

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
March 14, 2011

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in the Regents Room the Educational Services Building on the main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Monday, March 14, 2011. Chair Pino called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Regents Present	Mr. Isaac J. Pino, Chair Mr. Javier M. Gonzales, Member Ms. Laura Conniff, Member Mr. Mike Cheney, Member Mr. Christopher Dulany, Member
Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Mark Anderson Mr. Travis Dulany
President	Dr. Barbara Couture
Exec. Vice Pres./ Provost	Dr. Wendy Wilkins
Chair, NMSU Employee Council	Dr. Steve Loring
Other Presenters	Associate Vice President Maureen Howard Senior Vice President Ben Woods Interim Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry Vice President Vimal Chaitanya Vice President Dennis Prescott President Margie Huerta Director Michael Rickenbaker Director McKinley Boston Assistant Director Greg Walke Interim Director/Secretary Tom Bagwell Director Fred Ayers Dean Delano Lewis General Counsel Bruce Kite

**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 members of the media including Erica Hobbs of the *Round Up*, Todd Dickson of the *Bulletin*, and Ashley Meeks of the *Las Cruces Sun-News*.

(b) Introduction of new Regents by Chair Isaac Pino

Chair Pino introduced Mr. Christopher Dulany and Mr. Mike Cheney as the new members of the NMSU Board of Regents.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. REGENTS "ABOVE AND BEYOND" AWARD**

President Couture shared that NMSU has started a new tradition of awarding an "Above and Beyond" award to an NMSU employee. At every Board meeting an individual who has provided above and beyond service will be recognized. The faculty and staff will be asked to nominate an employee who in some area of the university has gone beyond the usual, stepped up, and given an extra effort of service. Mr. Ralph Lucero, supervisor of the Plumbing Shop for the Office of Facilities and Services, supervises 16 employees responsible for the water and waste water systems and the natural gas distribution piping on the NMSU-Las Cruces campus. Mr. Lucero is the first recipient of the New Mexico State University "Above and Beyond" award for providing exemplary service and leadership skills in the month of February when the freezing temperatures caused damage to pipes in many buildings and areas of the campus.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were made by Mr. Rodrigo Mora, a graduate student at NMSU, regarding concerns from students on the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate on March 3 dealing with plus and minus grades.

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**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 31, 2011

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

**8. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Approved:

- April 8, 2011 (Special Meeting)
- May 6, 2011 (In Conjunction with Commencement)

Other: The annual meeting of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) will be held in Los Angeles, California on April 3-5, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza.

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

(a) Policy

1. Intentionally left blank
2. Approval of Revisions to Policies 2.03, Art Collections and 2.04, Library Archives Authorizations (Senior Vice President Ben Woods)
3. Approval of Revisions to Policy 2.05, Athletics (Director McKinley Boston)
4. Approval of Revisions to Policy 2.69.1, International Travel (Provost Wendy Wilkins and Dean Delano Lewis)
5. Approval of Revisions to Policy 3.99, Student Hazing (General Counsel Bruce Kite)
6. Approval of Revisions to Policy, 5.94 Research (Vice President Vimal Chaitanya)
7. Approval of Revisions to Policy 8.60, Resignations (Interim Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry)

(b) Rule

1. Approval for the Inclusion of a New Administrative Rule, 21.17.27.1-12 NMAC, "Japanese Beetle Exterior Quarantine," in the New Mexico Administrative Code (Interim Director/Sec. Tom Bagwell)

(c) Administrative

1. Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates by the Board of Regents Prior to the May Commencement Ceremony (Vice President Dennis Prescott)
2. Approval of Disposition/Deletion of Property (Interim Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry)
3. Approval of easement to El Paso Electric (Interim Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry)
4. Approval of NMSU – Las Cruces: Addition and Remodel to the Coca Cola Building, Budget Increase (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
5. Approval of Operating Agreement between the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University and the Local School Boards of Doña Ana County (President Margie Huerta)

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

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Approval of NMSU Heritage Preservation Plan Amendment to the Master Plan (Director Michael Rickenbaker and Assistant Director Greg Walke)

Director Rickenbaker introduced Assistant Director Walke who gave an update on the NMSU Heritage Preservation Plan. The current version of the NMSU Master Plan

was adopted by the Board of Regents in December 2006 and is brought back annually for adoption of updates.

Assistant Director Walke noted that the NMSU Heritage Preservation Plan was developed under a \$175,000 campus heritage grant from the Getty Foundation. The plan was produced by an independent consultant with the assistance of a committee consisting of faculty, staff, students, and the public.

The Heritage Preservation Plan is proposed for adoption by the board as an addendum to the Master Plan.

The plan identifies historic structures and historic landscapes on the Las Cruces campus in addition to individual properties. There are five historic districts identified, including the Academic Historic District, the West Side Farm District, the Animal Science District, the Sutherland Tom Fort Historic District, and the Fabian Garcia Horticultural Farm Historic District. The plan recognizes various properties outside the districts to include McFie Circle, the view of the "A" on Tortugas Peak, the Miller Field gates, buildings such as Rhodes, Garrett, and Hamiel Halls, and the Tortugas pilgrimage path. The plan concludes with recommendations for future study covering the university's other campuses and properties across the state. There is a process statement that outlines the procedures that NMSU will take when considering changes to historic properties or historic preservation.

