



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL MEETING
November 8, 2017 at 11:00am**

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

Regents of New Mexico State University

Chair Debra Hicks, Vice Chair Kari Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer Jerean Hutchinson, Mike Cheney, Margie Vela

Non-Voting Advisory Members - Faculty Senate Chair Christopher Brown, Ph.D., Employee Council Chair Adam Cavotta, ASNMSU President Kevin Prieto

University Officials - Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D., Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D., General Counsel Liz Ellis, J.D.

MEETING MINUTES

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A. Call to Order – Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 11:17am.

1. Introductions

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

Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister introduced members of the media.

2. Confirmation of Quorum, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Regents Hicks, Mitchell, Hutchinson and Vela were present. Regent Cheney was absent. A quorum of members present was confirmed.

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

A motion was made by Regent Mitchell, and seconded, to table items D3, D4 and D5 due to the lack of sufficient time for listening session attendees to contribute to the position profile and job description, and to table items D6 and D7 to provide additional time for stakeholders to forward recommendations for the search committee composition and membership. Discussion included the timing of search criteria development and search committee formation. The motion carried unanimously (Hicks, Mitchell, Hutchinson, Vela).

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

Public comment was provided by Elijah Vela, Sarah Lynn, Tammy Lynn, Catalina Sanchez Maes and Dr. Christopher Brown.

B. Approval of the Minutes, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. Special Work Session Meeting of October 5, 2017

Regent Mitchell moved approval of the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Mitchell, Hutchinson, Vela).

2. Special Meeting of October 5, 2017

Hutchinson moved approval of the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Mitchell, Hutchinson, Vela).

3. **Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session of November 7, 2017 @ 6:00pm**
Regents confirmed compliance with the Open Meetings Act by roll call.
Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Vela-yes.
4. **Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session of November 8, 2017 @ 8:00am**
Regents confirmed compliance with the Open Meetings Act by roll call.
Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Vela-yes.
5. **Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session of November 8, 2017 @ 10:00am**
Regents confirmed compliance with the Open Meetings Act by roll call.
Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Vela-yes.

C. **Consent Items, Chair Debra Hicks**

Regent Mitchell made a motion, seconded and with amendment, to accept the items on the consent calendar with a change on item C1 removing the stipulation that the property be inspected annually, the expiration date be changed from November 6, 2017 to November 15, 2017 and granting authority to the Chancellor to execute the contract and necessary closing documents with minor changes as might be needed. The motion passed unanimously. Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Vela-yes.

1. **NMSU-Dona Ana Hatch Center, Special Assistant Scott Eschenbrenner**
2. **Honorary Degree Recipient, Dean Enrico Pontelli, Ph.D.**
3. **Access to Classified Information, Chris Scott, NMSU Facility Security Officer**

D. **Action Items, Chair Debra Hicks**

1. **College of Education Department Merger, Dean Don Pope-Davis, Ph.D.**

Development of a reorganized departmental model has been underway for two years in keeping with best practices, current and emerging practice, and internal desire for change. The process began in the college council with ten teams and included focus groups. Faculty were engaged in town hall meetings with 45 attending. Many constituent recommendations were incorporated in the proposal. Benefits include enhanced opportunities for partnerships with high schools, administrators, and teachers. Resources will be streamlined and department head salary expenditures will be reduced, although the magnitude has yet to be determined. The primary motivations for change include making the college stronger, providing the best educational model for students, and fostering grant development. The status quo is easy, but ideas from outside combined with constituent recommendations will make the college stronger. The reorganization will assist in strengthening the quality of K-12 educators. Assessment of progress will occur and be shared. The college is working towards greater collaboration with the College of Engineering, eg the technology lab. The work of Dr. Knapp was commended.

Regent Mitchell moved approval. Motion seconded. Motion approved unanimously (Hicks, Mitchell, Hutchinson, Vela).

2. **Search Firm Contract for Chancellor Position, Chair Debra Hicks**
The evaluation committee met on November 7, 2017 with procurement officers Javier Cordero and Jason Sandoval present. Regent Hutchinson moved acceptance of the proposal of Wheless Partners for executive search services, subject to negotiation and execution of a contract by procurement services. Motion seconded. Motion approved unanimously (Hicks, Mitchell, Hutchinson, Vela).
3. **Chancellor Position Search Criteria, Search Planning Subcommittee Co-Chair Kari Mitchell - TABLED**
4. **Chancellor Position Description, Search Planning Subcommittee Co-Chair Kari Mitchell - TABLED**
5. **Chancellor Position Informational Packet, Search Planning Subcmte Co-Chair Kari Mitchell - TABLED**

6. **Chancellor Position Search Committee Composition - TABLED**
Search Planning Subcommittee Co-Chair and Chancellor Search Chair Mike Cheney
7. **Chancellor Position Search Committee Appointments – TABLED**
Search Planning Subcommittee Co-Chair and Chancellor Search Chair Mike Cheney

E. **Informational Items, Chair Debra Hicks**

1. **Community College Advisory Boards Update, Chair Debra Hicks**

Regents attended very cordial meetings with the four community college advisory boards. The members were very gracious and welcoming. Dialogue included memorandums of agreement and advisory board priorities.

The DACC Advisory Board meeting was publically noticed with a quorum of members present. The conversation was very passionate, professional, transparent and honest, with participants citing many opportunities to advance students through greater involvement in the school system. Discussion included dual credit, and was very complimentary of the Aggie Pathway program. President Scott will capture and scope financial and operational opportunities to develop and leverage a more tangible and closer relationship with the advisory board.

2. **DACC Advisory Board Joint Operations Committee Appointments, Chair Debra Hicks**

The current memorandum of agreement with DACC cites a joint operations committee. Clarity on the scope of responsibility and membership is yet to be determined.

3. **Other Informational Items, Chair Debra Hicks**

Chair Hicks announced the appointment of Peter Gregware to the Employee and Labor Relations Board on the joint recommendation of members Ben Woods, representing management, and Larry Martinez, representing labor.

The Board would like more information on the direction, perspective, and solutions offered by Arrowhead Park. Provost Howard will gain more information and come back to the Board with a future agenda item.

F. **Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks**

1. **“Gun’s Up” – Good News for NMSU!**

Good news included thanks to the contributors of success to the employee picnic, the Higher Learning Commission work on reaffirmation of accreditation, recognition of Regent Vela at the SACNAS conference, the success of the chancellor search listening sessions, and the quality of the College of Education symposium.

2. **Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings**

Friday, December 8, 2017 @ 9:00am

Another special meeting will be called soon to further the chancellor profile, search criteria, and job description.

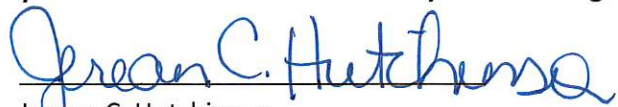
G. **Adjournment, Chair Debra Hicks**

Regent Mitchell moves adjournment. Chair Hicks adjourned the meeting at 12:34pm.

Meeting Minutes Approved on December 8, 2017 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.



Debra P. Hicks
Board of Regents Chair



Jean C. Hutchinson
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer