

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
October 30, 2008

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 Thursday, October 30, 2008. Chair Gallagher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Regents Present	Mr. Bob Gallagher, Chair Mr. Blake Curtis, Vice Chair Mr. M. Steven Anaya, Secretary/Treasurer Ms. Laura Conniff, Member Mr. Ed Kellum, Member
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Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Joe Pfeiffer Mr. Justin O'Connell
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Interim President	Dr. Waded Cruzado
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Interim Executive Vice President/Provost	Dr. Robert Moulton
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Regents Chief of Staff	Dr. Pat Williams
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Other Presenters Present	Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor President Margie Huerta Associate Vice President Maureen Howard Dean Steve Castillo Director Michael Rickenbaker Director I. Miley González Director Abbas Ghassemi Assistant Dean Tim Nesbitt General Counsel Bruce Kite
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2. INTRODUCTIONS

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

Mr. Steve Ramirez from the *Las Cruces Sun-News* arrived after the introductions.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments on agenda items 9(a) and 9(b) were made by Commissioner Duston L. Hunt, Jr., Region III Commissioner and Chairman and Larry Wynn, Region 1 Commissioner of the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

5. RATIFICATION STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) (roll call vote)

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, in the Hiram Hadley Conference Room in Hadley Hall on the NMSU main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to discuss limited personnel, legal, and real estate matters in accordance with Section 10-15-1 H (2), (7), and (8) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Those Board members who were present hereby certify by roll call vote that only matters of that nature were discussed in the closed meeting.

The motion to adopt this statement, upon being put to a vote, was passed and adopted on the following recorded vote: Chair Gallagher, Vice Chair Curtis, Secretary/Treasurer Anaya, Regent Kellum, and Regent Conniff. Five Regents present having voted in favor of said motion, said motion carried, and said statement was adopted.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 26, 2008
September 27, 2008 (Jointly with UNM)

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the minutes of September 26 and September 27, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

7. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Approved meetings:

- .Friday, December 12, 2008 (In conjunction with Commencement)
Regents Room, Educational Services Center

Proposed meetings:

- .Monday, February 2, 2009 (In conjunction with Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe),
Santa Fe, NM
- .Monday, March 9, 2009, (Annual meeting) Las Cruces, NM
- .Friday, May 8, 2009 (In conjunction with Commencement), Las Cruces, NM

July 2009, (Retreat, TBD)

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

- (a) Approval of an Administrative Rule, Promulgated by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, to Implement an Individual or Corporate Tax Credit for Agriculture Water Conservation Expenses (Director I. Miley González, New Mexico Department of Agriculture)
- (b) Approval of Constituent Funding Requests Memorandum which details 2009 Legislative Funding for Agriculture-Related Initiatives (Director I. Miley González, New Mexico Department of Agriculture)
- (c) Ratification of Employment Agreements for Various Coaches (General Counsel Bruce Kite)
- (d) Approval of Temporary Investment Report for Quarter Ended 09/30/08 (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)
- (e) Approval of Honorary Degree Recipient (Vice President Nick Franklin)
- (f) Approval of Resolution for Arrowhead Drive Extension (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (g) Approval of Resolution for NMSU-Grants Projects (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (h) Approval of Resolution for the Recognition and Commitment to Environmental Sustainability (Regent Ed Kellum)

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

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Reserved
- (b) Approval of New Mexico State University - Corona Range and Livestock Research Center - Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability (Director Michael Rickenbaker)

Director Rickenbaker presented the Board with a request to approve the construction of a new facility at the Corona Center for teaching rangeland sustainability practices. The facility will include meeting rooms, classroom and library space, offices, a kitchen and, as an alternate, possibly future living quarters. Total project cost will be \$1,525,000 from a 2007 State General Fund appropriation and a 2008 Severance Tax Bond appropriation.

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, to approve the New Mexico State University - Corona Range and Livestock Research Center - Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Approval of Masters Degree in Aerospace Engineering (Dean Steve Castillo); and

- (d) Approval of Doctoral Degree in Aerospace Engineering
(Dean Steve Castillo)

Dean Castillo introduced the Department Head of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Dr. Tom Burton. Dr. Burton requested approval of both the MA and Ph.D. degrees in his presentation.

New Mexico State University (NMSU)'s Mechanical Engineering Department expanded to include a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering (AE) with the enrollment of 25 freshmen in Fall 2006, followed by 30 in Fall 2007. Approved by the NMSU Board of Regents in 2003, the program has received state funds since FY 2005, both as non-recurring and recurring support. The long-range success of the undergraduate program depends on the development of post-graduate programs in AE, essential in attracting highly competent faculty who in turn attract students at all levels and successfully compete for research funding. An MS/PhD program will: (1) provide opportunities not currently available to New Mexico students in an area of high academic interest and relevance; (2) develop aerospace research programs, (3) enhance the academic reputation of NMSU engineering; (4) support economic development in aerospace and related endeavors in the local area, as well as state, regional, and national; and (5) contribute to the replacement of aging professionals in academia and the aerospace industry.

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, to approve the Masters Degree in Aerospace Engineering and the Doctoral Degree in Aerospace Engineering. The motion carried unanimously.

- (e) Approval of Doña Ana Community College's Local General Obligation Bond Election, February 3, 2009 (President Margie Huerta, Doña Ana Community College)

Doña Ana Community College President Huerta gave a presentation to request approval for the NMSU Doña Ana Community College (DACC) Local General Obligation Bond Election for February 3, 2009 for approximately \$20 million. On November 5, 2008, the Local School Boards of Doña Ana County (representative of the Gadsden, Hatch, and Las Cruces Public School Boards) will be requested to approve the calling of the election. The DACC 2009-2016 Facilities Master Plan, approved by the Regents last month, details the projects to be constructed with the successful passage of the bond. DACC generally conducts a Local GOB Election every four years with the last election held in February 2005. This allows the community college to maintain a stable tax rate of one mill (\$1 dollar per \$1,000 of assessed property value). Therefore, the sale of bonds would not require a tax rate increase.

Regent Anaya moved, seconded by Regent Curtis, to approve the Doña Ana Community College's Local General Obligation Bond Election, February 3, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

- (f) Approval of Resolution for General Obligation Bond Issues B, C, and D on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot (Regent Bob Gallagher)

Regent Gallagher indicated that the resolution being presented for approval requests support of state-wide Bonds Issues B, C, and D. Bond B is for the New Mexico Academic Libraries bond issue for \$3 million for New Mexico State University's libraries. Bond issue C is for \$58 million for the construction and renovation of health care and research buildings across the state, but specifically includes \$3 million for the Allied Health and University Transfer Center at Carlsbad. Bond D is for \$139.9 million state-wide, but specifically, \$1 million for infrastructure renovation at the Alamogordo campus; \$300,000 for infrastructure renovation and expansion for the Carlsbad campus; \$6 million for phase six of the DACC-East Mesa campus; \$500,000 for the technical studies building at the Doña Ana Community College; \$1 million for infrastructure renovation and expansion for the NMSU-Grants campus; \$19 million for the Arts Complex on the main campus in Las Cruces; and \$2.4 million for the Department of Agriculture.

Regent Kellum moved, seconded by Regent Conniff, to approve the Resolution for General Obligation Bond Issues B, C, and D, on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

10. NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT
(Interim President Waded Cruzado)

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

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- (a) Pro Patria Award (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Senior Vice President Taylor reported that on May 17th, 2008 New Mexico State University received the Pro Patria Award from the New Mexico Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) State Committee. This award is presented to those employers who demonstrate exceptional support for our national defense by adopting personnel policies that make it easier for employees to participate in the National Guard and Reserve. Senior Vice President Ben Woods, who served in the National Guard and Reserve, presented the award to Assistant Director of Human Resources Rene Yoder who accepted on behalf of NMSU.

- (b) Institute for Energy and the Environment (Director Abbas Ghassemi)

Director Ghassemi gave a presentation on the Institute for Energy and the Environment (IEE) a multidisciplinary energy sector resource serving the Southwest and beyond. The NMSU College of Engineering integrated several Centers of Excellence to form the Institute, which includes: the Carlsbad Environmental

Research and Monitoring Center; A Nuclear Waste Management and Monitoring Center; Southwest Technology Development Institute; A Renewable Energy resource Development Group; and WERC, A Consortium for Environmental Education and Technology. The group focuses on research, education, outreach, and the development, transfer, promotion, and commercialization of renewable energy technologies (including water).

Formerly out of WERC, IEE will hold the 19th International Environmental Design Contest, one of NMSU's flagship events. A few of the other programs to be presented include: The first commercial photovoltaic (solar panel) system in Las Cruces; the first solar-powered parking structure on campus; Energy Innovation awards for the Albuquerque Sunport power project; Department of Energy Solar Initiative; Office of Naval Research Water Security Program; and the Arsenic Water Technology Partnership Program.

12. REPORTS

- (a) Faculty Senate Chairperson's Report by Dr. Joe Pfeiffer

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

- (b) Associated Students of New Mexico State University Report (ASNMSU) by Mr. Justin O'Connell

Mr. O'Connell reported on activities of the Associated Students of New Mexico State University since the last Board meeting.

- (c) Advisory Council on Administrative Policy (ACAP) by Mr. Tim Nesbitt

Mr. Nesbitt reported on activities of the Advisory Council on Administrative Policy since the last Board meeting.

13. OTHER

- (a) Presentation of Resolution to Model UN Team

The NMSU United Nations model team was recognized for their outstanding work with the presentation of a resolution. NMSU's Model United Nations program builds leadership, key skills, and awareness of global politics for all undergraduate and graduate students. Its mission includes the following goals: Enhance student awareness of international affairs; build key research, writing, and speaking skills; offer a unique "hands-on" experience in international diplomacy; and represent NMSU in an international setting. NMSU enjoys an outstanding international reputation for success at the NMUN conference, and increasingly, at regional conferences. The delegation has won awards at the last four NMUN conferences, including "Outstanding Delegation" and "Best Position Paper" awards in 2008. In 2008, the NMSU Model UN team will make its first international appearance at the

inaugural NMUN competition in Xi'an, China.

Regent Kellum moved, seconded by Regent Curtis, to move from the open meeting into executive session to discuss limited personnel matters. The motion carried four

to one as follows: Regent Curtis voting yes, Regent Conniff voting yes, Regent Anaya voting yes, and Regent Kellum voting yes. Regent Gallagher voted "no."

The open meeting was reconvened after the executive session.

**RATIFICATION STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)
(roll call vote)**

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2008, in Room 2 of the Educational Services Building on the NMSU main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to discuss limited personnel matters in accordance with Section 10-15-1 H (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Those Board members who were present hereby certify by roll call vote that only matters of that nature were discussed in the closed meeting.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

Robert M. Gallagher, Chair
Board of Regents

M. Steven Anaya, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Regents