

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
January 31, 2011

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in the Kiva C Room at the Hotel Santa Fe, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Monday, January 31, 2011. Chair Pino called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Regents Present	Mr. Isaac J. Pino, Chair Mr. Blake B. Curtis, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Javier M. Gonzales, Member Ms. Laura Conniff, Member
Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Mark Anderson Mr. Travis Dulany
President	Dr. Barbara Couture
Exec. Vice Pres./ Provost	Dr. Wendy Wilkins
Chair, NMSU Employee Council	Dr. Steve Loring
Other Presenters	Associate Vice President Maureen Howard Senior Vice President Ben Woods Interim Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry Director Fred Ayers

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

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

No media was present at the meeting.

- (b) Introduction of Chief Audit Executive Ross Justus by President Barbara Couture

Ross Justus is a New Mexico Certified Public Accountant who has been an Audit Manager and Assistant Director with NMSU's Office of Audit Services since June 2008. A Los Alamos native and life-long New Mexico resident, Ross graduated from New Mexico State University where he received the Dean's Award for Outstanding Graduate for the College of Business in December of 1999. Prior to the Office of Audit Services, Ross worked in public accounting for KPMG LLP and most recently with Moss Adams LLP in Albuquerque as an Audit Manager. External audits performed include compliance and financial statement audits of various for -profit and non-profit entities, including several institutions of higher education. Additional experience includes work in private industry as a divisional controller for the First National Bank of Arizona.

- (c) Introduction of Mayor David Coss of Santa Fe by Regent Isaac Pino

Mayor David Coss is in his second year as Mayor of Santa Fe. He is a 1977 graduate of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University.

Mayor Coss welcomed the Board of Regents to Santa Fe as the city commemorates its 400 years as a capitol city.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was not requested.

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

Executive session was not scheduled.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Curtis, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Approved:

- March 14, 2011 (Annual Meeting)
- April 8, 2011 (Special Meeting)
- May 6, 2011 (In Conjunction with Commencement)

Other: FYI - The annual meeting of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) will be held in Los Angeles, California on April 3-5, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza.

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

**(a) Policy Changes**

1. Approval of Revisions to Policy 1.05.50, Administrative Council (President Barbara Couture)
2. Approval of Revision to Policy 1.05.90, NMSU Committees, Councils, and Boards (Senior Vice President Ben Woods)

**(b) Administrative Changes**

1. Approval of Disposition/Deletion of Property (Interim Senior Vice President Throneberry)

2. Approval of Temporary Investment Report for Quarter ended 12/31/2010 (Interim Senior Vice President Throneberry)
3. Approval of Easement to Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Director Fred Ayers)
4. Intentionally left blank
5. Approval to Transfer Regulatory and Marketing Responsibilities for Organic Agriculture to the New Mexico State University Board of Regents and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (Interim Dir./Secretary Tom Bagwell)
6. Approval of Easement to Southwestern Public Service Company (Interim Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry)

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

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

There were no Action Items on the agenda.

**10. NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
(President Barbara Couture)

President Couture reported on the following:

- Legislative update
- Vision for university success
  - Merging of goals for success with existing Living the Vision Plan
  - Recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty and staff
  - Recruitment and graduation of a diverse student body
  - The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Grants Program
  - Honor Program for local employers pledging to be student friendly
  - Mid-semester check program by the Office of Student Success
  - Early alert system for faculty to identify and assist students
  - International Programs' Task force on Mexico is working on developing program priorities to include health, urban youth development, law enforcement training, and economic development
  - Third Annual Model UN Dinner February 17
  - Pledge to be an economic engine for NM
  - Research Rallies Program
  - NMSU Effectiveness and Efficiency Committee
  - Capital Campaign exceeded \$225,000,000
  - Aggie Spirit Game Day Experience Task Force
  - NMDA search

**11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- (a) Legislative Update (Assistant Vice President Ricardo Rel)

Assistant Vice President Rel gave an update on the following legislative bills being tracked:

- House Bill 87 - Organic Production Act
- House Bill 91 - Transfer from other accounts to general fund

- House Bill 129 - Returning educational retiree payments
- House Bill 133 - Delay educational retirement contributions
- House Bill 225 - Water Quality Control Act revisions
- House Bill 230 - Merging of HED with DFA
- Senate Bill 150 - Research Park Royal Ties to Pre-K fund
- Senate Bill 173 - Post-secondary school building moratorium
- Senate Bill 226 - Legislative Lottery Tuition Act
- Senate Bill 265 - Educational retirement contributions
- Senate Bill 292 - Limiting tuition increase for lottery recipients

Assistant Vice President Rel will update the Regents on a regular basis, on all bills, as changes occur.

(b) Enrollment Report (Associate Vice President Bernadette Montoya)

Associate Vice President Montoya reported on spring 2011 enrollment figures as of census date on January 28, 2011.

- Undergraduate enrollment increased by .4 percent
- Graduate enrollment decreased by -2.2 percent
- Transfers increased by .5 percent
- Alamogordo campus enrollment increased by 5.6 percent
- Carlsbad campus enrollment decreased by 10.6 percent
- Doña Ana campus enrollment increased by 5.5 percent
- Grants campus enrollment increased by 7.8 percent

Provost Wilkins reported that a pool of funds, managed centrally, has been provided so that the funding will be available as needed to open additional class sections at NMSU-LC. This will assist deans in focusing on what they need to provide for the majors within the colleges.

Bernadette Montoya will provide the Regents with enrollment numbers as they change.

## 12. REPORTS

(a) Faculty Senate Chairperson's Report (Dr. Mark Andersen)

Dr. Anderson reported that action is underway on revisions to the Faculty Senate Constitution, changes to the policy Viewing a Wider World courses, a memorial endorsing the work of the Sustainability Council, and a memorial emphasizing the solution to the problem of reviewing international graduate student applications. Faculty grievance and disciplinary action issues will be taken to the Faculty Senate in the future, as well as a proposition on plus or minus grades.

(b) Associated Students of New Mexico State University Report (ASNMSU)  
(Mr. Travis Dulany, President)

Mr. Dulany reported the students are meeting during the week to review requests for student fees. ASNMSU is working diligently to keep the overall student fees as low as possible.

(c) NMSU Employee Council Report (Mr. Steve Loring, Chair)

Dr. Loring reported that new officers for Employee Council will be elected on February 10. New members have been elected to the Insurance Committee and the Fringe Benefits Committee. The new employee recognition program is being developed and Dr. Loring will be presenting the proposal to President Couture. Dr. Loring will be communicating with President Couture on a monthly basis regarding policy matters.

### 13. OTHER

- \* Regent Gonzales requested a performance review on larger at-risk contracts to address whether or not proper processes and procedures are being followed when vendors are awarded a contract.

Interim Senior Vice President Throneberry indicated that NMSU's internal auditors can review the procurement process and specifically the construction management at risk. External consultants and internal auditors looked at the procurement process a few years ago and recommended that the construction management at risk be utilized as a delivery method for large construction projects.

- \* Regent Gonzales asked if NMSU participates in some of the national purchasing alliances that leverage assistance with other universities that are buying from specific national vendors.

Director Mike Abernethy responded that NMSU does participate in some cooperative purchasing through the Educational Institutional Cooperative through CES and also US Communities. Director Abernethy stated that if there are local firms in the Las Cruces area that can provide the needed business NMSU will give the local businesses the opportunity to submit their offer rather than using the CES contracts. The decision is based on a best buy analysis.

- \* Regent Gonzales noted that there are issues between cattle grazers and the forest service in the northern part of the state. He asked if NMDA could provide some assistance to help resolve the concern of too many cattle on allotments in Rio Arriba County. He indicated the forest service has issued some mandates in reducing the number of cattle on some of the allotments in the area. He asked if NMSU's mission to be involved in economic development, cultural and traditional issues would have a role through NMDA to assist with this.

Ricardo Rel indicated the Range Improvement Task Force handles these types of issues through the Cooperative Extension Service.

Interim Director Bagwell said he would contact the coordinator of the Range Improvement Task Force and make sure he was aware of this situation and follow up.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pino adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

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Isaac J. Pino, Chair  
Board of Regents

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Blake B. Curtis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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