

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
December 11, 2009

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 main campus, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Friday, December 11, 2009. Chair Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Regents Present	Mr. Blake Curtis, Chair Ms. Laura Conniff, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Chris Anaya, Member Mr. Isaac Pino, Member
Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Chris Erickson Mr. Travis Dulany
Interim President	Dr. Manuel Pacheco
Exec. Vice President, Provost	Waded Cruzado
Chair, NMSU Employee Council	Ms. Kelly Brooks
Other Presenters	Associate Vice President Maureen Howard Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor

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 Steve Ramirez from the *Las Cruces Sun-News*.

- (b) Introduction of NMSU Employee Council Chair, Roseanne Bensley, by Ms. Kelly Brooks

Employee Council Chair Brooks introduced Ms. Roseanne Bensley as the new chair of the NMSU Employee Council effective February 1, 2010.

Roseanne Bensley has been in student services for 30 years, spending the past 25 years with Career Services. She received the Roberts Memorial Staff Award in 2003; is a member of ACAP, now the NMSU Employee Council, since 1997; and chaired the campus United Way Campaign in 2000, which resulted in NMSU achieving top contributor in Las Cruces. In addition to serving NMSU, Roseanne is past president of the Southern New

Mexico Society for Human Resource Management (NMSHRM), as well as past president of the Hillrise Elementary School PTO. She is a current member of the Las Cruces Junior League and other community service organizations. She also volunteers with her professional associations related to career services. Roseanne holds an MBA from NMSU and a Master's from Western Illinois University and a Bachelors from DePaul University in Chicago.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

5. **RATIFICATION STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) (roll call vote)**

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 11, in Room Two of the Educational Services Building, on the main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to discuss personnel, legal, and real estate matters in accordance with Section 10-15-1H; Paragraphs (2), (7), and (8) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Those Board members who were present hereby certify by roll call vote that only matters of that nature were discussed in the closed meetings.

The motion to adopt this statement, upon being put to a vote, was passed and adopted on the following recorded vote: Chair Curtis, Secretary/Treasurer Conniff, Regent Pino, and Regent Anaya. Four Regents present having voted in favor of said motion, said motion carried, and said statement was adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- (a) October 22, 2009
- (b) October 27, 2009
- (c) November 19, 2009

Regent Pino moved, seconded by Regent Conniff, to approve the minutes of October 22 and 27, and November 19, 2009 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Approved meetings:

- Monday, February 1, 2010, Santa Fe (In Conjunction with Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe)
- Monday, March 8, 2010 (Annual Meeting)

- Friday, May 7, 2010 (Commencement Weekend)

Other: The annual meeting of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) will be held in Champions Gate, Florida on March 19-23, 2010 at the Omni Orlando Resort.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR (voted on by one motion, or moved to Action or Informational Items)**

- (a) Confirm Approval of Candidates for Degrees (Interim President Manuel Pacheco)
- (b) Approval of Language Change to Rule 21.18.4 NMAC (Director/Secretary I. Miley González)
- (c) Approval of Language and Fee Change to Rule 21.1.2 NMAC (Director/Secretary I. Miley González)
- (d) Approval of Resolution, Notification, and Certification Regarding Severance Tax Notes/Bonds, Fiscal Year 2010 (the "FY2010 Notes/Bonds") (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)
- (e) Approval of NMSU-Carlsbad Drainage Improvements (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (f) Approval of NMSU-Las Cruces O'Donnell Hall Café Remodel (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (g) Approval of NMSU-Las Cruces Demolition of Porch in PSL Lab Building Two (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (h) Approval of NMSU-Las Cruces PSL Annex Remodel (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (i) Approval of Renewal of Right-of-Way Grant NMNM 30973 from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, for Pinos Altos Communication Site and Access Road, T.17S., R. 14W., Section 1, Lot 2, New Mexico Principal Meridian (N.M.P.M.), Grant County, New Mexico (Director Fred Ayers)
- (j) Approval and Ratification of Purchase Option Agreement By and Between the Regents of New Mexico State University ("NMSU") and Patrick J. and Ramona Miranda ("Seller"), to Purchase Land in Bernalillo County, New Mexico (Director Fred Ayers)
- (k) Approval of Disposition/Deletion of Property (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)
- (l) Approval of NMSU-Grants Mission/Vision Statement (President Felicia Casados and Interim Associate Provost Ricardo Jacquez)
- (m) Approval of NMSU-Las Cruces Anderson Hall Fire Alarm Upgrades (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (n) Approval of First Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009 (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor presented the audited annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009. The results of the annual audit were presented in detail by Moss Adams to the Board of Regents Audit Committee. The audited financial statements were issued an unqualified opinion by Moss Adams. The university ended the fiscal year in a strong financial position, even with the downturn in the national economy, due to the underlying soundness of

our financial position. The university had a decrease in total net assets of \$14.5 million, primarily due to the loss on permanent endowments. The operating revenues increased by nine percent through growth in net tuition and fees and sponsored project expenditures. High enrollment helped hold the decline in state appropriations to one percent. There was an overall net asset decrease due primarily to a \$17.8 million loss on permanent endowments, which was a direct result of the condition of the financial markets.

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, to approve the First Budget Adjustment Requests (BAR) for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
(Interim President Manuel Pacheco)

Interim President Pacheco reported on NMSU activities since the last Board meeting.:

- Dr. Ed Conley, professor of mechanical engineering, has been researching rocket engine test stands and plans to incorporate what he has learned into his department. He will design a rocket test stand for his department to help further advance NMSU's aerospace studies.
- Dr. Paul Bosland, leader of New Mexico's Chile Breeding and Genetics Research Program has been awarded one of the Governor's Distinguished Public Service Awards for his expertise on chile.
- The Arrowhead Center is taking part in a \$1.25 million project funded by federal stimulus money to study green jobs in New Mexico.
- NMSU's first feature film, from its Creative Media Institute, "Becoming Eduardo," was shown at the Santa Fe Film Festival December 2-6. The film was written, directed, co-produced by instructor Rod McCall and shot completely in Southern New Mexico.
- In November, the "Accessing Health Care" roundtable featured Senator Udall and included discussions focusing on domestic violence and healthcare for women.
- Dr. Pacheco was the keynote speaker at the annual Gamma Sigma Delta Awards Banquet. This organization is dedicated to recognizing achievements of individuals who excel in agriculture and related sciences.
- The NMSU Rodeo Teams, led by Coach Jim Dewey Brown had another successful year with the men's team winning first and the women's team winning second. Both teams ranked first in the NIRA's Grand Canyon region.
- The development of an academic measurement for sports teams known as the Academic Progress Rate, or APR. 16 of NMSU's 17 athletic teams earned successful marks on their APR.
- KRWG-TV is developing a new educational program "Field Trip" which takes an entertaining look at the production of New Mexico agricultural products.
- Dr. Barbara Couture will join NMSU as President on January 1, 2010.

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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12. **REPORTS**

(a) Faculty Senate Chairperson's Report by Dr. Chris Erickson

Dr. Erickson reported that the Faculty Senate passed, in accordance with the negotiations with Regent Pino, the Search for Academic Administrative Policy. Changes to that policy include the wording that would allow the Board of Regents to have explicit control over searches for president and the conditions in which an interim president is hired. This item will be placed on the agenda for the February 1, 2010 meeting in Santa Fe. The Senate also passed the Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science. A memorial was passed supporting changes in the standard proficiency for admission to the university for foreign students to include that the TOEFL be increased to 550.

(b) Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU) Report by Mr. Travis Dulany, President

Mr. Dulany extended his appreciation to Dr. Pacheco and Dr. Cruzado their dedication to education wished them well in their future endeavors.

(c) NMSU Employee Council Report by Ms. Kelly Brooks, Chair

Ms. Brooks thanked Dr. Cruzado and Dr. Pacheco for their support of NMSU's Employee Council. The Council will be sending forward some recommendations in January to President Couture relating to fringe benefits. Fringe benefits related to tuition and fees have been reviewed and a recommendation will also be forwarded to the president.

13. **OTHER/COMMENTS**

Presentation of Resolution to Dr. Waded Cruzado

A resolution was presented to Dr. Cruzado for her service to NMSU.

Presentation of Resolution to Dr. Manuel T. Pacheco

A resolution was presented to Dr. Pacheco for his contributions to NMSU.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Curtis adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

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Blake Curtis, Chair  
Board of Regents

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Laura M. Conniff, Secretary/Treasurer  
Board of Regents