



**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Regents
The University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University**
Barbara Hubbard Room, Pan American Center Annex
Saturday, September 27, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Attending from UNM

James Koch, Regent, President
Jack Fortner, Regent, Vice President
John “Mel” Eaves, Regent
Raymond Sanchez, Regent
Don Chalmers, Regent
Dahlia Dorman, Student Regent
David Schmidly, President
David Harris, Executive Vice President for Business and Finance
Dr. Paul Roth, Executive Vice President, Health Services Center
Suzanne Ortega, Executive Vice President and Provost

Attending from NMSU

Robert Gallagher, Regent Chair
Blake Curtis, Regent, Vice Chair
Steve Anaya, Regent, Secretary/Treasurer
Laura Conniff, Regent
Ed Kellum, Student Regent
Waded Cruzado, Interim President
Robert Moulton, Interim Executive Vice President/Provost
Jennifer Taylor, Senior Vice President for Business, Finance and Human Resources
Ben Woods, Senior Vice President for Planning, Physical Resources, and University Relations

And other members of NMSU and UNM administration, faculty, staff, and media.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Gallagher, NMSU Board of Regents and President Jamie Koch, UNM Board of Regents called the joint Board of Regents meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS

- a. Chair Bob Gallagher, NMSU Board of Regents
- b. President Jamie Koch, UNM Board of Regents
- c. President David J. Schmidly, UNM
- d. Interim President Waded Cruzado, NMSU

NMSU Regent Chair Bob Gallagher welcomed everyone to the New Mexico State University campus, stating that the concept of the joint meetings has been highly successful since its inception in 2006.

In his welcome to the attendees, the president of the UNM Board of Regents, Jamie Koch, pointed out benefits which would result from the combination of the political and academic efforts of the two largest post-secondary institutions in the state.

UNM President Schmidly stated that continuous cooperation between UNM and NMSU was vital if the two universities are to provide excellent educational opportunities to the people of New Mexico, obtain fair compensation for faculty and staff, and partner in the health science areas.

NMSU Interim President Cruzado welcomed everyone to the campus and endorsed the comments made by the previous speakers. She thanked everyone for their co-operation in making the joint meeting possible.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Regent Gallagher asked if anyone from the public wanted to address the Boards.

4. 2009 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Council of University Presidents (CUP) Priorities
President David J. Schmidly, UNM
Interim President Waded Cruzado, NMSU

NMSU Interim President Cruzado reported that the Council of University Presidents met in July and approved, for presentation to the State Legislature, recurring funds for a full-formula work-load initiative estimated at \$12.7 million; compensation increase for faculty and staff at six percent; a .75 percent share or match to the employee retirement contribution; and a zero percent tuition credit.

UNM President Schmidly reported that the Council of University Presidents also approved funding for increases in fixed costs; funding for building renewal and replacement; and funding for equipment replacement and renewal for many campuses in the state. \$15 million in non-recurring funds will be requested for the Educational Endowment Fund. Other interests are: the Lambda Rail; an increase in state contribution for student work-study; and childcare assistance for graduate students.

- General Fund Revenue Estimate and Legislative Outlook
David Harris, Executive Vice President for Business and Finance, UNM
Marc Saavedra, Director of Government Affairs, UNM
Jennifer Taylor, Senior Vice President for Business, Finance, and Human Resources, NMSU

Ricardo Rel, Assistant Vice President for Research and Senior Director of Governmental Relations, NMSU

UNM Executive Vice President Harris indicated there will be \$132 million of severance tax bonding ability available to the legislature in January, but he anticipates much competition for the funds. There may not be a junior appropriation bill, which is a concern for UNM. The Council of University Presidents' priorities are the full-formula funding of \$12 million; the Formula Funding Task Force adjustment of \$6.8; and the cost of a six percent compensation increase straight across all of higher education.

NMSU Senior Vice President Taylor reported that there is a request for non-recurring money for building renewal and replacement or other capital and there was some discussion about different sources for that, but not in this projection.

UNM Director of Government Affairs Marc Saavedra stressed the importance of passing the GO bond due to the possibility that non-recurring monies may not be available.

NMSU Assistant Vice President for Research and Senior Director of Governmental Relations Ricardo Rel reminded those present that Bond C benefits health related facilities and Bond D funds higher education.

- Legislative Co-op, Increase Student Work-Study Funding
Ashley Fate, President, ASUNM
Justin O'Connell, President, ASNMSU

Ms. Fate advocated legislative priority to increase state work-study funds. She stated that student government organizations in the state, as well as the Secretary of Higher Education, support the initiative.

Mr. O'Connell wants the legislature to approve a \$2.5 million increase in state work-study funds. The long-term goal is an increase of \$5 million.

