

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

March 9, 2015

NMSU Main Campus

Las Cruces, New Mexico

MINUTES

Regents of New Mexico State University

Mike Cheney, Chair	Las Cruces, New Mexico
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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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cheney at 9:08 am. Regent Ike Pino participated by phone.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others by NMSU Associate VP Maureen Howard (2 minutes)

Maureen Howard announced that there were no media present but later introduced a representative from the Las Cruces Sun News.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Chairman Mike Cheney (5 minutes)

The agenda was moved for approval. Passed Unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT-Special Assistant to the President Ben Woods (10 minutes)

No persons signed up to speak at this meeting.

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

Minutes of January 30, 2015 Meeting

The Minutes of the January 30, 2015 meeting were approved as amended. Passed unanimously.

9:20 am

6. **ADOPTION AND PRESENTATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS**-Chairman Mike Cheney
No items

No resolutions were presented at this meeting.

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

No award was presented at this meeting.

9:25 am

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

Monday, April 6, 2015, Las Cruces, New Mexico
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 Open Meetings Act language to confirm that only matters of legal, real estate, personnel, or water rights were discussed in the March 9, 2015 Executive Session held at the Regents Room 2 at 7:30 am., Las Cruces campus. A roll call vote was taken of the members present.

9:30 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 Temporary Investments Report for the Quarter ended 12/31/2014. The report reflects a weighted average yield of 1.08% for the quarter ended 12/31/2014, compared to the average one-year Treasury Bill yield of .25%. (Angela Throneberry, SVP for Finance and Administration)
3. Approval of a NMSU-Alamogordo Renovation to Townsend Library: This renovation will provide library improvements with a new finished floor, electrical/data upgrade for computer stations, restrooms renovation and new configuration of book stacks to meet ADA requirements. (Glen Haubold)
4. Approval of a NMSU-Alamogordo Renovation to a Faculty Office Building: This renovation will provide infrastructure improvements to include utilities, roof replacement, HVAC upgrades, solar panels installation, establish grid tie, and restroom renovation. (Glen Haubold)
5. Approval of a NMSU-Alamogordo Student Union Building Kitchen Renovation: This project will renovate the existing kitchen to provide efficient space for food preparation and install new kitchen equipment. (Glen Haubold)
6. Approval requested for the appointment of Dr. Carol Burns as Outside Director according to the Bylaws for the New Mexico Consortium, Inc. (NMC), a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation under the New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Act and the New Mexico Research Park Corporation Act. Per Article IV, Section 1.c of the NMC Bylaws, "Outside Directors shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Regents of not less than two (2) NMURC member institutions." (Vimal Chaitanya, Vice President for Research)

All six items on the consent agenda were presented by NMSU Chancellor and President Garrey Carruthers. Regent Jordan Banegas moved and Regent Kari Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

9:40 am

11. ACTION ITEMS –Chairman Mike Cheney (10 minutes)

- a. NMSU-Las Cruces: Renovation to Jett Hall and Jett Annex
This renovation will provide infrastructure, utilities, and upgrades to fire protection systems, and laboratory/classrooms, and ADA improvements. (Glen Haubold)

The presentation of the renovation of Jett Hall was made by NMSU Architect Greg Walke and Enrique Espalin. A question was posed by Regent Kari

Mitchell about how often we use local bidders to do the work on these projects. Greg Walke responded that they use local subcontractors very frequently. A motion for approval was made by regent Debra Hicks and seconded by Regent Jordan Banegas. Motion passed.

- b. NMSU-Las Cruces: Rentfrow Hall Renovation
This renovation will provide ADA improvements including entrances and restrooms, install and upgrade fire protection/alarm system, update building plumbing, electrical, and roofing systems. (Glen Haubold)

The presentation on the renovation of Rentfrow Hall was made by NMSU Architect Greg Walke. Regent Kari Mitchell suggested an assessment of our “bricks and mortar” projects. Can we become more innovative? Motion to pass was made by Regent Kari Mitchell and seconded by Regent Jordan Banegas. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. NMSU Las Cruces: Installation of a new Sky Box on the east side of Aggie Memorial Stadium. (Glen Haubold)

