



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING – WORK SESSION

**NMSU Board of Regents Working Lunch: NMSU Engineering: Cutting-Edge Initiatives in Research and Education
December 5, 2019 at 12:00pm**

Room 178, Jett Hall, NMSU Las Cruces
1040 S. Horseshoe Street, Las Cruces, NM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Regents of New Mexico State University

Chair Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Vice Chair Ammu Devasthali, Secretary/Treasurer Luke Sanchez, Debra Hicks

University Officials - Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu, Ph.D., President John D. Floros, Ph.D., Provost Carol Parker, J.D., Vice Chancellor and Chief Strategic Financial Officer Ruth A. Johnston, Ph.D., General Counsel Roy Collins III, J.D., Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School Luis Cifuentes, Ph.D.

Recognized Guests – Senator May Kay Papen, Representative Melanie Stansbury, Representative Derrick Lente

MINUTES

This is a working lunch and includes tours of various College of Engineering facilities. No votes or official actions were taken by the Board of Regents at this work session.

1. **Welcome** –Regent Debra Hicks and Chancellor Dan Arvizu

Regent Hicks introduced guests and members of the administration and provided a background about her own experience as a graduate of NMSU from the Engineering program and highlighted recent distinction of the College of Engineering as being ranked 12th among Best Value Engineering Schools.

2. **Introductions** – Dean Lakshmi Reddi

Dean Reddi introduced the College of Engineering department heads and faculty in attendance and provided an overview of the remarks and tours that will be given later in the afternoon.

3. **Overview of College Initiatives** – Dean Lakshmi Reddi

Dean Reddi discussed the various types of programs that College of Engineering supports, including academic programs, research, outreach, and programs that support student success.

4. **Water Research** – Professor Pei Xu

Professor Xu discussed research on water desalinization and the grants that NMSU has received to work on cost effective and energy-efficient desalinization technologies. Professor Xu also discussed NMSU's role in the New Mexico Produced Water Research Consortium.

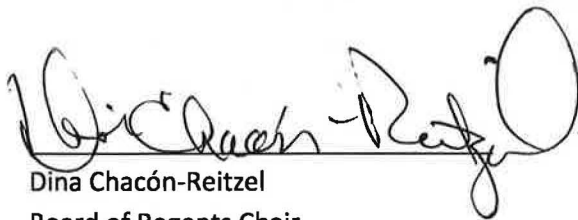
5. **Overview of Student Initiatives** – Associate Dean of Academics Antonio Garcia

Associate Dean Garcia provided an overview of student initiatives offered through the College of Engineering.

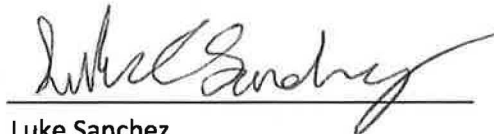
6. **Tours of Klipsch Museum, Aggie Innovation Space, and Eloy Torrez Family Engineering Learning Communities** – Electrical and Computer Engineering Assistant Professor Steven Sandoval, Assistant Dean of Student Success Gabe Garcia, Dean Lakshmi Reddi, Sarah Blaeser, Mikaela Hicks, and Sarah Fox

During the tours the participants divided up into groups and a quorum was no longer present. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Meeting Minutes Approved on January 24, 2020 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents



Dina Chacón-Reitzel
Board of Regents Chair



Luke Sanchez
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer