

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

Friday, October 10, 2014

NMSU Grants Community College

Grants, New Mexico

MINUTES

Regents of New Mexico State University

Mike Cheney, Chair
Kari Mitchell, Vice Chair
Isaac J. Pino, Secretary/Treasurer
Javier Gonzales, Member
Jordan Banegas, Member

Las Cruces, New Mexico Las Cruces, New Mexico Santa Fe, New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Ex officio Members of the Board of Regents: The
Honorable Susana Martinez, Governor
Stuart Munson McGee, Ph. D., Faculty Senate
Mr. Wesley Jackson, President ASNMSU

Officers of the University:
Garrey Carruthers, Ph. D., President, NMSU
Dan Howard, Ph. D, Executive Vice President & Provost, NMSU

1. **CALL TO ORDER**-Chairman Mike Cheney

At 9am the meeting was called to order by Chairman Cheney

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

- Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others by NMSU Associate VP Maureen Howard

- Introduction of President Felicia Casados, NMSU Grants Community College by NMSU President Garrey Carruthers

Associate Vice president Maureen Howard introduced the local press;

Introductions included Dan Jaramillo of Grants and Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Montoya, the parents of NMSU Vice President Bernadette Montoya.

New Mexico State Senator Clemente Sanchez was welcomed and introduced.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**-Chairman Mike Cheney

The agenda was amended to include a resolution on the upcoming GO Bond Issue

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**-Special Assistant to the President Ben Woods

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**-Chairman Mike Cheney

Minutes of July 23, 2014

Minutes of September 20, 2014

Regent Mitchell requested that the minutes from the September 20, 2014 meeting reflect the concern of several Regents from both UNM and NMSU that the changes to Higher Education funding formula were "going backward" and not in the direction requested by the Regents.

6. **ADOPTION AND PRESENTATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS**-Chairman Mike Cheney

- Adoption of the Board's 2014/2015 Annual Notice Resolution-Lizbeth Ellis, General Counsel
- Endorsement of the 2014 Bond Issue B for libraries and Bond Issue C for higher education in New Mexico.
-

Moved by Regent Banegas and seconded by Regent Kari Mitchell. Motion passed.

7. **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**-Chairman Mike Cheney

Friday, December 12, 2014, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Friday, January 30, 2015, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Monday, March 9, 2015, Las Cruces, New Mexico

April 2015, Las Cruces, New Mexico (date dependent on 2015 Legislative Session)

Friday, May 8, 2015, Las Cruces, New Mexico

The dates of the upcoming board meeting were cited by Regent Cheney.

8. CONFIRMATION OF PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS-Chairman Mike Cheney

The roll call vote for confirmation of subjects covered in executive session was read by Janet Green, Special Advisor to the NMSU Board of Regents. Regent Cheney, Regent Banegas, Regent Mitchell and Regent Pino voted in the affirmative.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR-Chairman Mike Cheney

- Policy-none

- Administrative

- Approval of Temporary Investment Report for quarter ended 6/30/2014. Report reflects weighted average yield of .89% for quarter ended 6/30/2014, compared to the average one-year Treasury Bill yield of .11%. (Celeste Bernal and Jake Lucero, NMSU Finance and Administration)
- NMSU-Grants: Grounds Drainage Improvements Northwest Side of Campus. The project consists of creating channels and ponding areas to improve the downstream drainage near Martinez Hall and McClure Hall at the NMSU Grants Campus. The project will work in conjunction with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. (Greg Walke, NMSU Architect)
- NMSU-Las Cruces: Building 525 Zone 2400 Old AT&T Building Site Reclamation Demolition. As part of a BLM-NMSU lease termination, this project consists of the demolition of Building 525- Old AT&T Building including; asbestos abatement, removal of the adjacent concrete foundations, and land restoration to predevelopment conditions. Due to the lack of use and maintenance, it is not feasible or cost effective to renovate. (Greg Walke, NMSU Architect)
- NMSU-Las Cruces: Building 264 Zone 2400 Tortugas South Observatory Site Reclamation Demolition. As part of a BLM-NMSU lease termination, this project consists of the demolition of Building 264- Tortugas South Observatory ; asbestos abatement, removal of the adjacent concrete foundations, and land restoration to predevelopment conditions. Due to the lack of use and maintenance, it is not feasible or cost effective to renovate. (Greg Walke, NMSU Architect)
- NMSU-Las Cruces: Zone 2000 Repair Tunnel Systems – Phase I. The Project consists of the tunnel system remediation at the New Mexico State University Las Cruces Campus. Repairs were prioritized in a structural analysis report conducted by Bohannon Huston Engineering. (Greg Walke, NMSU Architect)
- NMSU-Grants: Design/Reconstruction Improvements to Campus Parking Lot and Resolution. The purpose for this project is to design/reconstruct drainage

improvements at the Grants Campus Parking Lot. The project will be completed in conjunction with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. (Greg Walke, NMSU Architect)

- NMSU-Las Cruces: Approval of FY16 Non I&G legislative funding request for NMSU-Las Cruces Nurse Expansion funding. (Vicente Vargas, NMSU Government Relations)
- Honorary Doctorate to be awarded at 2104 Fall Commencement to Mr. Max Evans. (President Garrey Carruthers)

At 9:30 am, President Carruthers read the executive summary descriptions of the consent items. He cited numerous accomplishments of the proposed Honorary Degree Recipient Max Evans. Regent Mitchell commented on the transfer of the Bachelor of Student Nursing (BSN) money. It is important to get nursing "shorn up" to get students to the marketplace. President Carruthers assures accreditation of the Dona Ana Community College (DACC) nursing program in 2015.

Regent Ike Pino moved and Regent Kari Mitchell seconded approval of the consent agenda. Motion passed.

10. ACTION ITEMS-Chairman Mike Cheney

a. Approval of Aggie Development Inc. By Laws

Ben Woods, Special Assistant to the President presented the development and approval of the By-Laws of Aggie Development, Inc. at their inaugural meeting on September 15, 2014. The Board of Directors which is currently seven members could be expanded to nine members. President Garrey Carruthers is elected Chairman. Ben Woods is named President of Aggie Development, Inc. (ADI).

Regent Mitchell commented on ADI stating that they have highly qualified private sector meetings and will lose the bureaucratic barriers to working on real estate initiatives. Regent Kari Mitchell moved and Regent Ike Pino seconded the motion to approve action item 10.a. Motion passed.

11. NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT-President Carruthers

At 9:45 am President Carruthers spoke to the issue of a concern by the Higher learning Commission (HLC) about how we integrate the 2 yr schools (e.g. DACC). A summit is being planned to focus on these issues on December 15-16 at a central location, possibly Socorro. Regent Mitchell commented that a focus should be finding financial efficiencies

with tracking back to the Board of Regents as a discussion item for the summit on "Getting Our System Organized."

12. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS-Chairman Mike Cheney

- a. NMSU-Grants Update-President Felicia Casados
- b. Fall Enrollment and Student Affairs Update-Vice President Bernadette Montoya, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- c. Audit Committee Update-Dr. Jim Bullock, Chair
- d. Real Estate Committee Update-Chairman Mike Cheney
- e. Budget Committee Update-Regent Isaac Pino, Chair

At 10:00 am President Felicia Casados gave an update on NMSU Grants, the host campus for today's meeting. On the following Wednesday, she will be presenting the proposed GO Bond Issue to the Grants Chamber of Commerce. On October 28th a pitch will be made at the Cibola County/Grants School Board meeting. The plan is to construct a new building for the Child Development Center with a project cost of 7 million dollars. NMSU Architect Greg Walke presented the design of the building (20K sq. ft., *Small Wonders*). President Carruthers stated, the Board of Regents has endorsed GO Bonds for local school districts and should do the same in Grants.

At 10:15am Vice President Bernadette Montoya presented an enrolment update. She said we, "Inhale problems, exhale solutions". She cited that Eastern New Mexico University is increasing enrollment due to offering full online degree programs. Regent Mitchell pointed out the NMSU shows the largest decrease in enrollment at 5% and a decrease in Student credit Hours (SCH) of 5.3%. A bright spot is the increase in international students. A recommendation was made to look at part-time student scholarships. Regent Mitchell requested 2012 data on the percentage drop in students which would require deeper data, greater detail. An explanation of "EFC" was given, a student of low socio-economic status, full Pell, and full tribal funds. Regent Cheney asked what the trends are by college in enrollment choice. Regent Mitchell asked for a split out of the categories in the College of Arts and Sciences. We need to focus on military basses as a market. Vice President Montoya noted we have seen a slight dip in retention of students. Regent Mitchell asked how much we evaluate faculty on retention of students.

Regent Mitchell gave the Audit Committee Report and the Budget Committee report.

13. RECURRING REPORTS –Chairman Mike Cheney

- a. Report from the Chair, Faculty Senate, Dr. Stuart Munson Mcgee
- b. Report from the President, Associated Students of NMSU, Mr. Wesley Jackson
- c. Report from the Chair, NMSU Employee Council, Mr. Greg Block

At 11:10 am the Faculty Senate Report was given by Dr. Stuart Munson-Mcgee. There are currently 12 pieces of legislation being handled by the faculty senate. They are focusing on the inclusiveness of more faculty. ASNMSU President Wes Jackson reported that the upcoming event "Keep State Great" was to occur the weekend before Homecoming on November 6-8 to clean up and beautify the campus. There is discussion to keep the student union building, Corbett Center open Thursday-Saturday 24/7. He advocates maintaining the current level of student fees (no increase). Employee Council President Greg Block discussed the upcoming Employee Appreciation Picnic. They are expecting over 2000 attendees.

At 11:20am NMSU Provost Dan Howard presented on NMSU's partnership in China with Hebei, the Agricultural University of Hebei. Regent Mitchell asked if our mission is to educate New Mexico kids, does this type of project dilute resources and is it fully funded. The response was that the project is intended to be profitable for NMSU.

14. OTHER/COMMENTS

- a. Reappointment of 3 representatives to the NMSU Labor Relations Committee- Lizbeth Ellis, NMSU General Counsel

Under the Other/Comments section, DACC President Renay Scott discussed a Bond Issue election for the community college in February 2015. It would generate 2.5 million for capital improvement to the central campus. It would also create capacity for DACC to partner with the Gadsden Schools to develop an Early College High School. Regent Pino asked what have the bond underwriters expressed. Regent Mitchell asked that NMSU look at capacity and do an evaluation of existing "bricks and mortar".

15. ADJOURNMENT–Chairman Mike Cheney

The meeting was adjourned by Regent Mike Cheney, Chair.

Minutes Approval Page

Date of Meeting Minutes: October ~~12~~¹⁰, 2014

Meeting Minutes Approved: December 12, 2014

Meeting Minutes Amended no yes

Signed:



Michael Cheney, Chair

Board of Regents



Isaac J. Pino, Secretary/Treasurer

Board of Regents