The addition of a skybox to the Aggie Memorial Stadium was made by Greg Walke, NMSU Architect and Glen Haubold, Vice President for Facilities and Services. A donor made a \$1 million dollar gift for the project. Due to project contingencies of 10%, the BOR was asked to approve the \$1.1 million dollar project contingent on the additional \$100,000 being secured for the project. Regent Banegas asked if this was part of a bigger plan for the stadium. Regent Cheney asked President Carruthers to share his philosophy on the private gifts for funding new facilities. The motion was made by Regent Kari Mitchell and amended by Regent Debra Hicks to approve for \$1 million. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- d. Approval of Honorary Degree Recipient for Spring 2015 Graduation-NMSU President Garrey Carruthers

NMSU Chancellor and President Garrey Carruthers asked for approval of Mr. Royal Jones, a local Las Cruces businessman and entrepreneur as the Spring 2015 Honorary Degree Recipient. Motion for approval was made by Regent Kari Mitchell and seconded by Regent Jordan Banegas. Motion passed unanimously.

9:50 am

12. RECURRING REPORTS –Chairman Mike Cheney

- a. **NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR’S & PRESIDENT’S REPORT**-President Garrey Carruthers (30 minutes)

The Chancellor and President of NMSU's System gave information on the Employee Satisfaction Survey recently completed at NMSU. One of the opportunities for improvement on the campus is a push for there to be more communication between colleges and departments, which function as "silos". Faculty Senate Chair Stuart Munson-Mcgee as noted that faculty are also concerned about "silos".

10:20 am

b. NEWMEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PROVOST'S ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

1. Update on Advising at NMSU- Provost Dan Howard (20 minutes)

NMSU Provost Dan Howard projected that NMSU loses about \$6 million dollars by losing students (retention) in the first year. NMSU is planning on adding 6 new advisors to the campus to assist in reducing the numbers of 1st year students who don't return. Advising process from each college was presented. Regent Kari Mitchell suggested that we need to be targeted in where the money is used and cautioned just adding money in an effort to fix the problem. Regent Mitchell asked the Provost about real time indicators on retention and how do we integrate this with the Deans? Faculty Senate Chair Stuart Munson-Mcgee stated that real time grades are available to students on Canvas. There is a plan to have the grades pushed into Banner.

2. Update on Career Services-Vice President Bernadette Montoya, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (10 minutes)

A bound document showcasing the programs at NMSU's Career Services was distributed to the Regents. The presentation was made by Vice President Bernadette Montoya and Career Services Director Tony Marin.

3. 2014 and 2015 Spring Comparisons: Enrollment and Student Affairs Update-Vice President Bernadette Montoya, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (10 minutes)

VP Bernadette Montoya gave the census data for Spring 2015 enrollment by campus to include the NMSU Community Colleges in the system. The entire system enrollment is down but the Alamogordo campus has been hit really hard. VP Montoya pointed out that applications are up about 25% for fall of 2016 which is encouraging

news for the enrollment picture.

11:00 am

13. **RECURRING REGENTS' COMMITTEE AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

- a. Audit Committee Update-Dr. Jim Bullock, Chair (no report)

The audit committee did not meet and will report at the next BOR meeting.

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

Chairman Cheney indicated that comments regarding real estate had been made previously.

- c. Budget Committee Update-Adolpho Telles, Chair (5 minutes)

The Budget Committee Report was given by Regent Kari Mitchell. She described the "zero tuition platform" discussed in the Regents' Budget Committee meeting. She also welcomed the new chair of the committee Mr. Adolpho Telles, a retired CPA and NMSU alumnus.

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

Dr. Stuart Munson-Mcgee reported that the faculty Senate is currently looking at withdrawal policies, the issuance of mid-term grades, and the *Freedom of Expression Policy*.

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

Mr. Wesley Jackson congratulated the NMSU Men's and Women's basketball teams for winning the WAC Conference seasons respectively. He discussed the plan for there to be no raised student fees during the upcoming budget process, and noted the spring campus "Big event which will be held March 14th.

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

NMSU Employee Council Chair Greg Block addressed the employee satisfaction survey that was discussed earlier in President Carruthers'

presentation. He also noted the issue of communication as being cited as a needed area of improvement as an outcome of the survey.

11:25 AM

- 14. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**- Founder's Day, Special Assistant to the President, Ben Woods

President Carruthers presented the planned activities for NMSU's first Founder's Day scheduled to be held Friday, April 10th on the Las Cruces Campus. He is growing a beard reminiscent of Hiram Hadley the first president of the Las Cruces College, which is now NMSU. A picnic style luncheon will be held in the Trader's Plaza section of the campus. The NMSU Library has numerous historical lectures planned for the week.

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

11:30 AM

None.

- 16. ADJOURNMENT**-Chairman Mike Cheney

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mike Cheney at 11:50am.