Regent Gonzales asked if there is criteria developed for the demolishing of historic property. Assistant Director Walke indicated that for the properties identified in the Master Plan to be demolished, there is a specific plan laid out in the Heritage Preservation Plan for documenting and respecting features that are there.

Regent Gonzales moved, seconded by Regent Conniff, to approve the NMSU Heritage Preservation Plan Amendment to the Master Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
(President Barbara Couture)

President Couture reported on the following:

- An update on the legislative session and commended the NMSU legislative staff for a job well done.
- Updates on NMSU's seven goals for success including:
  - Recruitment and graduation of NMSU's diverse student body
  - Production of a series of events by Black Programs during Black History Month including music, art presentations, comedians, guest speakers, and a presentation by author Manning Marable who wrote, "Rediscovering Malcom X: A Life of Re-Invention."
  - Conducting of important discussions about the relationship of the Diversity Councils with the Las Cruces and community college campuses for the purpose of determining productive ways to employ the advice of the councils, and look for ways to increase and retain

a diverse faculty and student body through the cooperative relationship.

- Associate Professor Hamdi Oushy's involvement with the Afghanistan Water, Agriculture, and Technology Transfer Program. Professor Oushy has led farm resource management workshops in Afghanistan teaching the farmers new ways to farm sustainably.
- NMSU's pledge to be an economic engine for New Mexico. NMSU's Arrowhead Center is working with Sandia National Laboratories and their New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program to help small businesses facing technical challenges to be able to access the unique expertise of the state's national labs.
- NMSU held its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Innoventure Competition for local middle and high school students. This year, students were asked to design water, energy, agricultural, and transportation systems for a sustainable city.
- NMSU's institutional efforts to coordinate planning across research and economic development areas.
- Research and creative work of new NMSU faculty. An effort to advance new therapies for both cancer and neurological degenerative disorders are being worked on by Chemistry Professor William Mayo and his student research team. Also, in the Department of Chemistry, Professor Jeremy Smith's and graduate student Jeremiah Shapaniak's work, conducted in collaboration with a German research group, has been published in the February 25 issue of *Science Magazine*.

As part of the President's report, two instructors from the College of Arts and Sciences shared their creative work. Music Department Professor Jim Shearer shared information on his project regarding the story of the U.S. State Department's Jazz Ambassadors Program and the 2010 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching New Mexico Professor of the Year, David Pengelli, shared his innovative ways for teaching mathematics to undergraduate students.

## 12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

## 13. REPORTS

### (a) Faculty Senate Report (Dr. Mark Andersen)

Dr. Andersen reported on the following:

- A brief presentation on revisions to Policy 5.94/Research Administration was given at the last meeting of the Faculty Senate.
- The Senate passed a technical amendment to Proposition 07-10/11 on the policy defining the Faculty Senate's addition of words to clarify the workflow for policy items between the Faculty Senate, the President, and the Board.
- Proposition 14-10/11 on graduate student course repeats was heard and tabled by the Senate pending additional work.

- Proposition 13 on faculty disciplinary action, review, and appeal was passed by the Senate.
- Proposition 12-10/11 on plus or minus grading was voted on; 28 yes, 11 no, and 1 abstention.

(b) Associated Students of New Mexico (Mr. Travis Dulany)

Mr. Travis reported on the following:

- The Music as a Weapon Tour which was put together in conjunction with NMSU Special Events and ASNMSU.
- The Battle of the Bands event.
- Eight hundred students participated in the Big Event, a national community service event that colleges across the nation participate in to give back to their perspective towns.
- Participation of students with legislators during the legislative session regarding the importance of higher education.
- The ASNMSU Senate considered a resolution in support of the GPA calculation change which the Faculty Senate passed, but the resolution failed in a vote of 10-4, 22 against.

(c) NMSU Employee Council (Dr. Steve Loring)

Dr. Loring reported on the following:

- The Council is working on the development of an employee recognition award that will compliment the "Above and Beyond" award.
- The council is continuing to respond to questions from employees regarding various policies and communicating these to central administration and reporting the results back to employees.

**14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Regent Pino opened the floor for nominations.

(a) Chair of the Board

Regent Javier Gonzales moved, seconded by Regent Mike Cheney, to nominate Laura Conniff as Chair of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Vice Chair of the Board

Regent Mike Cheney moved, seconded by Regent Javier Gonzales, to nominate Isaac Pino as Vice Chair of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Secretary/Treasurer of the Board

Regent Javier Gonzales moved, seconded by Regent Laura Conniff, to nominate Christopher Dulany as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

15. **OTHER/COMMENTS**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Pino adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

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Isaac J. Pino, Chair  
Board of Regents