1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Center on the main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Monday, March 9, 2009. Chair Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Regents Present

- Mr. Blake Curtis, Chair
- Ms. Laura Conniff, Member
- Mr. Ed Kellum, Member

Ex-officio

- Dr. Joe Pfeiffer

Regents Present

- Mr. Justin O’Connell

Interim President

- Dr. Waded Cruzado

Interim Executive

- Dr. Robert Moulton

Vice President/Provost

- Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor
- Associate Vice President Maureen Howard
- Vice President Nick Franklin
- Director/Secretary I. Miley González
- Director Michael Rickenbaker
- Dean Michael Morehead
- Dr. Susan Brown
- Dr. Karin Wiburg
- Assistant Dean Tim Nesbitt
- General Counsel Bruce Kite
2. INTRODUCTIONS

(a) Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others (Maureen Howard, Associate Vice President for University Communications and Marketing Services)

Associate Vice President Howard introduced Evan Woodward of KRWG-FM, Andi Murphy of the Round-Up, Martin Burch of KRWG-TV, and Diana Alba of the Las Cruces Sun-News.

(b) Introduction of Dean Tilahun Adera, College of Health and Social Services (Interim Executive Vice President/Provost Bob Moulton)

Interim Executive Vice President/Provost Moulton introduced Dr. Tilahun Adera who was appointed Dean of the College of Health and Social Service effective July 1, 2009. Dr. Adera currently serves as the Senior Associate Dean for Public Health and Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health in the School of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University. He received his Ph.D. in Public Health from Oregon State University in 1987; his M.P.H. in Epidemiology from the University of Washington in 1983; an M.A. in Public Health from Oregon State University in 1980; and a Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1973 from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. Among some of his honors and awards, Dr. Adera received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the School of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University for two consecutive years, and Educator of the Year Award for his teaching excellence.

(c) Introduction of Ms. Kelly Brooks, New Chair of ACAP (Assistant Dean/Director Tim Nesbitt)

Kelly Brooks is a graduate of the NMSU Accounting Program and is currently the business director for the Doña Ana Community College where she has worked for the past ten years. Prior to this, she worked as a fiscal monitor for the NMSU Business Office and as a business manager for the College of Education. She served a previous term on ACAP from 2005 to 2007. Her current term runs from 2008 to 2010 and she will serve as chair in 2009.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the agenda as
presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were read by Mr. Antonio Hernandez for Ms. Char Frank. Other comments were made by Ms. Sandy Geiger and Mr. Leroy Losier.

5. **RESERVED**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regent Kellum moved, seconded by Regent Conniff, to approve the minutes of February 2, 2009 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Approved Dates:
- Wednesday, April 8, 2009 (Las Cruces, Special Meeting)
- Friday, May 8, 2009 (Las Cruces, in Conjunction with Commencement)
- Tuesday, July 28, 2009 (Retreat) (Holy Cross Retreat House)
- Wednesday, July 29, 2009 (Las Cruces)

Other: The annual meeting of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) will be held in San Diego, CA on April 18-22, 2009 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (voted on by one motion, or moved to Action or Informational Items)

(a) Approval of Honorary Degree Candidate (Vice President Nick Franklin)
(b) Ratification of Employment Agreements for Various Coaches (General Counsel Bruce Kite)
(c) Approval of the Casey Mark Garcia Conservation Easement (Director/Secretary, I. Miley González)
(d) Approval of Disposition/Deletion of Property (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)
(e) Approval of New Mexico State University – Las Cruces – Well House 16 (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
(f) Approval of Second Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ACTION ITEMS

(a) Approval of New Mexico State University-Alamogordo-Southern New Mexico Advanced Technology Education Center (Director Michael Rickenbaker)

Director Rickenbaker made a presentation requesting approval for the construction of a new trades center at the Alamogordo campus, attached to the existing Tays Center. The facility will house the new automotive trades center and multi-purpose trades center in addition to classrooms. The new addition will include 10,454 square feet of new construction and will cost $4,262,500, funded primarily from the 2008 Local GO Bonds and 2007 and 2008 General Fund appropriations.

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Kellum to approve the New Mexico State University-Alamogordo-Southern New Mexico Advanced Technology Education Center. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Approval of New Mexico State University-Carlsbad-Allied Health Building (Director Michael Rickenbaker)

Director Rickenbaker made a presentation requesting approval for the construction of a new facility to house allied health training and for classrooms, laboratories, and offices to support the nursing program. The new addition will include 18,000 square feet of new construction and will cost $6,085,000, funded primarily from the 2008 State GO Bonds and 2008 Local GO Bonds.

Regent Kellum moved, seconded by Regent Conniff, to approve the New Mexico State University-Carlsbad-Allied Health Building. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **NMSU INTERIM PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (Interim President Waded Cruzado)

Interim President Cruzado reported on NMSU activities since the last Board meeting.

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

(a) RESERVED

(b) Building Science and Mathematics Achievement in Southern New Mexico (Dr. Michael Morehead, Dr. Susan Brown, and Dr. Karin Wiburg)

Dr. Susan Brown shared the successes of the STEM Outreach in Science Education that will document the impact of these programs on thousands of first grade through high school students and provided a one-page summary of the highlights of the science outreach programs.

Dr. Karin Wiburg shared information regarding NMSU’s partnership with statewide districts, other universities, and Los Alamos Labs which assist administrators and teachers to increase mathematics achievement for all students. Information related to this project including data on student achievement was provided. Handouts regarding the program were provided.

12. **REPORTS**

(a) Faculty Senate Chairperson’s Report by Dr. Joe Pfeiffer, Chair

Dr. Pfeiffer reported on activities of the Faculty Senate since the last Board meeting.

(b) Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU) Report by Mr. Justin O’Connell, President

Mr. O’Connell reported on activities of ASNMSU since the last Board meeting.

(c) Advisory Council on Administrative Policy (ACAP) Report by Ms. Kelly Brooks, Chair
Ms. Brooks reported on activities of ACAP since the last Board meeting.

13. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

(a) **Chair of the Board**

Regent Kellum motioned to nominate Regent Curtis as Chair of the Board of Regents, the motion was seconded by Regent Conniff. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Vice-Chair of the Board**

Regent Curtis motioned to nominate Regent Kellum as Vice-Chair of the Board of Regents, the motion was seconded by Regent Conniff. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) **Secretary/Treasurer of the Board**

Regent Kellum motioned to nominate Regent Conniff as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Regents, the motion was seconded by Regent Curtis. The motion carried unanimously.

14. **APPOINTMENT OF REGENTS TO VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS BY THE BOARD CHAIR**

(a) **One Representative to the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation (NMEAF)**

This appointment was suspended pending the confirmation of new Regents.

(b) **Two Representatives to the Audit Committee**

Regents Curtis and Conniff were appointed to the Audit Committee.

(c) **Two Representatives to the Budget Committee**

Regents Curtis and Conniff were appointed to the Budget Committee.

(d) **One Representative to the NMSU Foundation, Inc.**
Regent Conniff was appointed to the NMSU Foundation, Inc.

(e) Two Representatives to the Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors

Regents Curtis and Kellum were appointed to the Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors.

(f) Two Representatives to the Real Estate Committee (ad hoc)

Regents Conniff and Kellum were appointed to the Real Estate (ad hoc) Committee.

15. OTHER/COMMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Curtis adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

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Blake Curtis, Chair                        Laura M. Conniff, Acting Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Regents                           Board of Regents

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