



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 6, 2018 at 9:00am**

Regents Room of the Educational Services Building, 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, Chris Saucedo, 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., Associate General Counsel Lisa Warren, J.D.

MINUTES

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A. **Call to Order** – Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

1. **Introductions - Introduction of the Media**, *Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

AVP Bannister introduced members of the media.

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

A quorum of regents was confirmed (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo). Regent Vela was absent.

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

Regent Mitchell moved approval of the agenda with celebrations moved to the beginning and items B.1. and B.2. being deferred. Motion seconded by Regent Saucedo and motion passed 4-0 (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo).

Athletics Director Moccia highlighted recent athletics accomplishments including women's cross country, women's basketball, and men's basketball.

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

There were no requests for public comment.

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

1. **Special Work Session Meeting of March 6, 2018 - DEFERRED**

2. **Regular Meeting of March 6, 2018 – DEFERRED**

3. **Confirmation of Prior Executive Session of March 28, 2018**

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

4. **Confirmation of Prior Executive Session of April 2-3, 2018**

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

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

Regent Hutchinson moved approval of the consent agenda, motion seconded by Regent Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo).

1. **Solar Lease Agreement with EDP-ibvogt LLC, Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (CDRRC), Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner**
2. **Gardiner Hall 229 Naming of Gale A. Harvey Physics Classroom, VP Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.**
3. **ECIII Foreman Complex Naming of Suite 300 – Learning Communities, VP Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.**
4. **Renovation of NMSU-Carlsbad Chemistry Lab Room 230, AVP Glen Haubold, Heather Watenpaugh**
5. **Honorary Posthumous Degree, Department Chair Christopher Brown, Ph.D.**

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

1. **Update on Advising, Holds, Freshman Experience, Meta Majors, Predictive Analytics and Freshman Experience Courses, Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D., Director Jennifer Hodges, Ph.D., AVP Tony Marin, Ph.D.**

Dr. Hodges provided a presentation and summarized centralized advising efforts including achievements and challenges. A number of questions arose regarding student success investments, holds, degree maps, and metrics used to evaluate the success of initiatives.

Dr. Marin provided a summary of UNIV150 freshman experience courses. Regent Hutchinson asked why there are not mandatory UNIV 150-type classes and how are we building in the branding (“I’m an Aggie”) into the curriculum. Provost Howard stated that changes will be coming to General Education at NMSU which is likely to include a first-year seminar, which will be required and taught by regular (college or tenure track) faculty. Regent Mitchell asked why \$50,000 allocated to First Year Experience was not spent in the past fiscal cycle and how the \$200,000 allocated overall was distributed among the various entities? Regents asked the Chief of Staff to put this matter on the Regents’ agenda for a later date.

2. **Chancellor Search Committee Update, Chair Debra Hicks**

Regent Mitchell described progress on the search process. The board has been briefed by the search committee on the process so far and expressed appreciation for the involvement of former University of Alabama Chancellor, Dr. Robert Witt. The next step has begun to bring the candidates to campus and planning is underway. Background checks are ongoing and announcements of candidates should come out by Monday. Opportunities for stakeholder groups to meet the candidates are being arranged for students, faculty, staff, and NMSU Foundation Board. Onsite interviews will start April 23rd and will end on April 4th or 5th.

Regent Mitchell noted an addendum to the Chancellor’s search contract. The Board of Regent entered into an agreement with November 13, 2018 with Wheless Partners to provide professional search and consultation services in the amount of \$89,000 for the selection of NMSU’s next chancellor, which included travel expenses not yet know at the time of contract negotiations. The board is requests to extend direct reimbursables related to travel and other direct expenditures not to exceed \$50,000. Regent Saucedo motioned to approve. Motion passed 3 – 0 (Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo).

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

1. Tuition and Fee Rates and Budget Guidelines for FY2018-2019, VP Andrew Burke, Ed.D.

Dr. Burke provided a summary of tuition and fee rates with comparisons to regional higher education institutions. Proposed tuition and fee rate increases of 2.9%/3.0% (per credit hour/full time rate) were detailed. The sources of new revenues and strategic investments (uses) were presented. Regent Mitchell noted that there were no differential tuition scenarios to consider in the proposal. Chair Hicks noted the billing system challenges related to differential tuition were disclosed to her, however not in time to make actionable decisions. Regent Mitchell emphasized the need to be ready to implement tuition change directives by encouraging transparency in the process of discussing the practical implementation of such changes. Dr. Burke indicated his willingness to move forward with differential tuition and work collaboratively with the board on such changes.

Chair Hicks left the meeting to attend funeral services and charged Regent Mitchell with convening the remainder of the meeting.

Regent Hutchinson asked if NMSU Foundation can offset the investment in scholarships using general scholarship funds donated to the university. Vice President Byford indicated that no such unrestricted funds exist for scholarships.

Regent Mitchell asked what the standards will be for merit compensation increases. Provost Howard indicated that the employee evaluation score would be used as the basis for merit increases.

Employee Council Chair Dunivan read a statement from Employee Council requesting a flat 2% increase for all employee classifications.

Regent Mitchell moved to approve the 3.5% tuition and fee increase and that any excess funds from budget reallocation (item 7) should be moved the strategic investment funder for the new chancellor (line 21) with investment in scholarships (line 22) being approved as stated and awarded on July 1, 2018 with Faculty and Exempt Compensation (lines 10 and 11 respectively) being approved as presented with a differed implementation no later than September 1, 2018 providing time for the new Chancellor to evaluate the merit-based compensation approach and Non-Exempt Compensation approved as stated (line 12) effective July 1, 2018. Second by Regent Saucedo. Regent Saucedo indicated that he prefers less of a tuition increase all at once and rather spread out increases over an extended period of time. Motion passed 3 – 0 (Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo)

Dr. Burke presented the proposed tuition increase and strategic investments for the community colleges.

Regent Mitchell moved to approve the Community College tuition increases as presented. Second by Regent Saucedo. Motion passed 3 – 0 (Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo)

2. Parking Rates for FY2018-2019, VP Andrew Burke, Ed.D.

Dr. Burke presented a parking rate comparison that showed parking rates at NMSU are lower than or comparable to regional peers. Staff are proposing a flat \$7.50/permit increase for all permit types with an increase in revenue of \$105,300.

Regent Mitchell indicated the Regents Financial Strategies, Performance, and Budget Committee approved this plan earlier. Regent Mitchell moved to approve the Parking Fee rate increase as presented. Second by Regent Saucedo. Motion passed 3 – 0 (Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo)

3. Professional Masters in Computational Data Analytics (PMCD A), Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.

Dean Reyes spoke in support of the new Masters degree and provided a report to the regents. Regent Saucedo asked if a similar program at UNM is available online and Dean Reyes will follow-up with a response. Regent Hutchinson moved to table the item until information can be provided regarding the fully online option for this degree program at NMSU, including updated competitive analysis. Second by Regent Saucedo. Motion passed 3 – 0 (Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo).

F. Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks

1. “Gun’s Up” – Good News for NMSU!

Regent Hutchinson thanked the faculty and staff for their efforts to make this a great university.

Regent Saucedo recognized Army and Air Force ROTC programs for their service and the NMSU Roundup for highlighting this important work.

Provost Howard thanked those involved in statewide General Education reform and is looking forward to how these changes will affect NMSU.

ASNMSU President Prieto invited everyone to the April 14th (Big Event) where students give back to their local community by doing various community service projects.

Regent Mitchell thanked the search committee for their efforts in working through the search process.

2. Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings

Regular Meeting - Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 9:00am

G. Adjournment, Chair Debra Hicks

Regent Mitchell motioned to adjourn and Regent Saucedo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM.

Meeting Minutes Approved on September 5, 2018 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.



Debra P. Hicks
Board of Regents Chair



Jerean C. Hutchinson
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer