



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 8, 2017 at 9:00am**

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 Debra Hicks**

**1. Introductions**

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

Associate Vice President Bannister introduced members of the media from the Las Cruces Sun-News.

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

All members of the Board were present: Regents Cheney, Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell and Vela.

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

Regent Cheney moved approval of the agenda, motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

No public comment was requested.

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

**1. Special Work Session Meeting of November 8, 2017**

Regent Mitchell moved approval of the minutes, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**2. Special Meeting of November 8, 2017**

Regent Hutchinson moved approval of the minutes, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**3. Special Work Session Meeting of November 13, 2017**

Regent Hutchinson moved approval of the minutes, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**4. Special Meeting of November 13, 2017**

Regent Hutchinson moved approval of the minutes, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**5. Confirmation of Prior Executive Session of November 20, 2017**

Regents confirmed compliance with the Open Meetings Act by roll call.

Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Vela-yes.

**6. Confirmation of Prior Executive Session of December 8, 2017**

Regents confirmed compliance with the Open Meetings Act by roll call.

Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Vela-yes.

**C. Awards and Recognitions, Chair Debra Hicks**

1. **Domenici Scholars, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D. & VP for Economic Development Kevin Boberg, Ph.D.**  
Chancellor Carruthers and the Board acknowledged the exemplary contributions of the Domenici Scholars.

**D. Committee Reports, Chair Debra Hicks**

1. **Audit Committee Report, Chair Debra Hicks**  
The annual plan was discussed. The audit and risk annual report will be sent to Board members.
2. **Real Estate Committee Report, Chair Debra Hicks**  
No report.
3. **Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report, Chair Kari Mitchell**  
RFSPBC met on November 27, 2017. Group discussed financial planning for athletics and debt. Auxiliaries reported on living communities and fiscal needs. NMDA provided a fiscal report. RFSPBC supports changes to non-resident tuition and heard a request for nursing program differential tuition.
4. **Student Success Committee Report, Chair Jerean Hutchinson**  
RSSC met on December 1, 2017. The committee supports changes to non-resident tuition policy and enhancement of summer offerings. Pell is not available for the summer term. A differential tuition proposal for nursing was shared. Provost Howard was charged with developing a cohesive differential tuition philosophy. Enrollment and recruitment trends were shared.

**E. Recurring Reports, Chair Debra Hicks**

1. **NMSU Faculty Senate Report, Chair Christopher Brown, Ph.D.**  
Chair Brown shared consideration of new degree programs and sunset of programs. He expressed concern regarding the representation of faculty on the executive search committee.
2. **Associated Students of NMSU Report, President Kevin Prieto**  
President Prieto shared ASNMSU's work in scantron distribution.
3. **NMSU Employee Council Report, Chair Adam Cavotta**  
Chair Cavotta discussed the employee appreciation picnic and the Founders Day theme of musical contribution.
4. **Higher Education Regents Coalition Report, BOR Chair Debra Hicks**  
Priorities discussed included lottery scholarship funding and higher education investments.
5. **Aggie Development Inc. Report, President & CEO Scott Eschenbrenner**  
Mr. Eschenbrenner discussed progress on the university hotel, interest in Cole and Tom Fort Village, and interest among healthcare entities and student ideas in the East campus.
6. **NMSU Foundation Report, President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.**  
The Foundation's Ignite campaign has reached \$83.9M, over 66% of its goal. Giving Tuesday results show some reduction of monies raised, having been adversely effected by limited match opportunities.
7. **Arrowhead Center Inc. Report, Chair Kevin Boberg, Ph.D.**  
Chair Boberg shared several large contributions including those of Hunt, Daniels and NM Gas.
8. **New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte**  
Director Witte discussed the pecan weevil quarantine. Trade missions from Mexico and the EU, and shipments of pecans, beer and wine were shared. NMDA has supported several student internships.

