

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
June 26, 2008
Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Building, on the New Mexico State University main campus, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Chair Gallagher called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Regents Present	Mr. Bob Gallagher, Chair Mr. Blake Curtis, Vice Chair (by phone) Mr. M. Steven Anaya, Secretary/Treasurer (by phone) Ms. Laura Conniff, Member Mr. Ed Kellum, Member
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Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Joe Pfeiffer Mr. Justin O'Connell
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President	Dr. Michael Martin
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Executive Vice President/Provost	Dr. Waded Cruzado
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Regents Chief of Staff	Dr. Pat Williams
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Other Presenters	Senior Vice President Ben Woods Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor Associate Vice President Maureen Howard
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2. INTRODUCTIONS

- (a) Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others by Maureen Howard, Associate Vice President for University Communications and Marketing Services

Associate Vice President Howard introduced Evan Woodward from KRWG-FM.

Executive Vice President/Provost Cruzado introduced Dean Emeritus Virginia Higbie who will serve as Interim Dean of the College of Health and Social Services.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regent Kellum moved, seconded by Regent Conniff to approved the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address the Board on any items, whether on the agenda or not should, at this time, so indicate to the Chair. No personal attacks or negative comments about employees or personnel issues will be permitted. Three minutes will be allotted to address the item. Time may be limited or extended at the discretion of the Chair.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Approval of the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws of the New Mexico Computing Applications Center, Inc., and its Initial Board of Directors (Senior Vice President Ben Woods)

Senior Vice President Ben Woods stated that in 2006 NMSU teamed with the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Tech to form the University Research Consortium, a joint powers agreement allowing those three entities to work under the auspices of the University Research Park Act to establish 501C-3 corporations to further the interest of the research universities across the state in a collaborative effort. The New Mexico Computing Applications Center, Inc. would be the third Research Park Corporation to be formed under the New Mexico University Research Consortium. The concept of the New Mexico Computing Applications Center began when Governor Richardson, in June of 2007, established the New Mexico Computing Applications Advisory Committee through an executive order. The mission is to apply the power of super computing to address New Mexico's important issues and needs through economic development education and workforce development. The state appropriated \$11 million to the Department of Information Technology, which used the funds to secure a super computer currently being housed with its main frame at Intel in Rio Rancho, and three off-shoot computers that connect to it at each of the three research universities across the state. The Regents of the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Tech have approved the bylaws, as well as the articles of incorporation and the initial board of directors in the Boards' packet of materials. In order to form this corporation it is required that the three Boards of Regents approve these actions.

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws of the New Mexico Computing Applications Center, Inc., and its Initial Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Approval of Employment Contract for Interim President (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor presented the contract for the position of interim president to be held by James L. McDonough. The effective date of the employment agreement is July 1, 2008. The term is for one year with a 30-day notice period by either party. The duties, authority, expectations, and evaluation terms are outlined in the current president's contract. The hiring of Mr. McDonough is an emergency hire, without posting, which is in compliance with NMSU Human Resources policy. The salary will be \$300,000 and the benefits will be the standard employee benefits, including, as a special condition, the use of the on-campus president's residence (furnished and equipped) and use of an automobile furnished by the NMSU Foundation.

Regent Kellum moved, seconded by Regent Conniff, to approve the Employment Contract for Interim President. The motion carried unanimously.

6. OTHER

Regent Gallagher reported that the Board of Regents has decided to contract with the executive search firm of William Funk and Associates out of Dallas to assist the Board in the selection of the next president for New Mexico State University. The search firm's contract will begin July 1, 2008 and continue until the position is filled. Four positions on the search committee will be appointed based upon office: the chair of the Board of Regents and one additional member of the Board of Regents to be nominated by the chair of the Board; the chair of Faculty Senate; and the president of ASNMSU. The regents will invite nominations of other search committee members in the following constituent groups: an exempt staff member, a non-exempt staff member, and community leaders. Nominations are to be submitted to Dr. Pat Williams, Regents Chief of Staff, by July 15, 2008. The chair of the Board of Regents will consult with the president and provost directly for nominees from the following constituent groups: deans, department heads, community college presidents, and vice presidents. The Faculty Senate will submit at least three nominations from Las Cruces campus faculty members, and at least two nominations from community college faculty members. From those nominations, two faculty members from the Las Cruces campus and one faculty member from the community colleges will be selected to serve on the search committee. The Graduate Students Association will be asked to nominate graduate student representatives, and the directors of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Cooperative Extension Service, and Intercollegiate Athletics will each be asked to nominate representatives from their respective areas. All nominees will be submitted to the chair of the Board of Regents for finalization of the search committee roster. Appointments to the search committee will be made by the end of August. The target is to have a new president before the December break.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

Robert M. Gallagher, Chair
Board of Regents

M. Steven Anaya, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Regents