

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

January 30, 2015

NMSU Main Campus

Las Cruces, New Mexico

MINUTES

Regents of New Mexico State University

Mike Cheney, Chair	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Kari Mitchell, Vice Chair	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Isaac J. Pino, Secretary/Treasurer	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Javier Gonzales, Member	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Jordan Banegas, Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico

Ex officio Members of the Board of Regents:

The Honorable Susana Martinez, Governor

Stuart Munson McGee, Ph. D., Faculty Senate

Mr. Wesley Jackson, President ASNMSU

Officers of the University:

Garrey Carruthers, Ph. D., President, NMSU

Dan Howard, Ph. D, Executive Vice President & Provost, NMSU

AGENDA

9:00 am

1. **CALL TO ORDER**-Chairman Mike Cheney
Chairman Cheney called the meeting to order ta 9:00am.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS**
 - a. Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others by NMSU Associate VP Maureen Howard (2 minutes)
 - b. Greeting and Welcome form the Honorable Javier Gonzales, Mayor of Santa Fe (3 minutes)
The welcome to the city of Santa Fe was given by Regent Isaac Pino. .He commented on the snow falling outside the Eldorado Hotel. He encouraged the audience to stay and shop, the city could use the gross receipts taxes.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**-Chairman Mike Cheney (5 minutes)
The agenda was amended to incorporate two consent items, 10b. 4 and 10b.5. These were Faculty Senate propositions. Motion passed.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**-Special Assistant to the President Ben Woods (10 minutes)
No persons signed up for public comment.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**-Chairman Mike Cheney (5 minutes)

Minutes of December 12, 2014

Minutes were passed as presented.

9:25 am

6. **ADOPTION AND PRESENTATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS**-Chairman Mike Cheney (5 minutes)

Chairman Cheney asked Janet Green, Special Advisor to the BOR to read the resolutions for Regent Pino and Regent Banegas lauding their accomplishments while serving on the Board of Regents for six and two years, respectively. They were each presented with a framed document of the resolution.

7. **REGENT'S ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD**-President Garrey Carruthers (5 minutes)

Special Assistant to the President and Aggie Development, Inc. President Ben Woods was presented with the Above and Beyond Award by President Carruthers. Ben was described as being a "man of integrity" and thanked for his nearly 25 years of service.

9:35 am

8. **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**-Chairman Mike Cheney (2 minutes)

Friday, January 30, 2015, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Monday, March 9, 2015, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Friday, April 17, 2015 (T), Las Cruces, New Mexico (date proposed)

Friday, May 8, 2015, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Tuesday, July 21, 2015, Las Cruces, New Mexico

9. **CONFIRMATION OF PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**-Chairman Mike Cheney (3 minutes)

Special Advisor, Janet Green read the confirmation language certifying that only topics allowed by law were discussed in the executive session on January 30th. The roll was called and all Regents present voted in the affirmative. Regent Javier Gonzales was not present.

9:40 am

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR**-Chairman Mike Cheney (10 minutes)

a. Policy-none

b. Administrative

1. Approval of Disposition/Deletion of Property. University property being recommended for disposition/deletion. (Angela Throneberry SVP for Finance and Administration)
2. Approval of NMSU-Las Cruces Knox Building Renovation for Fire Sprinkler and Alarm Systems, and Elevator.(Matthew Ochoa)
3. Approval of the appointment of Roldan C. Trujillo to serve a 2-year term as a non-position Director of the Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board (Kevin Boberg, Vice President for Economic Development and President of Arrowhead Center, Inc.

The consent calendar was approved as presented by NMSU President Garrey Carruthers. Two amended items included the 10b.4 which allows the university to offer a graduate tuition waiver to university employee dependents. The second item, 10b.5, approved the addition of an Associate of Science Degree at the Alamogordo campus so that students could transfer and complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at the NMSU main campus.

9:50 am

11. ACTION ITEMS –Chairman Mike Cheney

- a. Approval of Third Amendment to Ground Lease between the City of Las Cruces and the Regents of New Mexico State University for the Las Cruces Convention Center (Ben Woods, President of Aggie Development, Inc.)

Moved by Regent Pino. Seconded by Regent Banegas. Passed

- b. Approval of Lease between the Regents of New Mexico State University and Aggie Development Inc. for approximately 2.5 acres along University Avenue for the purpose of securing a third party hotel development. (Ben Woods, President of Aggie Development, Inc.)

Moved by Regent Pino. Seconded by Regent Banegas. Passed

12. RECURRING REPORTS –Chairman Mike Cheney

- a. **NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR’S & PRESIDENT’S REPORT**-President Garrey Carruthers (15 minutes)

President Carruthers presented information on the recent award of the Carnegie Community of Engagement Designation to New Mexico State University. It rewards institutions who show great service and interface through their academic and research programs with the community. It is for 10 years. NMSU is the only New Mexico institution with this designation. He also reported on the re-establishment of the use of Chancellor for his role as leader of the NMSU System. The Community College Presidents will report to the NMSU President in response to a policy passed by the Regents previously in 2007.

10:05 am

b. NEWMEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PROVOST'S ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

1. Update on NMSU's Research Process Task Force-Provost Dan Howard (15 minutes)

Provost Howard reported on strides made in the area of research grant processes. An NMSU task force has worked on the issue with streamlining how much administrative work a principal investigator (PI) may have to perform on grants and contracts. Provost Howard also reported on the status of course alignment within the NMSU system and articulation with other institutions. NMSU has 27 common core courses completed with 13 additional courses in discussion. The goal is to move to a common 4 digit taxonomy mirrored after the States of Texas and Oklahoma.

2. 2015 Spring & Fall Enrollment and Student Affairs Update-Vice President Bernadette Montoya, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (5 minutes)

Vice President Bernadette Montoya presented the current enrollment numbers for Spring of 2015. She presented a recap of enrollment from Fall of 2014 citing the largest graduation class in the history of NMSU. She answered questions about student application processes and how students' progress through the system to full enrollment.

10:30 am

13. RECURRING REGENTS' COMMITTEE AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- a. Audit Committee Update-Dr. Jim Bullock, Chair (5 minutes)

No report.

- c. ADI/Real Estate Committee Update-Chairman Mike Cheney, Ben Woods, President, Aggie Development, Inc. (5 minutes)

Real estate issues were covered during the action portion of the meeting.

- d. Budget Committee Update-Regent Isaac Pino, Chair (5 minutes)

The Budget committee report was given by Regent Kari Mitchell, She talked about getting a list of priorities from the Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance for the Regents with the focus on a zero tuition increase. NMSU should stay "on task" with the Mercer salary adjustment third phase installment. Regent Ike Pino has agreed to stay on the Regents Budget committee as a private sector member. Adolpho Telles

will assume the chairmanship of the committee. The committee will face great challenges seeking this zero tuition increase.

- e. Report from the Chair, Faculty Senate, Dr. Stuart Munson Mcgee (5 minutes)

The Faculty Senate passed legislation to become a more “bike-friendly, pedestrian friendly”, campus. They are working on the proposal to reduce the degree requirements for many disciplines from 148 credits to 120 credits. Degrees requiring a higher number for accreditation purposes would be allowed to keep that specific number under the proposal. They are working with 2 year programs to ascertain what is important to them. Dr. Stuart Munson-Mcgee has been re-elected Chair of the Faculty Senate.

- f. Report from the President, Associated Students of NMSU, Mr. Wesley Jackson (5 minutes)

ASNMSU President Wesley Jackson thanked the student body for looking a flat or decreased student fees for FY 15/16. He thanked the President and the Provost for covering the 5% gap in Lottery Scholarship funding for students who needed assistance in paying their tuition.

- g. Report from the Chair, NMSU Employee Council, Mr. Greg Block (5 minutes)

Greg Block reported on the upcoming NMSU Service Awards. The Council has a forum scheduled on the outcomes of the Employee Satisfaction Survey. They are also sponsoring a forums on health insurance and the NMSU budget. They have elections coming up this spring.

11:00AM

14. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS-Chairman Mike Cheney

- a. Update on Intercollegiate Athletics-Mario Moccia, NMSU Athletic Director (10 minutes)

NMSU Athletic Director Mario Moccia expressed his pleasure with being back at NMSU, his alma mater, he discussed his operating principles of academics, social, and athletic intensity. Athletics is a highly visible part of NMSU. He interviewed each coach, met with several donors, met with legislators who have contacts with his former NMSU teammates. He wants to look at conference re-alignment down the road, nutrition for athletes, community outreach, putting out media rights to the national market, improving our image. He states, “We have a ton of potential.” He has a plan in the works to sell out the Pan American Center for Senior Night, March 7th.

15. OTHER/COMMENTS-Chairman Mike Cheney (5 minutes)

11:15 AM

16. ADJOURNMENT-Chairman Mike Cheney

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.