

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
April 8, 2009

**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 Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Chair Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Regents Present	Mr. Blake Curtis, Chair Mr. Javier Gonzales, Vice Chair Ms. Laura Conniff, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Isaac Pino, Member Mr. Chris Anaya, Member
Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Joe Pfeiffer Mr. Justin O'Connell
Interim President	Dr. Waded Cruzado
Interim Executive Vice President/Provost	Dr. Robert Moulton
Regents Chief of Staff	Dr. Pat Williams
Other Presenters Present	Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor Associate Vice President Maureen Howard Associate Vice President Angela Throneberry Director Ana Price Director Julie Weber Director Darrel Pehr

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Director Daryl Pehr, for Associate Vice President Howard, introduced Evan Woodward of KRWG radio, Tom Scott of KVIA-TV, Ashley Meeks of the *Las Cruces Sun-News*, and Todd Dickson of the *Las Cruces Bulletin*.

Interim President Cruzado welcomed President Emeritus Gerald Thomas and President Emeritus William Conroy.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were made by President Emeritus Gerald Thomas, President Emeritus William Conroy, Ammu Devasthali, and Donna Hill.

**5. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO MINUTES**

Regent Gonzales moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, to approve the amendment to the minutes of December 12, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Approval of Proposed Tuition and Fee Increases and Budget Guidelines for FY2009-2010 (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor gave a presentation and requested the approval for the proposed tuition and fee increases and budget guidelines for FY 2009-2010. The Student Fee Review Board, chaired by ASNMSU President Justin O'Connell, recommended to Interim President Cruzado a fee increase of \$30 per full-time student per semester on the Las Cruces campus. Also recommended, was a tuition increase of \$90 per full-time student per semester for the Las Cruces campus, which represents a blended increase of five percent. The combined proposed tuition and fee rate increase was \$120 per full-time resident undergraduate student per semester for the Las Cruces campus. A recommended tuition and fee rate increase of \$204.60 for full time non-resident undergraduate students was presented, representing a 2.8 percent tuition and fee increase. The requested increases for community college campus students, graduate students, and part-time Las Cruces campus students were outlined in the materials provided. The sources and uses schedule provided a recommendation of uses totaling \$5,891,000.

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Curtis, to approve the Proposed Tuition and Fee Increases and Budget Guidelines for FY2009-2010. The motion carried three to two. Regents Gonzales and Anaya voted against the increase.

- (b) Approval of Proposed Housing and Meal Plan Rates for 2009-2010 Academic Year (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Director Angela Throneberry gave a presentation and requested the approval of the proposed housing and meal plan rates for the 2009-2010 academic year. The proposed increase in housing was for a four percent increase for student family housing, a four percent increase for Greek housing, and a six percent increase for all

other housing facilities. The NMSU proposed housing rates remain competitive with both regional universities and the local market. The proposed increase in meal plans was for a six percent increase for the three mandatory board plans. NMSU proposed meal plan rates remain very competitive with regional and peer universities. Funds generated through these increases will be used to offset increased costs for compensation, utilities, institutional support, and other operating expenses. In addition, Housing rate structure is necessary to establish the level of funding required for long-term capital projects identified through the Housing Master Plan process. NMSU's food service provider has experienced a higher than anticipated rise in food costs. Proposed rate structure provides funding to adequately support the level of service and quality provided through the board plan program.

Regent Pino moved, seconded by Regent Gonzales, to approve the Proposed Housing and Meal Plan Rates for 2009-2010 Academic Year. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICER TO VACANT POSITION**

Regent Chris Anaya nominated Regent Javier Gonzales for vice-chair of the Board, seconded by Regent Laura Conniff. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chair Curtis appointed the Regents to the following committees:

- (a) One Representative to the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation  
Regent Chris Anaya was appointed.
- (b) Two Representatives to the Audit Committee  
Regents Laura Conniff and Isaac Pino were appointed.
- (c) Two Representatives to the Budget Committee  
Regents Blake Curtis and Javier Gonzales were appointed.
- (d) One Representative to the NMSU Foundation, Inc.  
Regent Blake Curtis was appointed.
- (e) Two Representatives to the Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors  
Regents Javier Gonzales and Chris Anaya were appointed.
- (f) Two Representatives to the Real Estate Committee (ad hoc)  
Regents Laura Conniff and Isaac Pino were appointed.

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

(a) Update in Support of Budgetary Process (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Senior Vice President Taylor and Dean Carruthers gave an overview on the budgetary process. The Board of Regents has adopted a series of goals and objectives, paired with targeted metrics based upon benchmarked data, which help to support the university's strategic planning process, summarized as "Living the Vision (LTV)." It has been the intention of LTV from its inception to ultimately impact the resource allocation and performance evaluation process. The presentation provided an update of progress toward linking the measures to the allocation and evaluation processes, and shared plans for how the LTV measures can be transitioned to a "dashboard" reporting concept for use within the university's decision support systems. Further discussion will continue at the annual Board of Regents retreat.

**10. OTHER**

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Curtis adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

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Blake Curtis, Chair  
Board of Regents

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Laura M. Conniff, Secretary/Treasurer  
Board of Regents

- (b) Approval of New Mexico State University - Arrowhead Drive  
(Director Michael Rickenbaker)

Director Rickenbaker gave a presentation requesting the approval of the extension of Payne Street from Wells Street to connect to Sam Steele (I-10 frontage road) at the location of the proposed new I-10 interchange at the entrance to the Arrowhead Center. The total cost of the project cost will be \$3,250,000.

Regent conniff moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve Arrowhead Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) RESERVED

- (d) Approval to Change the Name of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (Dean Lowell B. Catlett)

Dean Catlett gave a presentation requesting approval to change the name of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. In 2006, a broad survey of the college faculty and staff revealed that a majority wanted to change the name of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The department (now School) of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management is not properly represented by the current name. In 2007, a naming committee was formed that included alumni, industry, faculty, staff, and students to start the process. Ultimately, these same groups of people voted on several choices and settled with a 65 percent majority on the proposed name. This name accurately reflects the diverse teaching, research, and extension programs of the College. The name change was unanimously approved in the Department Heads Council and College Cabinet on December 18, 2007. The Associate Dean's Academic Council passed the name change on April 14, 2008. The Academic Dean's Council unanimously approved the name change on May 14, 2008.

Regent Curtis moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approved to change the name of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. The motion carried unanimously.

- (e) RESERVED

- (f) RESERVED