



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
June 28, 2024 at 1:30 PM**

Doña Ana Community College, East Mesa Campus
DAEM Building, Room 205/207 (Board Room)
2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88011
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Regents of New Mexico State University

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University Officials - Interim President Mónica Torres, Ph.D., Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi, Ph.D., General Counsel Lisa Henderson, J.D.

Minutes

A. Call to Order, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

Chairwoman Devasthali called the June 28, 2024, Regular Meeting of the NMSU Board of Regents to order at 1:30 p.m.

She then asked everyone to rise as she invited Andrew Melendez to lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance, after which she asked *everyone* to be seated.

1. Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials, Associate Vice President Justin Bannister

Associate VP of University communication and Marketing Services Justin Banister stated that there was not anyone to introduce.

2. Introductions

a) Interim NMSU System Chancellor Andy Burke, Interim President Mónica Torres

Interim President Mónica Torres proceeds to introduce Interim NMSU System Chancellor Andy Burke, "It is my pleasure to introduce, or reintroduce to many of you. Doctor Andy Burke.

On May 16th, NMSU named retired Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Andy Burke as Interim Chancellor of the NMSU Systems, Community Colleges, the colleges in Dona Ana, Alamogordo, and Grants.

Andy was raised in Las Cruces and graduated from Las Cruces High School. He attended New Mexico State University, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration with honors, while majoring in finance and managerial accounting, a Master of Accountancy degree, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration.

Over a distinguished thirty-year career, Andy has held many leadership roles within the NMSU system, including as DACCs chief Financial Officer and as DACCs Interim Chief Executive Officer, on now three occasions, and as NMSUs Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance from 2017 to 2021.

Andy has served on many institutional committees, including those involving strategic planning facilities, planning and institutional accreditation.

He has served on the boards of several community organizations, including the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and the Bridge of Southern New Mexico, as well as on a variety of statewide task force, including several related to the higher education funding formula.

Andy currently serves on the board of the New Mexico Finance Authority. It really is my pleasure to introduce Andy, and to have him in this role. Thank you.”

Interim NMSU System Chancellor Andy Burke, “Thank you Chairwoman Devasthali, members of the board. Thank you for that introduction and welcome to Doña Ana Community College’s East Mesa Campus. I am happy to be back here and very happy to have you here today. I believe that’s it, Monica said enough already, thank you.”

3. Confirmation of Quorum, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

The Chief of staff Adam Cavotta, took roll and asked that they state “present” to confirm the Quorum.

Regent Romero stated present.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel stated present.

Regent Moseley stated present.

Regent Saucedo stated present.

Regent Devasthali stated present.

Five members present, there is a Quorum.

Chief of Staff Adam Cavotta continued with the NMSU advisory members, calling on them to state “present.”

B. Approval of the Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

Chairwoman Devasthali stated that she would like to amend the order of presentations to move the Foundation Report, item F-1, after the University Art Museum Strategic Plan presentation, which is item D-1.

She entertained a motion on the agenda as amended.

Regent Saucedo made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Regent Moseley seconded the motion.

All those in favor, say aye. None opposed.

The motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

C. Approval of Minutes and Confirmation of Prior Closed Session

1. Special Meeting on April 29, 2024

Regent Moseley made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on April 29, 2024.

Regent Saucedo seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on April 29, 2024.

2. Special Meeting on May 9, 2024

Regent Moseley made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on May 9, 2024.

Regent Saucedo seconded the motion.

All were in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on May 9, 2024.

3. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session June 28, 2024

Chief of Staff Adam Cavotta proceeded to confirm the Prior Closed Executive Session by stating that the New Mexico State University Board of Regents held a closed meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. today, Friday, June 28, 2024. The meeting was called to discuss pending litigation and limited personnel matters in accordance with the NMSA Section 10-15-1 subsection H.2 of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. He then asked those board members who are present to please certify that only matters of that nature were discussed when called on.

Regent Romero – yes

Regent Chacón-Reitzel – yes

Regent Moseley – yes

Regent Saucedo – yes

Regent Devasthali – yes

With the confirmation, the prior session was confirmed.

D. Informational Items, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

1. University Art Museum Strategic Plan, University Art Museum Director Marisa Sage

University Art Museum Director Marisa Sage began her presentation to the board. She introduced the strategic plan for the NMSU Art Museum. She states that the plan was supported by funds from the Mellon Foundation and the Tomah Foundation grants that they received, and Gail Anderson was chosen, she was recommended by multiple people but specifically from the Department of Cultural Affairs where she has done some trailblazing work with museums in Santa Fe, as well as museums across the United States and non-profit museums.

She goes on to state that The University Art Museum six-month planning process started off by analyzing what is and has been the dual mission in the University Art Museum to serve as a research opportunity for the on and off campus community as well as outreach for our off and on campus community. The vital role of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County in our institution. So, their new mission that they came up with was "The New Mexico State University Art Museum intersects art, research, and community engagement to reimagine the power of our place, our new vision, the University Art Museum envisions a world where art, artists, and creative expression are integral to a holistic understanding of our equitable society. "

The University Art Museum prides itself on being the sole contemporary art museum in Southern New Mexico, showcasing a collection of over 4,200 objects, including the largest collection of Mexican retablos in the U.S. Annually, we attract over 8,000 visitors through 40-plus free events, emphasizing underrepresented artists and hosting renowned international figures in the arts.

She continues with Goal 1: To Expand University and Community Engagement. She explains how central to this plan is the enhancement of participation across NMSU in the distinctive art experiences provided by the UAM. Within this goal, the underpinning of the objective to the dedication of the museums staff to advancing diversity, equity, accessibility, inclusion, and a collaboration with NMSU Leads 2025 goal. Goal one led to and was aligned with enhancing student success and social mobility and amplifying extension. For instance, expanding student opportunities, promoting studio student professional development through training workforce and museum standard practices. Increase programming with multigeneration specifically thinking about leads 2025.

She moves on to Goal 2: Strengthen Financial Viability. Stating that despite having a small staff, the UAM consistently produces noteworthy exhibitions and programming at about 10 to 12 per year, has garnered national recognitions for their informed risk-taking and innovation. And that currently the budget relies on a modest allocation from NMSU and the director's proactive fundraising efforts.

She gives examples of some objectives and how they align with the Build a Robust University System: Tell a better UAM story to the NMSU and beyond. Share reports with NMSU leaders, highlighting collections, use research efforts and awards, fundraising successes, fulfillment of leads, foals, national news, successful collaborations across units, build on fundraising strategies, create development and grants plan with the NMSU Foundation and NMSU office of RCED. Build new revenue streams which they have already started to tackle. She states that there is a traveling exhibition that first went to the University of Chicago, Illinois and is now at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at their Marjorie Barack Museum of Art and they did charge traveling fees for that exhibition.

She goes on to mention that as a teaching museum, the UAM offers valuable educational opportunities, including internships and graduate assistant positions, benefiting 8 to 20 students annually. their impact extends to supporting New Mexico's creative economy and fostering upward social mobility by training future museum professionals.

She goes on to Goal 3: Enhancing Operational Infrastructure. This goal focuses on shoring up several key aspects of operations to ensure an adherence to national museum standards of operation. Objectives in this plan align again with the Build a Robust University System, long-term sustainability and staffing models.

She states that this research was extensive and in the reports that they received, they learned that the typical Academic Art Museum receives 55% of the operating budget from their academic institution. She stated that they receive less than 20%. Only 3% of academic museums report to department heads, NMSU art museum currently reports to the department of Art head generally split between Provost, Deans or various positions within upper administration.

She states that the medium staffing levels are five full-time, hard funded positions. Especially within teaching institutions such as NMSU and the UAM currently has three.

The final goal she presents on is Goal 4: Advance Collection Stewardship plus Research. She states that this emphasizes the various behind the scenes operations including the digitization of their NMSU permanent art collection. Work with other NMSU museums and collections on storage issues and sharing staff positions. They are thinking of ways to creatively not just ask for new staff but on how they could potentially share staff positions within the various museums and collections on campus. She ended the presentation and invited them to their fall exhibition opening and opened it up for questions from the board.

Regent Moseley did have a question on the main revenue streams and if they are from the university and private donors or do they generate revenue in other ways?

University Art Museum Director Marisa Sage responds by reiterating that academic museums receive 55% of their operating budget from the university itself that comes from various places.

Chairwoman Devasthali had a question as well about the 20% UAM receives from the university and what it translates to in action dollars.

University Art Museum Director Marisa Sage explains that their operating budget is \$24,100, which she states will only cover one shipment of one exhibition. She continues to explain that the operating budget has not increased very much over the years but with Dean Pontelli and as part of the Mellon Foundation funds and the Toma Foundation, if they plan to continue granting, the University will need to step up.

Discussion continues about the parking, delivery area and HVAC issues. Questions were raised if it is possible to work with the parking department to accommodate visitors to the museum since are only 4 parking spaces and how the museum staff are printing out passes and that the parking department did work with them graciously. She ends her presentation by stating that any support is greatly appreciated.

2. NMSU Foundation Report, NMSU Foundation CEO Dr. Sylvia Acosta

NMSU Foundation CEO Dr. Sylvia Acosta begins her presentation by giving a foundation update on where they are. This year, they have raised \$28.4 million compared to \$25.6 million last year. She called special attention to cash versus deferred contributions. The foundation had been very focused on raising deferred money, which, while beneficial, doesn't immediately impact their return on investment (ROI).

For pending proposals and dollars this year, they have implemented metrics for the Development Officers. Additionally, they started an Alumni Relations Division and an Annual Fund Division, which had been previously closed. They currently have \$38 million in spending proposals compared to \$4.9 million last year. Of last year's amount, \$3.1 million were deferred gifts, meaning they were only looking at \$1.1 million in cash. Now, their ROI is much larger. They are very focused on ensuring their work in meeting with donors, identifying individuals, and engaging alumni is effective.

She goes on to state that the number of donors has also increased. After a significant decline over a three-year period, they are working their way back up. Their visits and qualification visits have also increased. They are dedicated to increasing the funds for the university and their partners.

One of the initiatives she wanted to highlight is the 1888 Minute of Giving. This year, on the anniversary of the founding of New Mexico State University, they raised \$215,000. This was their second attempt, and it was

incredibly successful. Most universities participate in Giving Tuesday plus another event, but they had not done that before. They introduced this initiative, and it was a great success.

She goes on to inform the board that donors who gave under \$2,500 were not formally thanked. They have reinstated a thank-you process. Now, any donor giving during the month receives a personalized thank-you video. This initiative is starting to increase the number of repeat donors.

They are also launching alumni networks across the United States. On July 25th in Las Cruces, they are unveiling the Jumbotron and plan to have the kickoff for the Las Cruces chapter on August 17th with a family-friendly event, including a movie screening on the football field. She believes that alumni relations should include family events, not just bar gatherings.

Additionally, they have the DC Chili Roast on August 16th, and are relaunching the Albuquerque alumni chapter at the Balloon Fiesta. The Yates family, who own a winery on the grounds, have agreed to host them. They are reconnecting with alumni who have been disconnected.

Also, they have launched the Cornerstone Endowment program. Previously, faculty and staff were required to give \$25,000 to be recognized, which was a significant financial burden. After discussions, they lowered the amount to \$10,000, making it more affordable and generating enthusiasm and excitement among faculty and staff. This equates to \$90 per paycheck.

Finally, they recently hired Patrick Stewart, who starts on July 29th. He has a background in fundraising and experience in raising significant funds at universities. She states that he is excited about Las Cruces and will help elevate the university. Their mission is to support the university and are committed to ensuring the continued growth of these dollars. She opened for questions.

Chairwoman Devasthali asked about the metrics that have been implemented and Dr. Acosta gave a bit more insight on how that is working and what is required of her staff. Dr. Acosta lets the board know that she does visit the Dean once a month to keep them informed on their DO's and if they are on target as well as if they have any fundraising needs. She also stated that they will not only be instituting more metrics on how many proposals, how many qualifications visits, which are different from regular visits. Dr. Acosta gives a bit more detail about their metrics before going on to other topics such as watch parties and bringing them back to campus rather than the hotels, they started them off in. She mentions that alums would like to walk around campus. She states that this year they are going to have their event on the Horseshoe as well as every single event for homecoming from the foundation will be on campus. The regents thanked her for her report and moved on to the next presentation.

3. Facilities Condition Assessment, Gili Lipman (Gordian)

Chairwoman Devasthali asked Associate VP for Facilities and Services Raghu Raghavan to introduce the presenter joining online to present the Facilities Condition Assessment provided by Gordian. He begins by stating that this is the first ever comprehensive FCA done at NMSU. He states that for this phase of the FCA they only looked at I&G building on the Las Cruces campus but that over time the plan is to cover the entire campus. This data will be the baseline to assess improvements made to the facilities and will be the foundation of their capital planning. He then hands it over to the presenter Nate Freeman and Gili Lipman, they will both go through the data that was collected. Nate Freeman provided some historical context to help understand the types of needs that exist on campus and Gili Lipman walked through the summary of the needs that they identified.

Nate Freeman discussed how to prioritize projects using project scoring and some funding scenarios for some future context on dollars and the condition of space. He lets the board know that the assessment started in January of 2024 with many meetings with facilities before presenting their finding to the board. He then proceeds

to present the findings and conditions of the I&G building where 60% of the space is over 50 yrs. old, which carries the most risk. He does state that a lot of that work had actually happened more than 25 yrs. ago. Looking at the current footprint of space, 70% are over 25 yrs. old. Space that is over 25 yrs. old is at higher risk for major mechanical and structural needs. He proceeds to give the rest of the results of the assessment and the graphing of his presentation and findings regarding needs and funding and then he asks Gili Lipman to continue with the presentation regarding the specific types of needs that makeup the deferred maintenance and the tools to help drive strategic investments to drive down the need.

Gili Lipman states that the 10 yr. need is showing a \$364.23 million for the I&G portfolio with a high percentage of backlog need. He emphasized the need to work towards installing new capitol replacements. He goes on to state that the projects are priced out in today's dollars and to be aware of that. He continues with his presentation mentioning systems, buildings, plumbing, H-vac, electrical and cost. He goes over the top 20 buildings and their total dollar need. Gerald Thomas and Chemistry are two of the top three buildings in need. He goes on to explain the dollar per sq. foot and how it will continue to rise until life cycles are updated. He continues on with his presentation explaining the different factors to build a portfolio. The condition index looking at the deficiencies in a building is an example of what is looked at to build a portfolio. He continues on with maintenance and the importance of preventative maintenance rather than reactive maintenance. A lot of the I&G buildings are critical, and they have seen that there are cost savings in doing a renovation rather than waiting and costs increasing. He states that as building portfolios are assigned, they will rank each project by a score determined by FCI, Timeframe and Investment Criteria multiplied together for the reno or repair, anything 60-100 will be high risk scores. He proceeds with his presentation with funding scenarios, backlog in 10yrs. His final slide was about the high priority approach of \$212 million and if invested over 10yrs at \$21.2 million annually the backlog will decrease by 43% but reminds the board, that still leaves a 57% backlog. He reiterated that focusing on the existing buildings rather than investing in new ones would be the best approach as well as prioritizing the areas that are causing problems and focusing on the mission critical buildings. They open the floor for questions.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel had a comment regarding keeping this a priority regardless of what leadership is in charge in the future. She believes that discussions need to be had in order to keep this a major focus for the university.

Regent Romero had a few comments as well regarding the usefulness of this presentation and how this helped with how things should be prioritized as well as bringing to light the backlog and needs of the university structurally so the university can start working on the most critical and work down the line. But also working on the preventative maintenance as well. She goes on to mention that this is a tool that has been used by the public-School capital outlay and it shows that it works by how the schools have improved. Unfortunately, NMSU does not get the funding stream that the public schools get, so as an institution, they need to be better at capital planning and prioritizing based on the critical needs rather than the shiny new objects. She then emphasizes that they will need to make sure that facilities id funded sufficiently to do the preventative maintenance.

Associate VP for Facilities and Services Raghu Raghavan thanked the regents for their support and comments on the matter and then continues to state that 975 of their effort is directed toward reactive maintenance. That just 3% is going toward preventative maintenance so they feel like they are always scrambling to plug the hole. He then thanks Regent Romero again for her comments.

Chairwoman Devasthali commented that it is overwhelming to wrap their arms around the problem, but they have to start tackling it like they have decided to do by taking a little chunk at a time. Regarding preventative maintenance, they are so far behind and need to make it a priority and look at a different funding model for F&S from 60/40 to maybe 80/20. It is something they are looking into. She states that as a campus we do need to grow but have to make sure that they are maintaining what already exists because they cannot build a robust university on a crumbling infrastructure.

Regent Romero asked to add something to the conversation. She states that funders like to see this type of tool used, from the executive side to the legislators, to know that we have gone through the planning process and have the metrics to go by to assign priorities, and when they see this tool being utilized, they are more willing to support.

Regent Moseley posed a question to Associate VP for Facilities and Services Raghu Raghavan, asking, "How does this change the way we look at our master plan? Do you think it needs to be completely revisited and reorganized? Or how do you think the best way to approach?"

Associate VP for Facilities and Services Raghu Raghavan stated that he would be happy to respond but feels that it is more of a question for the President in terms of campus master planning. He states that they need to have a comprehensive holistic approach to master planning. What program are our valuable programs and then the facilities index and marry the two which will help to prioritize which buildings to place on the list and which ones can come on the list later.

Chairwoman Devasthali thanks everyone for the presentation and moves on to the next.

4. Summary of Revisions to the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU (ARP) for the period January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024, University Policy Administrator Ermelinda Quintela

University Policy Administrator Ermelinda Quintela begins her presentation by stating that she will be giving the board a summary of the revisions made to the policies for January through June 2024. There were four approved revisions to the previous policies in the Administrative Rules and Procedures Manual (ARP) which are the operational policies for the university. She states that the information is submitted pursuant to ARP 1.10 and includes a summary of the approved policy actions.

The first revision she mentions is the approved revision to ARP 380, which was previously titled Prohibition of Bullying, Hazing, and Hostile Misconduct, non-discriminatory. Which is now titled, Hazing, Bullying, Harassment, and Other Hostile Misconduct. She states that it enhances the language for effective communication of prohibited conduct or behavior of hazing, bullying, harassment, and other hostile misconduct on or off campus, online or remote and the language also clarifies the duty to report in good faith, violations of the policy or any related laws. She goes on to state that the policy reinforces the prohibition of retaliation against individuals for reporting or retaliation against individuals, for participation in any administrative processes related to the enforcement of the policy or related laws. Based on the type of occurrence, the policy informs individuals of the reporting requirements, reporting options, contact information, and method in which to submit a report of complaint for violation or incident.

The next approved revision she mentions is to ARP 16.0.6, which was previously titled, Regulation of Firearms and NMSU Premises, which was changed to, Firearms and Other Weapons. The language was strengthened and expanded the policy to include ammunition, explosives, and other weapons. The revision also clarifies the State, Federal, and university prohibition to carry or store firearms and other weapons, and the applicability of the policy while on university premises, in a university vehicle, while representing the university at any location, and when traveling to or from events. It also provides for a process to request an exemption within specific categories; and if such an authorization is granted, the limitations of that exemption. The policy reinforces responsibility for maintaining safety, documenting activity, and ongoing training requirements, and how to report violations and the potential sanctions for violations.

The third approved revision is to ARP 1.15, which was previously titled NMSU Official Email Address, which is now titled, Electronic Mail. These were audit recommendations for establishing an effective framework to improve security, usability, and technology integration. The policy emphasizes NMSU email as the official email address and the official means of communication of university business for students, faculty, staff affiliates, or any authorized individual or group. It establishes required standards aligned with industry to mitigate risk and informs the university community of its user responsibilities, including the transmission of regulated and controlled data and also the prohibited use of NMSU email. The policy establishes post-employment email access termination criteria and the method to request an extension of email services under certain exceptions. It also addresses approval requirements for affiliate and third-party email service access requests.

The fourth and final approved revision to ARP 16.75, is the Unoccupied Aircraft Systems, or as most call them, drones. She stated that this portion of the ARP was actually under an interim status and has been brought through the process for formal adoption. She proceeds with the policy approval stating that this policy informs the university community, including affiliates and third parties of regulatory and university requirements for submitting a request to fly a drone on or above university premises and in support of the university's mission. It identifies the responsibilities when they are authorized to apply, and potential noncompliance implications. The policy provides the circumstances under which an authorization request may occur, the restrictions when authorized, and any prohibited rights. It also adds international as a request consideration and the required approval. It also allows for the submission of an exemption request and exemption considerations. It also identifies NMSU Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management as a main point of contact and in most circumstances the approving authority for flight operations. This policy also includes reporting, registration, insurance, and disposition requirements. This ended her presentation and opened up to questions.

E. Regent Committee Reports

1. Real Estate Committee Report, *Regent Dina Chacón-Reitzel*

Regent Dina Chacón-Reitzel began her report by stating that the Real Estate Committee met three times since the last Board of Regents meeting. The committee met on April 19th and heard several capital requests that were heard and approved by the full Board of Regents during the April 29th Special Meeting. They also discussed and approved the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum lease amendment, also approved by the Board on April 29th. Also, during the April 19th meeting, the committee voted to form a subcommittee, charged with developing a set of guiding principles for the real estate office and API.

The committee met again on June 18th where they heard and approved proposals for the full boards consideration, an easement with El Paso Electric at Arrowhead Park which was included in the consent agenda as

Item I.5 as well as the hanger lease at the Las Cruces airport for the Physical Science Lab that is Item 6 on the consent agenda. She goes on to mention that they heard from Dr. Jay Lillywhite about the ongoing efforts at the Reforestation Center in Mora, NM, and the third meeting occurred June 18th where the committee heard a presentation from Wayne Savage on the Soundstage project at Arrowhead Park.

Regent Dina Chacón-Reitzel ended her report and stood for questions. There were none and they moved on to the next report.

2. Audit and Risk Committee Report, *Regent Ammu Devasthali*

Regent Ammu Devasthali provided the report for the Audit and Risk Committee. She reported that the Regents Audit and Risk Committee met once on May 31. It was their external audit exit conference and Moss Adams provided information about the process for the audit. They also heard an IT update regarding Information Security along with discussions with the interim Chief Audit Executive John Frye regarding upcoming and completed audits conducted by Audit Services.

Regent Ammu Devasthali ended her report and stood for questions. There were none and they moved on to the next report.

3. Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report, *Regent Deborah Romero*

Regent Deborah Romero provided the report for the Financial Strategies, Performance, and Budget Committee.

She reported that the committee met three times since the last Board of Regents Meeting. The committee met on April 22nd, and they heard the university budget proposal which was approved by the full Board of Regents on April 29th as well as the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget adjustment request to NM Higher Education Department. The New Mexico Higher Education Department Quarterly Financial Certification report was also approved, which was then delegated to the chair of the Regents Financial Strategies Performance and Budget Committee for approval as a result of the board's decision to delegate this authority on March 11th. The committee also heard several capital project requests that were approved by the full Board of Regents during the April 29th special meeting. Several informational items were presented, including insurance premium contribution changes, property disposition, and deletion, and the preliminary five-year capital outlay plan.

The committee met again on June 17th and heard the course fee request for the Agricultural Communications program that was listed in the action items for this meeting under Item J.3. An informational item about the quarterly investment report was also provided to the committee. The committee also heard the proposal for the first time related to the Sound Stage Project but asked for more details and reconvened on the matter on June 26th where they voted to have this matter considered by the full Board of Regents at this June 28th regular meeting. The Sound Stage Project was the only agenda item on June 26th and submitted as an action item for this meeting, Regent Romero stated she would reserve her comments until it has been presented to the board.

Regent Romero ended her report and stood for questions. There were none and they moved on to the next report.

4. Student Success Committee Report, Regent Christopher Saucedo

Regent Christopher Saucedo provided the report for the Regents Student Success Committee.

He reported that the committee had not met since the last report, but that they did have an email vote for the consideration of the Ph.D. in Human Dimensions of Agriculture that the full board heard and approved of on May 29th. He stated that as they move forward, he looks forward to working with the President and Provost to address many topics of interest to the regents, including an update on student housing needs, advising international recruitment, experiential learning, and institutional analysis.

Regent Saucedo ended his report and stood for questions. There were none and they moved on to the next report.

F. Affiliated Entity Reports

1. Arrowhead Center Inc. Report, Director & CEO Kathryn Hansen

Director & CEO Kathryn Hansen provided her report to the board beginning with the highlights for Arrowhead Center. She states that they are doing well on their performance metrics for fiscal year 24. They have met or exceeded 80% of the twenty-two metrics. She states that they will put together a full report after they gather all the data from their clients and anticipate the report will be out in the October timeframe. Filmstreet and the Creative Media Technology building for Doña Ana Community College have been completed. She also states that they are focused on finding funding for needed infrastructure, water, wastewater, and roads in the park, and for immediate needs, they have estimated approximately 6.2 million dollars needed to open up some development projects. They are looking everywhere for that funding and are hoping to secure some. She goes on to state that they have been working on the development of a new office building in the park for Arrowhead and other tenants. We have a schematic-level design and a site plan, and we are entering into pre-leasing efforts before final design and construction. In parallel efforts, they are seeking a major donation to make the space affordable for Arrowhead Center to be able to enter into a ten-year lease.

Her report continues with her stating that four patents were issued thus far in 2024 and two commercial licenses were executed. The patents represent the work of faculty in the colleges of ACES, Engineering, and Arts and Sciences. She goes on to state that there are also currently three faculty startup companies that they are working with. They are also undertaking an important analysis of resources and gaps in the NMSU commercialization environment, to see how they can address those gaps. They are looking at other universities with similar research revenue per year and they are about to close with a person who is external to the university but is one of their entrepreneurs and residents who has worked with Arizona State quite a bit and has been a successful entrepreneur to lead this study. Faculty will be included as well as the Arrowhead Board and other partners on the outside. They wanted someone independent and not an NMSU employee to do the assessment. In working to enhance the regional entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem, the entrepreneur and resident Daniel Jones is an NMSU College of Business alum and lives in the Phoenix area and has had several successful exits of companies and is an asset for them not only due to his private entrepreneurship but with his experience with the university in terms of its systems to assist in the IP and Commercialization area. She goes on to state that they were recognized as a New Mexico State Certified Incubator by the New Mexico Economic Development Department, and due to COVID, there were some issues in attracting tenants back to the space, but they have received some money from NMEDD to revitalize the facility, improve communications, and do a process of rebranding to get tenants back into Genesis Center C. She states that they have several new programs dedicated to accelerating and incubating technologies and businesses in a broad range of technology sectors, including energy, water, and agriculture. Most recently they became a co-host for Doña Ana County with the USDA Rural Partners Network and support them in various ways from hosting events to publishing USDA funding opportunities. She highlighted an upcoming construction innovation hackathon, a three-day weekend event to be held here in Las Cruces where participants

come up with an idea, form a team, build a prototype, and pitch to investors. Engineering students from NMSU and UTEP will be invited to attend. This is sponsored by the Hunt Center for Entrepreneurship. She also states that they have started the New Mexico University Center for Regional Commercialization, which will provide entrepreneurial education and certification programs as well as internship opportunities across several universities in our state. They have a strong partnership with the College of Business through the Center for Border Economic Development, and they jointly perform a variant of economic impact analysis and feasibility studies. In closing, she announced that she will be leaving NMSU and Arrowhead on Sept. 30 and thanked everyone for their leadership and a great team. She ended her presentation and stood for questions. There were no questions just thank you's and congratulations on her retirement.

2. Aggie Development Inc. Report, CEO Scott Eschenbrenner

CEO of Aggie Development Inc. Scott Eschenbrenner provided his report to the board. He begins by stating that it will be a short report and provides some updates on some projects they are involved in with Aggie Development. The first one is the new Maverick station, they opened on May 7th and are very pleased with the initial response from the city. He also reports that they have finished the work on the 15th hole relocation but are not in a hurry to open it up for play and will make it available for fall. He goes on to report that the majority of the interest right now is centering around what is called Crimson Corner, the area next to the Pan Am Plaza shopping center. Starbucks building is complete and now Starbucks corporate needs to come and do their tenant finish out and do all the build-out on the inside. He states that he believes NMSU will start seeing revenue flowing into Aggie development on August 1. Another project they have been working on is the EV charging stations, they have been working with the developer out of Santa Fe and they have agreed to lease them a small footprint, about 3,000 square feet, big enough for about four charging stations. He states the reason why it has not been completed yet is that the project includes federal funding for projects like this within a 1-mile radius of any interstate, and this project ticks off that box the developers have asked for an extension, and in turn, they will be paying rent to NMSU. He states that he needs to visit with the board regarding the rent since it may go down a little from the \$750.00. But if they participate with him in some of the Federal Funds, they will be able to expand and increase the revenue and he believes it could be lucrative for them as well and not to worry about not seeing any progress as they are working in the background. He also reported that he has his first initial meeting with the architect and planner to work on the remaining six acres of land to come up with some different design ideas and different scenarios to think about and what that could look like holistically. They are looking at how can integrate some student housing if there is a need, and if there are any office needs there as well, but the main focus will be on the students. They will have some initial plans and will be their ADI board community members to look over the plans.

He goes on to state that they had interest from some brokers and he has sent out three broker packages on the parcel. The main interest in the parcel between the Starbucks and the Sleep Inn, is from restaurant-type activity. They are hoping this will be the right direction. Lastly, he gives an update on the partnership with Total Management Systems, the group that has the Courtyard by Marriot. He mentions some of the highlights that were sent to him as well as a video that he shared with the board. He mentions that they announced that Joselia Ramos was the recipient of Marriott's elite President's Award for sales excellence. Joselia was selected based on their leadership skills, outstanding revenue results, and superior customer service. This employee was part of the NMSU HRTM Program. The Marriott goes on to say about Joselia that she also plays an active role in all their community involvement activities as well. She began her career with Marriott in 2014 while attending the HRTM program at NMSU. They go on to play the video and he ends his report and stood for questions.

Regent Romero asked if reports were received from Ag Development on the revenue and the contracts that they

manage. Do they have an idea of the number of contracts that we have, the amount of revenue that is projected to come in, and the actual amount of revenue that has been collected?

Regent Chacón-Reitzel stated that she had not received any initially but started looking further into it and feels that the contract is too lax on the reporting part and deferred to Aggie Development Inc. CEO Scott Eschenbrenner for more information.

CEO Scott Eschenbrenner responded to Regent Romero about the revenues that had primarily flowed into Aggie Development had been from the hotel and had been very successful. They had developed a base rent of \$80,000 per year for the last 2 to 3 years. That rent has been close to double that of the percentage rent that they are getting because of their success. In November they started receiving revenue from the partners with Maverick, and that revenue on an annual basis would be close to \$140,000 per year. So, with those two, they are close to \$300,000. Starbucks will start in April and will be close to \$45,000 and the EV stations will be about \$20,00 per year. So, our revenue will be around \$375,000 per year on the lease revenue streams.

Regent Romero states that they should be asking for a regular report on the revenues that are coming in. A list of all the contracts that they have in place, the amounts of total projected revenues, and then what is collected. Another thing is are there any other programs that have paid student interns like the Courtyard, which benefit the students?

Regent Chacón-Reitzel states that she does agree that the reporting could be much better. She states that there is an advisory committee that meets and reports from that committee regularly that is shared with the board so that they have a better idea of the obligations that have been met in the agreement with the university.

Chairwoman Devasthali adds that she has visited with the General Counsel to review all the land leases and see if they are getting the payment that they are supposed to be getting and the General Counsel is going to look into that. There is an issue with the Marriot lease since there is supposed to be additional revenue coming from them other than the land lease itself. So, they have handed it over to the Interim Chief audit Officer who is looking into why they are not getting that information.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel added that going forward ADI is growing, and it is a nice problem to have when more projects are being added on. But there has to be a good system for monitoring all of it.

General Counsel Lisa Henderson asked if there was a program on campus that allows for student CPAs to assist them. They could get some practical experience and it could be very helpful.

Chairwoman Devasthali asked the president if she could look into getting CPA students, asked if there were any more questions and seeing none moved on to the next report.

G. **Advisory Member Reports**

1. **Associated Students of NMSU Report, *President Ala Alhalholy***

ASNMSU President Ala Alhalholy begins her report by stating this is her first in person Board of Regents meeting and is excited to in attendance. She states that she has a very brief update to share. She goes on to state that they are currently in process of filling all the positions in the office, and goes on to state that unfortunately, the airport shuttle is currently out of service, but they are working towards securing a new shuttle service before the

academic year begins. Additionally, they are collaborating with ASU&M to host a drive for the residents of Ruidoso and will provide more details once everything is finalized and that concluded her report and she stood for questions.

Seeing that there were none, the board moved on to the next report.

2. NMSU Faculty Senate Report, Chair Vimal Chaitanya

Faculty Senate Chair Vimal Chaitanya began his report by apologizing for not being in person but has a brief report to provide. He begins by stating that Faculty Senate consists of 68 Senators from all across the campus and most are 9-month faculty. So, they do not have any senate meetings or senate leadership meetings during those months. He does state that the Senate Leadership has been meeting with the President and Provost even during the summer. He goes on to state that, him the Chair and the Vice Chair are meeting with the President and Provost every other week. He states that he believes this is important since the primary function of the Faculty Senate is to promote shared governance and the commitment to it and he hopes to be able to establish a highly collaborative and complementary relationship between the faculty and the administration for the good of NMSU. He goes on to state that him, Faculty Senate Chair and the Vice Chair were involved in many committee meetings, and he names a few beginnings with the president search committee, the policy steering committee, NMSU system budget committee, two pack faculty focus group and also master agreement with Sodexo. He states that they are very active and hope they will be able to share the responsibility along with the shared governance commitment. He does go on to state that the priority of the faculty is to work on the compensation issue and knows that the board worked hard to get the 3% however, the 3% does not come close to the inflation index, he goes on about the rise in health insurance in January and again in July and how this is a factor in hiring and keeping quality faculty and is a real concern. He ends his report and stands for questions.

Chairwoman Devasthali comments that the board is concerned with this issue as well as are looking into it and how they are trying to fund outside of state appropriations and they are having conversations on the subject. Not seeing any questions, the board moves on to the next report.

3. NMSU Employee Council Report, Chair Donna Johnson

Employee Council Chair Donna Johnson provides her report to the board. She starts her report off stating that many NMSU staff will be making significantly less than they did on July 1 of last year as of Monday. She goes on to state that employee council would like to provide an example of the impact on many NMSU employees that are close to the insurance tier thresholds. The combination of the 3% wage increases and the 20% increase in insurance premiums during the last six months. An NMSU employee reached out to the employee council regarding the current insurance tiers and the 10% increase in health insurance premiums and 3% wage increase which raised the employee's salary to \$44,048 which brought him into the 3rd tier by \$48.00. This will raise the premium rate from 30% to 40% and upon calculating, the employee will see approximately \$137.00 less in his gross earnings per paycheck which equates to \$1,644.00 less per year. Employees close to the threshold who will fall into the next tier from one to two or from two to three have seen a 30% increase in the last six months. This change is mandatory and for some employees with families who are seeing a \$767.00 a month premium, which is the least expensive, in a monthly premium payment. Many employees simply cannot afford this as it has a significant impact on their ability to pay bills and feed their families. During the experiential learning information session on June 5th, the change in the insurance tiers was discussed. Approval for this change cannot happen soon enough for many NMSU employees that will be potentially impacted by the recent 20% increase in insurance

premiums and the 3% wage increase which puts them into a higher tier. LCPS and Doña Ana Count are 80/20 for all employees and the City of Las Cruces is 82% vs 18% across the board. Albuquerque public schools has also switched to the 80/20 across the board and NMSU Employee Council would greatly appreciate it if NMSU leadership, would continue to advocate for the badly needed changes in the NMSU benefit premium tiers. She ended her report and stood for questions.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel commented on how all these increases happen after the budget has been submitted for several entities, not just NMSU. She mentioned a lawsuit against the state due to them raising premiums way after the budget was already done and submitted. She also comments that other companies have gone to other insurance companies for employees and maybe it is time for NMSU to look at that. She then asked Chief Budget Officer Dr. Kim Rumford to weigh in on the situation. Dr. Rumford states that the university is looking into other options for insurance in addition to what the state is offering. She goes on to state that the university did build into the budget with fringe rate which accounts for things paid for the employees, and they did account for the 10% because during the legislative session they got hints that the increase was going to happen. She states that the fringe rate went up significantly from 36% to 38.75% in anticipation of the increase. She goes on to state that they have been looking at the insurance tiers and presented some scenarios to the regent's finance committee. She states that they are still putting together the financial impact that it would have on each individual area on campus.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel had a follow-up question regarding the 80/20 split and how that would work on campus. Chief Budget Officer Dr. Kim Rumford responded by listing the different splits and that they had priced up to the 80/20 and the university would have to get there in steps since there is no way that the university could afford to take that bid of a leap all at once.

There is conversation that goes on back and forth between regents and Dr. Rumford regarding the state shortfalls and how it affected the university as well as the employees and the conversation had with the secretary for Higher Education and how they did not get any real answers or solutions.

Regent Romer asks if there is a way to do an assessment to find out what that impact has been for all employees. Who has been impacted the most? And see if there is enough budget within each of those divisions that can be used to offset some of those costs to help the employee. She asks Dr. Rumford if that is something that can be done.

Chief Budget Officer Dr. Kim Rumford stated that they have already gathered that information for when they did their tier proposal and do have the report by employee.

Regent Romero states that the next step would be to see if there is a budget available for salary adjustments so that help can go to some of the employees until another plan is figured out and ask Dr. Rumford what can be done to look at budget balances.

Chief Budget Officer Dr. Kim Rumford explained that the tiers would be covered with fringe benefit pool versus the salary as some of the employees do not have the insurance benefits so it would cost more to try and fix salaries because adjustments would have to be made for everyone and not just those on insurance rather than adjusting the tiers.

Regent Romero stated that she would like to see both scenarios and then asked Regent Moseley who is the Chair of HERC, if this topic has come up in HERC as she states that we are not the only institute that is dealing with this type of issues and that legislators are going to hear a lot about this but she thinks it would go through HERC and HERC would take it up to CUP and then CUP would roll it on up and there could be some kind of proposal to offset the increases.

Regent Moseley stated that this would be a great topic for the HERC annual meeting since there will be numerous regents from every university present. He states that he could start working on getting some preliminary information from other regents to have some data from each for the annual meeting and compare how it is affecting each of the universities and the salary tiers for the employees as well.

Chief Budget Officer Dr. Kim Rumford stated to the board that they are planning to bring forward the salary tier changes no later than August and prefer to adjust the tiers and that UNM is not in the state pool.

There was no further discussion on this matter and went on to the next agenda item.

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

There was no one signed up for public comment.

I. **Consent Items**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

Next on the agenda was consent items and Chairwoman Devasthali entertained a motion on the consent items as presented.

Regent Saucedo made a motion to approve the consent items as presented.

Regent Moseley seconded the motion.

All were in favor, motion passed to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. **Inter-governmental Service Agreement Between the New Mexico Department of Public Safety and New Mexico State University**, *Chief Andrew Bowen*
2. **Inter-governmental Service Agreement Between the City of Anthony Police Department and New Mexico State University**, *Chief Andrew Bowen*
3. **Posthumous Honorary Degree**, *Provost Lakshmi Reddi*
4. **Board of Regents Bylaw and Committee Charter Revisions**, *General Counsel Lisa Henderson*
5. **El Paso Electric Utility Easement at Arrowhead Research Park**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
6. **Physical Science Laboratory (PSL) – Hanger Lease Agreement with the City of Las Cruces**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
7. **Operating Agreement between the Regents of New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College**, *Interim System Chancellor Andy Burke*
8. **Operating Agreement between the Regents of New Mexico State University and NMSU Alamogordo Community College**, *Interim System Chancellor Andy Burke*
9. **Operating Agreement between the Regents of New Mexico State University and NMSU Grants Community College**, *Interim System Chancellor Andy Burke*
10. **Disposition/Deletion of Property**, *Interim Vice President D’Anne Stuart*

J. **Action Items**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

1. **Soundstage Development Agreement by and between the Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU), Arrowhead Center, Inc. (ACI), and the State of New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD), Kathryn Hansen, Wayne Savage**

Next item on the agenda were the Action Items. Chairwoman Devasthali introduced Wayne Savage and Kathy Hansen to present on the Soundstage Development Agreement.

Prior to beginning the presentation, Mr. Savage asked President Torres to make a few introductory comments. Interim President Dr. Mónica Torres thanks the board for allowing them to bring this proposal to the board for review. She states that she believes this is an exciting opportunity for the University, a collaboration between the State, the University and Arrowhead Inc. to support economic development in the region, and how the students will play a role in the industry. She goes on to state that the details and documents explaining the transaction as well as the building and the operations for the soundstage complex will be included in the presentation.

Wayne Savage thanks her and begins his presentation by mentioning the supporters that have been working on this project with them. He goes on to state the reason that they are presenting to the board is to request the approval of the receipt of \$15 million dollars from the Economic Development Department for development and operation for the commercial film and TV sound stage at Arrowhead Park. His presentation goes on to mention the benefits to the NMSU and DACC students and the paid internships working on industry quality productions and the benefit of not only having a soundstage, but having one on the NMSU campus and how it may attract more productions that will benefit the community financially. He explains the three buildings that make up the complex which will include a 20,000 sq. ft. soundstage and a 10,000 sq. ft support production and support and mil space, and the 5,000 sq. ft. equipment storage that will sit on a site of four acres and include a lot of car and truck parking. Once completed, NMSU will lease it for operations to a qualified operator. He goes on to discuss the agreement plan and each role that is played in this agreement. He mentions that there will be an oversight committee to make sure that things are being run properly. He presents a rendering of the project outside and inside and continues on with the benefits of this project economically and for the students and the community. He goes on to present the cost estimates to break even, how much they are estimated to generate and how much to keep it maintained. He explains the risk and the contingency in place and the contracts and verbiage included in that contract to help with revenue as well as a termination clause when needed. He states that after 10 years depending on the success of the operation, NMSU has the option to terminate the agreement and convert the building to full academic use. He wraps up the slide presentation with a summary of the benefits and risks and opens up to questions.

Regent Romero stated that she did not have a question, just a comment. Her comment was that the project was presented to the Regent Finance Committee and all of their questions were answered and there are no longer concerns from the Regent Finance Committee and thanked everyone who worked on the project.

Chairwoman Devasthali commented that she agreed with what Regent Romero stated but wanted to note that the reason the process was convoluted was because the Regents were not informed about what was going on until it was up for approval. She stated that she feels when something is going to be presented for approval from the board, they need to be provided with information to be able to do their due diligence to make the right decision and that the board does not rubberstamp anything that comes before the board. She made sure to state

that she put this out there for everyone not just the team working on the soundstage. Seeing no further questions, she entertained a motion on the Soundstage Development Agreement by and between the Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU), Arrowhead Center, Inc. (ACI), and the State of New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD)

Regent Romer made the motion and Regent Moseley seconded the motion.

All were in favor and the motion carried.

2. Memorandum of Proposed Terms between Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) and Arrowhead Center, Inc. (ACI), Kathryn Hansen, Wayne Savage

Wayne Savage presents on the proposed terms between New Mexico State University and Arrowhead Center Inc. He goes over the key terms that have been agreed to that will be part of the lease agreement. He also goes over the development period and the operations period and what they entail as well as the responsibilities of all involved. He states they are all on very basic terms but wanted them documented and will work with the General Council to put together a formal lease.

Seeing no further questions, she entertained a motion on the Memorandum of Proposed Terms between Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) and Arrowhead Center, Inc. (ACI)

Regent Moseley made a motion and Regent Saucedo seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motions carried.

3. Course Fee Request: ACOM, Professor Steve Frazee

Chief budget Officer Dr. Kim Rumford joins Professor Steve Frazee for his request of the board and reminds every one of the processes that a course fee request goes through.

Professor Steve Frazee begins his request for the course fee increase in Ag Communications by going over the reasons and that it will assist the students to get the standard industry certifications for people in graphic design and different things. He goes on to state what it entails to be prepared for the certification exams which provides students with globally recognized certifications from Adobe funds listed that will cover training software for each student and then he lists the different adobe options and that the course fee will incorporate the training costs. He states that out of students were able to pass each certification exam by using the Learn Key Software, which gives them global recognition from Adobe. The funds listed will cover the training software for each student and a teaching testing voucher for each student to take a certification exam. He goes on to clarify that the course is not required for graduation but is an elective. He does let the board know that they do have funding should a student present a good argument about not being able to afford the class but wanting to take it.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel and Chairwoman Devasthali commented that they thought this was a good tool for NMSU students.

Seeing no further questions, she entertained a motion on the Course Fee Request for ACOM as presented.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel made the motion and Regent Moseley seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

K. Report from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to the Regents of New Mexico State University (Board of Agriculture), Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte

Secretary Witte is excused today so he will not be providing his report. He has provided his written report in your materials. I would like to thank NMDA and Sec. Witte for all their efforts in helping in the response to the South Fork and Salt fires.

L. NMSU System Report, Interim President Mónica Torres

Interim President Mónica Torres provides her report to the board by starting off with the Strategic Water Supply Symposium where UNM and New Mexico Environment Department hosted a symposium in Las Cruces. She goes on to state that Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales joined and there quite a number of elected officials and local leaders and state leaders who attended the Symposium to help inform the public on the science technology and uses for treated, produced and brackish water. She states that earlier this year, Governor Lujan Grisham unveiled a fifty-year water action plan which prioritizes new water supplies including strategic water supply. The strategic water supply will bolster water security by addressing near and long-term water supply needs without increasing demands on the State's diminishing freshwater resources. She states that the researchers of New Mexico State University are going to play an important role in moving this project forward. The second thing she reports on is that summer is the time NMSU welcomes the next class of Aggies to campus. It is known that incoming freshmen and transfer students to NMSU or NMSU Global must complete orientation on the main campus before registering for classes and the same is true for the community colleges across the state, where students not only learn more about NMSU and the resources available, but they also meet new friends and that NMSU is a supportive and caring environment. She goes on to give the numbers of students who signed up for orientation, for this year almost 2,700 students signed up, 62% attended orientation and 98% of those who attended, enroll in classes. She states that last year it was 56% and this year up to 62%. There is a survey that is done about orientation and the students do appreciate their experience during orientation. 97 to 98% of students stated that it was a valuable experience and about 89% of the families and supporters say that they appreciated the experience. She then goes on to report on the student athletes and the scholarships. She gives an example using the football team which has a grade point average of 2.88 received the Conference USA Sport Academic award for football. The diving and swimming team were named the Scholar All American team from the Swimming and Diving Coaches Association with a 3.64 average GPA. Basketball player Molly Kaiser received the Conference USA Scholar Athlete of the Year with a 3.88 GPA. She goes on to mention that Ag. Science Center Field Days are happening and they play an important role in the Land Grant Mission of NMSU as well as in research and economic development efforts around the State. The twelve Ag. Science Centers across NM host field days in the summer and fall. She continues with her report to include the 4th of July concert and fireworks that NMSU and the City of Las Cruces teamed up for at Sisbarro Park. From the community colleges the Legislative Finance Committee is doing an evaluation of post-secondary, non-degree certificates. There will be a site visit on July tenth and the report is scheduled to be completed in September. DACC was notified that it was awarded a National Science Foundation grant for 1.5 million over three years for the Lewis Stokes, B to B Alliance which stands for New Mexico Bridge to the Baccalaureate. Interim President Torres concludes her report and stood for questions.

M. Announcements and Comments, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

1. Good News for NMSU!

Regent Chacón-Reitzel mentioned NMDA and commended them on their efforts with the avian influenza and the dairy cattle in New Mexico as well as their work on the fires.

Chairwoman Devasthali mentions the Ruidoso fires and the fundraisers that are going on to help them.

N. Adjournment, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

Chairwoman Devasthali called for a motion to adjourn.

Regent Saucedo made the motion to adjourn, Regent Moseley seconded; all were in favor and motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

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Ammu Devasthali
Board of Regents Chair



Garrett Moseley
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer