



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING
May 26, 2017
9:00am**

Regents Room
Educational Services Building
NMSU Las Cruces Campus
1780 East University Avenue
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Regents of New Mexico State University

Debra Hicks, Chair	Hobbs, New Mexico
Mike Cheney, Vice Chair	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Jerean Hutchinson, Secretary/Treasurer	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Amanda López Askin, Ph.D., Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Kari Mitchell, Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico

Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Regents

Christopher Brown, Ph.D.	Faculty Senate Chair
Adam Cavotta	Employee Council Chair
Kevin Prieto	ASNMSU President

University Officials

Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.	Chancellor and President
Angela Throneberry	Senior Vice President
Lisa Warren, J.D.	Associate General Counsel

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Board of Regents on June 12, 2017

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A. **Call to Order** – Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

1. **Introductions**

Introduction of the Media, *Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

Associate Vice President Bannister introduced Tom Scott from El Paso Channel 7.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

The presence of all Regents was acknowledged, with Regents López Askin, Hutchinson and Mitchell physically present, and Regents Hicks and Cheney attending electronically by a synchronous remote GoToMeeting connection, with Chair Hicks presiding over the meeting. All members could be heard and differentiated by members and guests.

3. **Approval of the Agenda, Chair Debra Hicks**

Regent Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda, motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Public Comment, Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister**

Associate Vice President Bannister stated no individuals requested an opportunity to provide public comment.

B. **Approval of the Minutes, Chair Debra Hicks** **9:10am**

1. Regular Meeting – May 12, 2017

Regent Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes, motion seconded. Faculty Senate Chair Brown requested a correction to the name of the University of California at Santa Barbara. Regent Hutchinson made a motion to accept draft minutes with this correction, motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. **Action Items, Chair Debra Hicks** **9:15am**

1. **Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budgets**

Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry

While awaiting the outcome of New Mexico Special Legislative Session revenue and expenditure bills, the NMSU administration presented a proposed system budget based on a set of assumptions, in order to meet the State of New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration's June 1, 2017 budget submission deadline. The most significant proposed budget changes for the NMSU system were approximate anticipated reductions of \$12.2 million in state appropriations, \$8.3 million in government grants and contracts, and \$1.7 million in sales and services. The operating budget proposal included an assumption of a 6% increase in tuition and fees.

The budget proposal also identified reductions of approximately \$6.6 million in instruction and general expenditures, \$7.9 million in research, \$1.6 million in public service, \$2.7 million in student aid, \$4.6 million in auxiliary, and \$1 million to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. A proposed decrease in salary expenditures accounted for much of the proposed reductions recommended. The administration stated its intent to bring a tuition and fee proposal to the Board of Regents at a later date, following budget action at the state level. Subsequent budget adjustments would follow the State of New Mexico's established Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) process.

Discussion included the necessity for a budget strategically aligned with the institution's future and sound fiscal practice, with attention to resources, workload, compensation, efficiency, and effectiveness. As public funding diminishes, NMSU, like institutions across the nation, will need to focus attention on revenues, program offerings, investments, and student success.

Regent Hutchinson moved approval of the proposed fiscal year 2017-2018 operating budgets for NMSU's five campuses. Motion seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

D. Informational Items, Chair Debra Hicks **10:00am**

1. Chancellor's Report, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

The Chancellor highlighted the work of the Transforming NMSU project's Team 6 – Academics. Subgroups have been formed to examine college and department structure, small majors and low production, and department models and leadership appointments.

2. Other Informational Items

Faculty Senate Chair Brown stated an experiential learning task force had been formed to work over the summer to formulate a proposal for consideration.

Chair Brown lauded the diligent work of Associate General Counsel Lisa Warren in transforming policy and procedure to streamline the workings of NMSU.

E. Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks **10:10am**

1. "Gun's Up" – Good News for NMSU!

Chair Hicks highlighted a collaboration with Chevron resulting from the efforts of Vice President Kevin Boberg and Engineering Associate Dean Patricia Sullivan. The Ignite Aggie Discovery campaign's focus on highly achieving Aggies, the accomplishments of the Aggie softball team, and an outstanding weekend of commencement activities were celebrated.

2. Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings

Friday, June 16, 2017 at 9:00am

June/July/August 2017 – Strategic Planning Meeting (TBD)

September 9, 2017 – Joint Meeting with UNM Board of Regents (TBD)

Friday, October 13, 2017 at 9:00am

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 9:00am

Adjournment – Chair Debra Hicks

10:15am