- Formula Task Force
Curt Porter, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning, and Academic Affairs, UNM
Jennifer Taylor, Senior Vice President for Business, Finance, and Human Resources, NMSU

Mr. Porter gave an overview of the work done last year by the Formula Task Force. The charge of the new seven-member I&G Steering Committee for the Formula Task Force is to review the funding formula; revise it based on performance, funding by mission, and other issues; and set the short-term agenda for the task force. The first meeting of the I&G Steering Committee will be October 1.

Senior Vice President Taylor presented on the cost of opening the doors: utilities, group insurance, risk management insurance, library materials.

Regent President Koch said he did not believe the task force representation was balanced and felt that the end result would be no difference in the formula for the two major universities.

Regent Chair Gallagher asked if there was anything that would prohibit the two major institutions from conducting their own study and move forward with that.

Senior Vice President Taylor responded that she believed there was nothing to prohibit this, but felt it would be propitious for the HED to accept the proposal.

Regent Gallagher indicated that he felt the HED should be kept out of the process.

Interim President Cruzado said it would be advantageous for her and President Schmidly to discuss this with President Lopez.

Regent Chalmers moved, seconded by Regent Koch to direct President Schmidly to get with Interim President Cruzado and come up with a method by which to put forward a case to fund research universities in this state in a different manner. Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Anaya. The motion carried unanimously.

Senior Vice President Taylor indicated there is a well-designed existing formula, but it has not been funded to its calculated level. The space audit of all institutions being compiled by HED is incomplete and it is presumed premature to make any changes in funding based upon the audit as it stands now. HED has recommended that the task force hold funding firm for another year because the space audit is incomplete.

Mr. Porter commented on two special considerations for UNM/NMSU: the tuition credit calculation and the compensation study. The tuition credit basic structure in the new formula for six years works very much to the disadvantage of research universities.

Senior Vice President Taylor said that collectively, data would be provided to the Regents that would support a compensation increase much greater than two percent.

- Increase Competitive Scholars Program for UNM and NMSU from 2.5 Percent of Previous Years FTE to 6 Percent as it is for Other Institutions of Higher Education in New Mexico
 - Dr. Eliseo Torres, Vice President for Student Affairs, UNM
 - Dr. Carmen Gonzales, Vice President for Student Success and Dean of the College of Extended Learning, NMSU

Dr. Gonzales stated that a request from NMSU/UNM will be submitted to the legislature and HED to increase the percent of the undergraduate full-time student enrollment for competitive scholarship waivers from 2.5 percent to six percent and to allow these waivers to be used for out-of-state undergraduates and foreign nationals, both undergraduate and graduate. Currently, Eastern; Highlands; New Mexico Tech; Northern New Mexico College; and Western receive these scholarships at six percent and NMSU and UNM receive it at 2.5 percent. Additionally, there is a request to eliminate the ten percent limit on awards to foreign nationals to allow flexibility in national and international tuition waivers. The goal would be to attract more foreign students to NMSU and UNM.

5. FUTURE PROJECTS

a. Classification and Compensation Studies

- Helen Gonzales, Vice President for Human Resources, UNM
- Dorothy Anderson, Director, Human Resource Administration, NMSU

Director Anderson reported that NMSU started its study this year, breaking it into two portions: a faculty study which has been completed and a staff study, estimated to be completed in December. The results of the study indicated a tremendous need for change. The total average on main campus was 13 percent below, with a dollar amount of \$8.7 million.

Vice President Gonzales reported that UNM is beginning their study. The goal of the study is to develop a comprehensive compensation plan for faculty and staff. The first step for UNM will be to evaluate its classification system for staff. For faculty, the salaries will be studied by discipline as NMSU has done.

b. Kellogg Proposal - *Empower Youth - New Mexico*

- Dr. Eliseo Torres, Vice President for Student Affairs, UNM
- Dr. Paul Gutierrez, Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement, NMSU

Dr. Torres reported that a committee has been formed to prepare a proposal, entitled "Empower Youth-New Mexico, for funding from the Kellogg Foundation to serve the needy students of New Mexico through the Consortium of Universities headed by this committee.

c. Corporate Partnership for STEM Education

- Ms. Becky Murphy, Senior Account Executive
Statistical Analysis Systems (SAS) Commitment to Education

Ms. Murphy gave an overview on how Statistical Analysis Systems (SAS) tools and software are being used to gather data and information.

6. COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS

a. Rio Rancho Vision and Update

Dr. Suzanne Ortega, Executive Vice President and Provost, UNM
Dr. Marc Nigliazzo, Vice Provost, Rio Rancho Branch Academic Affairs, UNM
Dr. Bob Moulton, Interim Executive Vice President/Provost, NMSU
Dr. Ramon Dominguez, Interim Associate Provost, NMSU

Dr. Ortega gave an update on the Rio Rancho Branch, stating that the concept of Rio Rancho provides the opportunity to create a truly integrated system of higher education, one which encourages collaborations across institutions.

Dr. Nigliazzo stated that there the master planning process shows a unique possibility to integrate health services, higher education, and all aspects of the community into the development of the campus.

Dr. Moulton stated he had asked Dr. Dominguez to sample the opinions of the community leaders at NMSU regarding collaborative joint venture programs at Rio Rancho. There were many non-duplicated programs and possibilities suggested.

Dr. Dominguez reported feedback suggesting non-duplicate programs in the area of agriculture, agronomy, animal science, water waste and water, social work, and hotel restaurant and tourism. Questions involved such issues as leadership, sources of resources and how they would they be shared; awarding student credit hours, etc. Direction would be to have a pilot, choose specific programs, and the development of a model.

b. Health Related Initiatives

Dr. Paul Roth, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Center, UNM
Dr. Virginia Higbie, Interim Dean, College of Health and Social Services, NMSU

- HERO Dr. Wayne Powell, Associate Director, Office of the VP for Community Health, UNM
Dr. Paul Gutierrez, Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement, NMSU

Dr. Gutierrez introduced the Health Extension Rural Offices (HERO) and indicated Dr. Powell would be giving an update.

Dr. Powell gave a recap of the activities of HERO. For the past year, a number of people from NMSU have worked with UNM to create core concepts and to assist with the orientation of both universities. There will be more in-depth discussions with the Department of Agriculture, the re-engagement of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Health

and Social Services around focused community projects. Dr. Powell discussed the importance of service learning in a very targeted, programmatic, and planning agenda. He explained the work of county extension and discussed some achievements of the HERO program.

- Cancer Dr. Paul Roth, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Center, UNM

Dr. Roth discussed state-wide networking. The Cancer Center is in the process of signing an affiliation agreement with Memorial Hospital. Three oncologist have been hired to live in Las Cruces and a number of cancer research programs are being initiated within the community. The joint project called, "Cowboys for Cancer Research," represents the largest fund raising effort in the state of New Mexico, over \$1.5 million in the past 26 years. This program has created the endowment, "Cowboys for Cancer Research Alma Cohorn Memorial Endowment" which supports some joint research projects between NMSU and UNM. The most notable of the research projects included a discovery of a certain type of chemical on the surface of cells that determine the grow of cancers in women. They have also found a comparable receptor that can be identified for prostate cancer in men. New Mexico State University has a program called, "Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink, (TETWP)" which, during 18 months of fund-raising has procured a great deal of community engagement. First, the Aggies' TETWP has partnered with the Cowboys for Cancer Research and between the two organizations, they have raised approximately \$350,000 and supported a number of projects between the Cancer Center and New Mexico State scientists.

- Pharmacy Dr. John Pieper, Vice President for Research HSC and Dean of the College of Pharmacy, UNM
Dr. Pamela Jansma, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, NMSU

Dr. Pieper reported that the purpose of the joint Pharmacy Program is to increase the number of pharmacy students from southern New Mexico in the College of Pharmacy; increase diversity of the pharmacy profession in southern NM; enhance accessibility of pharmacy education for the citizens of southern NM; reduce the pharmacist shortage in southern New Mexico, and serve the pharmaceutical care needs of the under served in the southern NM region. In the class of 2007-pilot program, three students were admitted; two from Las Cruces and one from Alamogordo and in the class of 2008, 13 southern NM students were admitted into the program.

Dr. Jansma reported that the pre-pharmacy students now have a physical home on the campus of NMSU in Foster Hall.

- Nursing Dr. Jean Giddens, Interim Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Nursing, UNM
 Dr. Virginia Higbie, Interim Dean, College Health and Social Services, NMSU

Dr. Giddens discussed the memorandum of agreement between NMSU and UNM to develop an exemplary model of collaboration to create educational opportunities for Ph.D. students in nursing in New Mexico.

Dean Higbie stated that a liaison to coordinate activities at each school has been designated. Once the memorandum of agreement is reviewed by attorneys at UNM, a policy will be developed with registrars at each school to ensure a smooth registration process and seamless transfer of credits.

Regent Anaya motioned that upon discussing legislative priorities and initiatives, and the tuition credit calculation, a strong stand needed to be taken to support the zero percent tuition credit and to move that forward. He indicated he did not agree starting with the two or three percent. Regent Curtis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. From UNM, Regent Eaves motioned, seconded by Regent Sanchez. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CLOSING REMARKS

- President Jamie Koch, UNM Board of Regents
- Chair Bob Gallagher, NMSU Board of Regents

UNM Regent President Koch and NMSU Regent Chair Gallagher thanked everyone for being at the joint meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

NMSU Regent Chair Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

Robert M. Gallagher, Chair
Board of Regents

M. Steven Anaya, Secretary/Treasurer
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