy and numeracy skills and high school equivalency credentialing.

Dr. Powell stated that they are currently focusing on the upcoming HLC sight visit and will be working toward meeting the three-criterion required by HLC. Incidentally, these criterion have changed and they are waiting further instruction.

Dr. Powell said that they are working on their strategic plan and hope to have this published by July 2019. In addition, they are consulting with architects for plans for upcoming projects.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Dr. Ryan Carstens welcomed everyone to Ruidoso and thanked Regent Gergel for his campus visit yesterday.

Dr. Carstens reported on several upcoming events. First and foremost, in efforts to work with the Mescalero Apache tribe, spring commencement is being moved to the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Native American graduates have been invited to wear their traditional tribal regalia and they will be preparing for an audience of between 500-800 persons.

Dr. Carstens said that they are in the midst of the 180-day countdown celebration in moving toward graduation. These milestone events are in effort to keep students focused and on-track for graduation. He also highlighted on the New Mexico Work Force Center who recently held a job fair in the lobby of their campus building. In addition, he reported that the Cybersecurity Center has been re-designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence and has received a 5-year certification.

Lastly, Dr. Carstens reported on their recent approval from Presbyterian Health Care to use their facilities for their nursing program beginning April 1, 2019.

REPORT FROM ENMU CHANCELLOR

Dr. Jeff Elwell gave updates on enrollment projects stating that the Boys and Girls State Leadership Program has been held on the Portales campus for several years. The participating students are juniors in high school and have been offered a \$500 scholarship if admitted to the university. Last year, these students were offered a \$1000 scholarship. Of the 189 participants, 43 students requested hardcopies of the scholarship. To date, eleven boys and eight girls have been admitted and several others are in progress. These numbers are in contrast with the average three admissions from years past. Dr. Elwell also gave an update on the RaiseMe platform which allows students and parents to make comparisons between other schools and programs across the country. As a result, we have admitted 34 freshman undergrads.

Dr. Elwell reported on the reimplementation of Family Weekend which was underwritten by US Bank and attended by approximately 185 parents and family members. Also mentioned were the plans for the first Super Greyhound Weekend (April 26-27), underwritten by J.P. Stone Bank. Presently there are 45 students signed up to attend these events which will include tailgating and a baseball game as well as tours of the housing facilities and the opportunity and make a deposit on these facilities. Also, there are 81 slots available for students to register for the fall semester.

Dr. Elwell stated that there are currently 26 students who are being considered for conditional admission based on their grades versus ACT scores and the recommendation of their teachers. These students are those who scored below a 17 on their ACT but maintained a 2.5 or higher GPA throughout high school. He also pointed out that the Greyhound Academy will assist students that require individual attention.

Dr. Elwell said that fundraising is at \$883,667 with the promise of some large gifts. It is unclear if they will come through during this fiscal year. Dr. Gay Su Pinnell has purchased the Casa Del Sol property and is having the home completely renovated with the intent of using it for visiting scholars, artists, writers and for giving presentations. Once renovations are complete, the property will be donated to the university along with an endowment for its upkeep. In addition, there is one other large estate gift coming in from a 1940's graduate.

Dr. Elwell spoke about the Legislative Session and reported that all-together (recurring/non-recurring) ENMU will received \$700K for infrastructure which is designated for various capital outlay projects, the Teacher Education Incentive and the Greyhound Arena roof project. There is currently \$5.7 in recurring and one-time money for Portales and over \$8 million for the system, all awaiting on the Governor's approval. If approved, \$715K would go toward KENW with

\$250K requested for new equipment, \$100K for a new tower in Maljimar, NM and \$365K for a master control downloading program.

Dr. Elwell reported that Athletics received \$241,600 as an addition to the RPSP which is equivalent to what the other comprehensive schools in New Mexico received. In addition, our area legislators have put money into HB2 junior, but must wait to see the outcome on this.

In regard to appropriations, Dr. Elwell reported that we will receive 2% redistribution (new money), including \$1.286 million first time money, some of which is from a new dual credit appropriation. In addition, there will be a 4% compensation increase, \$830K will come from the state and the institution will cover about \$430K. The minimum wage increase which will affect ENMU slightly in the fall with regard to Student Hire. The effects will not be felt by students, but by offices. There will be a need to decrease student hire staffing hours. Work Study students will be unaffected.

Dr. Elwell said that we are working to comply with Title IX with regard to the proportionality of men's and women's athletic teams. The number of athletes participating should be proportionate to enrollment. We currently we have 42% male and 58% female enrolled. A committee has been formed to discuss solutions, of which the addition of women's beach volleyball and golf is being discussed. The three main points being considered are proportionality of men/women on teams, budgeting and the addition of sports teams. He said that a survey will be sent out to the student body to see what is favorable. Dr. Elwell made note that the total gate income from athletic events in 2018 was less than \$40K.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. Promotion and Tenure Decisions, Portales (*Dr. Jamie Laurenz, Information Only*)
Although this item appeared on the Consent Agenda, Regent Tatum asked Dr. Laurenz to speak on this matter.

Dr. Jamie Laurenz recognized those being awarded tenure based on the results of the FEC process. He listed those receiving tenure, effective fall 2019 as: Jeff Gentry, College of Fine Arts, and Kathleen Wagner, educational studies.

Dr. Laurenz also recognized those being awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor, effective fall 2019 as: Deborah Corbin, accounting, Jean-Marc Gandonou, economics, Chelsea Starr, sociology, and Michael Zhang, marketing.

2. Student Fees Board Recommendations, Portales (*Ms. Kaitlyn Bigham, Action*)
Regent Tatum asked students Kaitlyn Bigham and Berenice Salazar to speak on behalf of the Student Fees Board.

Ms. Bigham and Salazar jointly discussed the significant decrease of funds available for student organizations for next year. They also clarified that most of these organizations had funds left from previous allowances and will not be impacted by the decrease.

3. Student Government Association Constitution, Portales (Ms. Kaitlyn Bigham, Action)
Regent Tatum asked Ms. Kaitlyn Bigham to speak about the proposed Student Government constitution changes.

Ms. Bigham clarified that the constitution language has been revised to reflect system language.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Regent Gergel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Other Items

1. ENMU-Ruidoso Operating Agreement (Dr. Ryan Carstens, Action)
Dr. Ryan Carstens called attention to the addendum listed on page 6 and 7, paragraph B, stating that the current agreement ended in February 2019 but is covered in the language of the previous agreement. The new agreement will be in affect through February 2021 and has been reviewed and approved by the Community College Board. In addition, Dr. Carstens said that this agreement was submitted for legal review and complies with statute.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso Operating agreement as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Renewable Energy emphases in Electronic Engineering Technology, Portales (Dr. Jamie Laurenz, Information Only)

Dr. Jamie Laurenz said that the Department of Mathematics and Department of Electronics Engineering Technology within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences propose a new program focused on the hands-on application of building circuits and operating them. This would provide for both BS and BAAS degree options. He said graduates from this program are in high demand, with notable employers such as Encore Energy, Lockheed Martin of Texas and Haliburton offering employment opportunities. He further stated that he believes this enhanced specialization in alternative energy will further help students become marketable in this energy sector.

Dr. Laurenz reported that this new program would require \$95K-\$96K in recurring funding and the addition of one faculty member. This faculty member would be required to have a PhD in EET or electrical engineering. In addition, there would be the one-time of expense of purchasing the Alternative Energy Learning Systems, the Solar Photovoltaic Troubleshooting Learning System, the Turbine Nacelle Troubleshooting Learning System and Wind Power Systems software, computer and monitor. The total cost would be \$333,531.

Regent Patterson commended Dr. Laurenz on submitting this proposal together and it was agreed among the Regents that this is a much desired and sought-after degree in our state. Dr. Laurenz closed by stating that he would consult with the Vice President of Business Affairs to work on budgeting for this upcoming program.

3. Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2018, Portales (Mr. Scott Smart, Action)
Mr. Scott Smart introduced our state auditor, Mr. Scott Eliason of the Jaramillo Accounting Group. Mr. Eliason stated that he is required to present audit results to the Board of Regents for their review. He said that there were three findings, all related to each campus' foundation which are all somewhat separate. He said there is also one new policy standard which pertains to post-employment benefits

Mr. Eliason reported on financial statements with four Governance and Audit Findings: 1) former ENMU-Roswell president's spouse travel; 2) RFP with Gear Up program; 3) approval of costs for capital improvements; and 4) student Financial Aid with regard to enrollment reporting with NSLDS.

Mr. Smart recognized the hard work and efforts of the Business Office and their commitment to follow procedure. He further noted that the System is maintaining its strong financial status due to the hard work of this office.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the audited financial statements from fiscal year 2018 as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Amendments to Policies, ENMU System (Dr. Patrice Caldwell, Action)
Dr. Patrice Caldwell presented twelve policy amendments that have been approved by University Council. She commended both Dr. Powell and Dr. Carstens for their efforts and participation in this process.
Notable changes:
10-5 – The addition of Vice President per ENMU-Roswell President's request
50-3 – Payroll policy now reflects system language
60-1-7 – All of these policies fall under the System CIO and the word "system" has been added.
60-3 – Guidelines and language has been added to system policy regarding broadcast messages/emails.
60-4 – Provision to allow each campus to install their own computer equipment with the oversight and approval of the System CIO.
65-1-3 – The addition of systemized language.

Dr. Caldwell said there will be an additional twenty policies to be reviewed at the May meeting. Dr. Powell commented that the Roswell CCB has not met to discuss changes to policy 10-5.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the amendments to system policy as presented. Regent Patterson moved to amend the motion with the provision that the ENMU-Roswell Community College Board have the opportunity to review policy 10-5. Regent Pyle moved to approve the motion as amended. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENT MATTERS

1. President's Residence, Formation of Architectural Committee

Regent Othick asked to have this matter tabled until the next meeting. He stated that the board will move cautiously to ensure the right steps are being taken on this matter.

This agenda item was tabled and will be revisited at the April 19, 2019 meeting.

2. Updates on Programs and Recruitment within the College of Fine Arts

Dr. Jeff Gentry, dean of the College of Fine Arts presented an overview of the departments and programs encompassed within this college. He stated that he is proud of the programs and co-curricular activities offered and made note of the many guests artists that visit our campus as well as outstanding programs such as our marching band who just returned from participating in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland.

Dr. Gentry said that the overarching goal of the college is to prepare students and build the department. He stated that CFA had a 12% enrollment increase this past fall and are up 4% in FTE. Also mentioned is the fact that all students seeking a degree in Fine Arts are full-time students and are highly engaged in campus life.

Dr. Gentry reported that the College of Fine Arts encourages early registration and advisement and that they maintain faculty to student relationships with both college and high school students. He further noted that this college encourages community engagement by offering summer theater and regularly promote their events on public radio.

In closing, Dr. Gentry said that Fine Arts graduates attain essential skills, are creative, are able to work in teams, use critical thinking skills that produce an actual product.

Regent Othick thanked Dr. Gentry for his presentation and said that it was refreshing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Patterson moved to enter executive session at 4:46 p.m. to discuss one item pertaining to threatened or pending litigation involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978) and two limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Gergel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Tatum – Yes; Regent Othick – Yes; Regent Gergel – Yes; Regent Patterson – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes.

Regent Tatum moved to return to open session at 6:21 p.m. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Tatum reported that the Regents discussed one item pertaining to threatened or pending litigation involving the university pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978) and one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Tatum moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Karen Van Ruiten
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