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

Regent Mitchell moved approval of the consent calendar. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **Temporary Investments Report for the Quarter ended September 30, 2017, Senior VP Andrew Burke, Ed.D.**
2. **Disposition/Deletion of Property, Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D.**
3. **USDA Fermentation Lab Transfer of Property, Assoc. VP Glen Haubold, Univ. Architect Heather Watenpaugh**
4. **Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D.**
5. **Fall 2017 Degree and Certificate Conferral, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.**
6. **Reconfiguration of Departments at NMSU Carlsbad**  
*Deputy Provost Greg Fant, Ph.D., President John Gratton, Ph.D.*
7. **College of Engineering Learning Communities Naming, Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.**
8. **Bicycle Repair Stations Naming, Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.**

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

1. **Land Sale to the NMSU Foundation, Chief Executive Officer Scott Eschenbrenner**

CEO Eschenbrenner shared a proposal to sell university land to the Foundation. The funds will be used as seed for future development and infrastructure. NMSU's land holdings appear to hold great revenue promise. Some stated revenue could fund other areas of the institution. Regent Mitchell moved approval of the sale with money to be returned to ADI for future development. Motion was seconded and motion passed unanimously.

2. **Non-Resident Tuition, Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.**

Under current practice non-resident tuition of zero-six credits for any semester, and all non-resident tuition during the summer, is charged at the resident tuition rate. The proposal shared by EVPP Howard moves non-resident tuition of zero-six credits in all terms to 125% of resident tuition and moves non-resident tuition for greater than six credits in the summer term to the full non-resident rate. The proposal brings greater consistency to the tuition model, applies the same rationale across the system, and generates revenue for academic reinvestment and opportunities to enhance summer offerings for greater student value. Metrics to be evaluated are expansion of high quality summer courses, improved graduation rates, improved summer enrollment, decreased cost to graduation, and quicker time to degree. This proposal strengthens the academic mission. Regent Mitchell approved adoption of the proposal, with an implementation plan to be completed in January 2018 and a system-wide implementation in Summer 2018. Motion seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

On a related note, and as follow-up to Early College High School advising, a breakdown in communication occurred which inhibited enrollment of ECHS students in rigorous NMSU-LC courses which is now being addressed.

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

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

Chancellor Carruthers was saddened by school violence in Aztec, NM. Consideration of an NMSU affiliated school in Mexico is underway. The oil and gas industries are beginning to recover. Support for decoupling of the lottery scholarship from tuition is increasing.

2. **Provost's Report, Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.**  
 Provost Howard shared challenges experienced by the newly consolidated advising center. 6,000 students had academic holds, while staff had a maximum capacity of 1,500 student meetings per week. The phone system went down and there was a large backlog of student demand for academic counseling. Further consideration regarding use of holds, account balances, advising triggers and survey mechanisms is needed. Provost Howard will provide an early report of Fall to Spring student retention.
  
3. **Revisions to the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU (ARP) for period 02/17/17 through 11/14/17 and Addressing Status of Project for Web Based Policy System, General Counsel Liz Ellis, J.D.**  
 General Counsel Ellis commended the work of Associate General Counsel Warren, Melissa Chavira and Adam Cavotta in achieving a fully online web-based user friendly administrative policy system.
  
4. **Strategic Planning Committee Update, Associate Vice President Glen Haubold**  
 AVP Glen Haubold and Chief of Staff Melody Munson-McGee discussed potential investments recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee in the upcoming budget cycle, including an increase in compensation, an investment in research development and an increase in graduate student tuition waivers.
  
5. **Solar Lease Agreement, Chief Executive Officer Scott Eschenbrenner**  
**Mr. Eschenbrenner updated the Board on interest in solar development and potential next steps which could realize substantial revenue.**

I. **Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks**

1. **"Gun's Up" – Good News for NMSU!**

High marks were noted for enhanced recruiting across New Mexico. The exemplary work of Aggie great and recently deceased Julie Weber was recognized. Credit was given to the accomplishments of university advancement.

2. **Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings**

March 2018 Regular Meeting – TBD

J. **Adjournment, Chair Debra Hicks**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

Meeting Minutes Approved on January 30, 2017 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.



Debra P. Hicks  
 Board of Regents Chair



Jerean C. Hutchinson  
 Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer