

Minutes from the Joint Board of Regents Meeting with NMSU and UNM

Domenici Hall, El Paso Electric Classroom

New Mexico State University

1:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20, 2014

The joint meeting of the Boards of Regents (BOR) of New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by NMSU BOR Chairman Mike Cheney. Both Boards of Regents established a quorum with the following members in attendance:

NMSU Board of Regents

Mike Cheney, Chair

Kari Mitchel, Vice Chair

Jordan Banegas, Student Regent

Ex-Officio Members

Dr. Stuart Munson-McGee, Faculty Senate

Mr. Wesley Jackson, ASNMSU President

Mr. Greg Block, NMSU Employee Council

UNM Board of Regents

Jack L. Fortner, President

Gene Gallegos

Brad Hosmer

Suzanne Quillen

Heidi Overton, Student Regent

Both presidents of the institutions were in attendance. President Garrey Carruthers of NMSU welcomed UNM President Bob Frank. NMSU's Provost and Executive Vice- President Dan Howard was in attendance from NMSU. Executive Vice President, CFO and COO from UNM, David Harris was in attendance representing his institution.

The aforementioned dignitaries were introduced at the beginning of the meeting.

The first agenda item was a presentation by Mr. Davis Lepre for the Council of University Presidents addressing the higher education funding formula. The handout which was distributed to the meeting participants is attached to this document.

The second agenda item was a collaborative presentation by Regent Suzanne Quillen of UNM and Regent Kari Mitchell of NMSU. The presentation addressed higher education topics in New Mexico relating to the employability of our graduates. A handout describing the Employability Partnership in New Mexico

was distributed to meeting participants. Regent Mitchell and Regent Quillen talked about *The Bridge* and the *Early College High School* programs gaining focus in southern New Mexico. A recent early college High school focusing on health recently opened in Las Cruces. Another topic highlighted by Regent Mitchell was the statewide workforce board initiative in New Mexico. Both regents noted the emergence of transformational initiatives in New Mexico and how the state is becoming a player in higher education on the national stage. The handout is attached to this document.

The third agenda item was a presentation on articulation by Deputy NMSU Provost Greg Fant. The focus of articulation is to make sure that all courses taken by students at New Mexico universities and community colleges transfer seamlessly from school to school. One of the components of the course transferability and acceptance relates to common numbering across the institutions of higher learning. One significant point made by Provost Fant was the issue that courses generally transfer, but the issue is that they don't count toward anything in the long run on a student's degree plan. President Fortner asked several of the students present to express their feeling about how the courses are counted. Many shared stories of having started in one major and then changing so the courses really didn't fit. For example if you change from engineering to business, there would be a number of courses that would be electives, but not part of the established degree plan. President Fortner shared his own experiences about choosing to go to law school. He said you need to have an intersection of "talent and passion" in choosing what you want to do. Both president Carruthers and President Frank weighed in on the topic saying that having good advising and in most cases faculty advising is a great benefit to the students.

Provost Fant distributed a handout for the articulation discussion. It is attached to this document.

The final agenda item of the day was a joint presentation on cancer research being done collaboratively by Dr. Jeff Arterburn of NMSU and Dr. Eric Prossnitz of UNM. They have been collaborating and publishing for several years. They describe the joint research as being fulfilling and productive for both universities. A discussion with the meeting participants ensued about the need to find more grants to fund the research and how limited the availability of research funding has become.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by NMSU Board of Regents Chairman Mike Cheney.

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