

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Santa Fe, New Mexico, Hotel Santa Fe ~ Hacienda Room
January 16, 2019 – 2:00 p.m

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Edwin Tatum called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Edwin Tatum, Terry Othick, Kekoa VonSchriltz, Jane Christensen and Regent Dan Patterson were present.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Dan Patterson moved to amend the agenda by removing items 2 and 4 under Regent Matters. Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Patterson moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2018 as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent President Edwin Tatum welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked Dr. Patrice Caldwell to introduce the student lobbyist group who visited the Roundhouse this morning. Dr. Caldwell introduced Kaitlyn Bigham, Adilene Adame, Luke Bussen and Joseph Gergel and their Student Government sponsor, Chief Bradley Mauldin. In addition, Dr. Caldwell thanked members of our Alumni board, Brian Stein, Trish Maguire, Nikki and Mike Kull and Jennifer Poyer for their hard work on this year's gathering.

Regent Tatum commented that this is his first meeting to officiate as Regent President and that he looks forward to this next year. He thanked former Regent President, Jane Christensen for her service over the past year and presented her with a gavel plaque to commemorate her service. Regents Christensen and Regent Kekoa VonSchriltz were also recognized for their excellent service as Regents and were presented with framed Regent medallions. In addition, Chancellor Elwell present both out-going Regents with personal gifts from him and his wife.

REPORT FROM ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell said that he has been reviewing IPEDS reports and the comparison of ENMU-Roswell with 29 other colleges, including Clovis Community College. He also stated that they have identified enrollment as their number one priority this year and are looking to meet the needs of the community based on input from the two Chambers of Commerce.

Dr. Powell said they are moving forward with their strategic plan with budget and planning assistance from Mr. Scott Smart. They are working on organization alignment and facilities planning. Of interest, Dr. Powell said that there is an electrical line running through their campus that is original to Walker Air Force Base. Work is underway to replace this line and work has begun to demolish two residence halls.

Dr. Powell spoke about their Special Services Program and said they are looking at expansions in this program to include occupational training. They plan to hire a new recruiter who will work with students with disabilities and their families.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Dr. Ryan Carstens was not present as he was attending a Village of Ruidoso Workforce Development meeting.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM

Dr. Jeff Elwell said that the semester began with an enrollment decline. He reported a shortage of 119 part-time graduate students and 65 fewer first-time freshmen returning to campus for the spring semester. He said that there are several factors involved with non-returning students, including ineligibility for Lottery Scholarship. He also stated that the Greyhound Academy has worked diligently throughout the fall semester to assist several students who were identified as “at risk”. Three of these students were successful in their fall semester and the other nine students did not accept the support offered.

Dr. Elwell said that fundraising is just short of \$700,000 at mid-term with 14% in unrestricted monies. He reported that ENMU has invested in a new scholarship platform (RaiseMe) which exposes students from all over the county to ENMU and allows them to make comparisons of several attributes, including size, geographic location, and cost of attendance of comparable institutions. As of December, there have been 20 students accepted from out-of-state who will still need to be enrolled. Notably, we have 792 seniors enrolled from across the country.

Dr. Elwell reported on a new initiative involving Girls and Boys State participants, which gives each student the opportunity to receive a \$1000 scholarship upon acceptance to the university. These scholarships are renewable up to four years if a 3.2 GPA is maintained. This past spring there were 167 Boys/Girls State participants, of which 42 requested hardcopies of the scholarship certificate. To date, 36 of these students have applied, 15 have been accepted and 14 are required to turn in additional materials. These offered scholarships have increased interest in ENMU considerably.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Degree Name Change for Biochemistry/Chemistry and elimination of Chemistry-Interdisciplinary option, Portales

Dr. Jamie Laurenz presented a request for a name change for two separate degrees and the elimination of the interdisciplinary option. This request is based on student's desire for these degrees for pre-veterinary and pre-med programs.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the degree name change for Biochemistry/Chemistry and the elimination of Chemistry-Interdisciplinary option as presented. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENT MATTERS

1. Annual Authorization of Officers Authorizing Signature Authority

Chancellor Jeff Elwell presented for approval the annual authorization of officers who can sign on behalf of the University.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the Annual Authorization of Officers Authorizing Signature Authority as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Update on Programs and Recruitment within the College of Education and Technology
Dr. Penny Garcia, Dean of the College of Education and Technology gave an overview of the units within the college, (i.e. Agriculture, Culinary Arts, Career and Technical Education and Kinesiology).

Dr. Garcia expounded on each program by stating that the Culinary Arts program is seeing great growth at the hands of Dr. Charles Broz. The Career and Technical Education programs has had a few personnel struggles, but is now fully on track with Dr. Cindy Miller working to build the program. The Kinesiology program is seeing growth with the increase of sports majors. She also said that they continue to see steady BUS degrees at the rate of approximately 110 per year and she said that they are working with PED in pushing for licensures in all of the above programs.

Dr. Garcia reported on their recruiting efforts in cooperation with Enrollment Services. She said that the decrease in education degrees might largely be attributed to the fact that women having many more options in the work force as opposed to their options several years ago. She also factored in that teachers are now required to teach to prepare students for testing which has eliminated the autonomy and creativity in the classroom.

Dr. Garcia stated that ENMU has always prepared good teachers and that superintendents from around the state seek to interview and hire graduates from ENMU. She also explained that ENMU is accredited by CAEP, which has a 3.0 admissions standard. Dr. Garcia voiced frustration concerning students who have a desire and heart for teaching but cannot make it through the requirements and rigors of the program. Dr. Laurenz added that they will be in conversation with the accreditors to see what changes can be implemented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Patterson moved to enter executive session at 4:17 p.m. to discuss two items 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). Regent Othick seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Tatum– Yes; Regent Othick – Yes; VonSchriltz –Yes; Regent Christensen – Yes; Regent Patterson – Yes

Regent Tatum moved to return to open session at 4:22 p.m. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

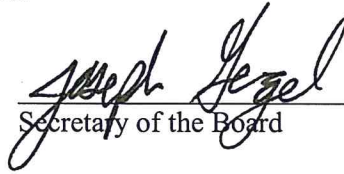
1. Regent President Tatum reported that the regents discussed two items pertaining to threatened or pending litigation involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978) and one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:24p.m. Regent VonSchriltz 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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