



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2017
9:00am**

Regents Room
Educational Services Building
NMSU Las Cruces Campus
1780 East University Avenue
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Regents of New Mexico State University

Debra Hicks, Chair	Hobbs, New Mexico
Mike Cheney, Vice Chair	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Jerean Hutchinson, Secretary/Treasurer	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Amanda López Askin, Ph.D., Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Kari Mitchell, Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico

Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Regents

Christopher Brown, Ph.D.	Faculty Senate Chair
Adam Cavotta	Employee Council Chair
Mathew Bose	ASNMSU President

University Officials

Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.	Chancellor and President
Daniel Howard, Ph.D.	Executive Vice President and Provost
Angela Throneberry	Senior Vice President
Liz Ellis, J.D.	General Counsel

MEETING MINUTES

Approval by the Board of Regents on May 26, 2017

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A. **Call to Order** - Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

1. **Introductions**

Introduction of the Media, *Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

AVP Bannister introduced media representative Diana Alba Soular of the Las Cruces Sun-News.

Introduction of NMSU Officials

Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.

Vice President Bernadette Montoya, Ph.D. introduced Emerson Morrow, ASNMSU Vice-President Elect and ASNMSU President-Elect Kevin Prieto.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Chair Hicks confirmed Regent Cheney's presence by electronic/phone connection. Regent Jerean Hutchinson absent. Quorum consists of four Regents: Hicks, Cheney, Mitchell and López Askin.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Regent Mitchell made a motion, to move consent item F-2 Transfer of Uncollectible Accounts Receivable for Inactive Accounts for fiscal year 2016-2017, to the action item agenda. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Mitchell and López Askin).

4. **Public Comment**, *Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

The following individuals provided public comment: Dr. Manal Hamzeh, Meg Long and Julia Vulcan. Chair Hicks thanked the individuals for their comments.

B. **Approval of the Minutes**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. Regular Meeting - April 3, 2017

Chair Hicks called for consideration of the meeting minutes of April 3, 2017. Regent Mitchell moved approval of the minutes, motion seconded, and motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Mitchell and López Askin).

C. **Awards and Recognitions**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. **Proclamation – ASNMSU President Matt Bose**

Vice President Bernadette Montoya, Ph.D. read a Board proclamation honoring Matt Bose, outgoing ASNMSU President. Member comments included being "moved by Matt's moral compass."

2. **Athletics Recognitions**

The Board welcomed Athletic Director Mario Moccia in highlighting significant athletic accomplishments including players of the year, conference championships and coaches of the year.

D. **Committee Reports**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. **Audit Committee Report**

Chair Brad Beasley / BOR Chair Debra Hicks / Chief Audit Officer Ermelinda Quintela

The Audit Committee met on April 18, 2017.

Chair Hicks and SVP Throneberry summarized committee activity and stated KPMG (Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler) was selected as the university external auditor, and the audit entrance conference is scheduled for May 15, 2017.

2. **Real Estate Committee Report**

Chair Tom Hutchinson / BOR Chair Debra Hicks / Regent Mike Cheney

The Real Estate Committee met on April 21, 2017. – No report

Aggie Development Inc. Report

Chancellor Carruthers and CEO Scott Eschenbrenner discussed development of Aggie Uptown and work with the city and hoteliers regarding drainage.

3. Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report

Chair Adolpho Telles / Regent Kari Mitchell / Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry

The Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee met on April 24, 2017.

SVP Throneberry read a memo from Chair Telles highlighting budget challenges. Regent Mitchell discussed dashboard development, focusing on lead indicators, and review of faculty productivity. Preliminary budget materials have not yet been distributed.

4. Student Success Committee Report

Co-Chairs Regent Jerean Hutchinson / Regent Kari Mitchell

The Student Success Committee did not meet since the last Board of Regents meeting.

The Student Success Committee is planning next meetings.

E. Recurring Reports, Chair Debra Hicks

1. NMSU Faculty Senate Report, Chair Christopher Brown, Ph.D.

Chair Brown discussed a Faculty Senate memorial shared with the Governor and legislators supporting higher education funding. He discussed the reduction of credit hours required for graduation for some engineering programs, and the restructuring of the College of Education into fewer departments. Distance Learning has received additional attention, and a task force will be engaged over the summer to work on Experiential Learning initiatives.

2. Associated Students of NMSU Report, President Mathew Bose

President Bose mentioned a joint communication from students of New Mexico's four-year institutions supporting higher education was shared with the Governor. He discussed results of a student tuition increase survey showing 45% of students favored no increase, while other responses were distributed across selections of a 3.7%, 6.2% and 7.4% tuition increase. Students provided comments as well.

3. NMSU Employee Council Report, Chair Adam Cavotta

Chair Cavotta discussed the Employee Council's forum on April 13, 2017 with approximately 200 online and 50 audience participants focused on a legislative, budget and strategic planning update. He highlighted Employee Council's support of Founder's Day and the Ignite Capital Campaign.

4. Higher Education Regents Coalition Report, BOR Chair Debra Hicks

Chair Hicks stated the coalition delivered a letter to the Governor and legislators regarding the uncertainty of higher education funding. The coalition will likely meet after the legislature's special session. University governance, performance funding and the number of New Mexico institutions are likely upcoming topics. Election of officers is upcoming.

5. **Aggie Development Inc. Report**, *Chair Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D./President & CEO Scott Eschenbrenner*
Note – discussed earlier as identified above.

6. **NMSU Foundation Report**, *President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D. / Regent Jerean Hutchinson*

Foundation President Tawney discussed the launch of the Ignite Capital Campaign, and stated the campaign has reached 57% of its goal, \$73 million. The foundation board met during the campaign launch. The foundation is hosting NMSU's honorary degree recipients: Starbucks CEO and NMSU alumnus Kevin Johnson for a student round table and benefactor Laree Perez in highlighting the therapeutic riding program.

7. **Arrowhead Center Inc. Report**, *Chair Kevin Boberg, Ph.D. / Regent Mike Cheney*

Arrowhead Center Chair Boberg discussed the value of storytelling and highlighted the Hunt family gift of \$2.5 million to support Arrowhead's economic development mission.

8. **New Mexico Department of Agriculture**, *Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte*

Secretary Witte discussed food safety monitoring, the organic food industry, the growth of industrial hemp in New Mexico and significant opportunities in fresh produce.

F. **Consent Items**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Regent Mitchell moved approval of the consent agenda (as listed below with the exception of item F-2), motion seconded, and motion passed unanimously (Regents Hicks, Cheney, Mitchell and López Askin).

1. **Annual Capital Outlay Projects FY 2017-2018**

Associate Vice President Glen Haubold and University Architect Heather Watenpaugh

2. **Transfer of Uncollectible Accounts Receivable for Inactive Accounts for fiscal year 2016-2017**

Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry

NOTE – item F-2 moved from consent to action item.

3. **Temporary Investments Report for the Quarter ended March 31, 2017**

Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry

4. **Disposition/Deletion of Property**

Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry

5. **Rentfrow Hall Naming Opportunities**

Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.

6. **Research Laboratory Naming of the Dennis "Doc" Hallford West Sheep Unit**

Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.

7. **Rentfrow Hall Naming of the Jan Morehead Dance Studio**

Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.

8. **Breland Hall Naming of the Jack Wright Graduate Research Conference Room**

Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.

9. Spring 2017 Conferral of Degrees and Certificates

Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

G. Action Items, Chair Debra Hicks

Agenda Item F-2 Transfer of Uncollectible Accounts Receivable for Inactive Accounts for fiscal year 2016-2017, Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry

NOTE – item F-2 moved from consent to action item.

SVP Throneberry briefly discussed challenges in the collections department regarding numbers of resources and experience levels, and stated training programs are underway. It appears aggressive efforts to keep students in school has resulted in some increases in account balances. The number of accounts written off has declined, while the balances written off have increased. NMSU's uncollectible rate is approximately twice that of peers, however, unpaid balances for NMSU students are considerably less - about two-thirds that of peers.

Regent Mitchell moved approval, motion seconded, and motion passed unanimously (Regents Hicks, Cheney, Mitchell and López Askin).

NOTE – Regent Mitchell left the meeting to travel to Grants for commencement activities and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

1. NMSU Las Cruces: Chemistry Building 187 Fire Protection

Associate Vice President Glen Haubold and University Architect Heather Watenpaugh

Fire Chief Johnny Carrillo and project Assistant Director Jose Loera discussed the scope of proposed improvements to fire monitoring in the Chemistry Building. The upgrade will not impede classes.

Regent López Askin moved approval, motion seconded, and motion passed unanimously (Regents Hicks, Cheney and López Askin).

2. Joint Doctorate Program in Geography

Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.

Provost Howard and Faculty Senate Chair Brown highlighted key elements of the proposed Joint Doctorate Program in Geography. These included program necessity, topical focus, demand, costs, benefits, connection to the Vision 2020 strategic plan, and details of the working relationship with the University of New Mexico. The program will be research based, and is modeled after a joint program between the University of California at Santa Barbara and San Diego State University, as well as, NMSU's Water Science and Management program.

Regent Cheney moved approval, motion seconded, and motion passed unanimously (Regents Hicks, Cheney and López Askin).

H. Informational Items, Chair Debra Hicks

1. Informational Reports – NONE

2. Chancellor's Report, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

Chancellor Carruthers discussed hopes for stabilization of higher education funding and summarized activities in the judicial, executive and legislative branches. He stated NMSU Regent confirmations might be taken up in a special legislative session.

The Chancellor highlighted promising application and admission numbers, particularly in the El Paso region. He mentioned international student interest is down, stating federal policy is expected to diminish international enrollments across America.

3. Provost's Report, Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.

Provost Howard began by mentioning reduced credit hour degree requirements for Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering.

The focus of the Provost's report was the Aggie Pathway Program. The Aggie Pathway program was designed to assist students whose academic background places them at risk for success in a traditional four-year degree program. A profile of students participating in the program was shared, as well as, types of interventions and supports provided, student outcomes relative to interventions, and lessons learned at this point in the program.

Discussion included opportunities to embrace community college students in Aggie athletic events, and opportunities to connect to employers.

4. Summary of March - April 2017 Revisions to the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU

General Counsel Liz Ellis, J.D.

General Counsel Ellis summarized administrative rule updates including faculty credentials, HIPAA compliance, faculty compensation and promotion.

5. Other Informational Items

Chair Hicks stated that pending Regent confirmations, Board officers and committee appointments would remain as is.

I. Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks

1. "Gun's Up" – Good News for NMSU!

Provost Howard celebrated the breadth of student scholarships supported by alumni and friends.

2. Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings

June/July 2017 – Strategic Planning Meeting (TBD)

September 9, 2017 – Joint Meeting with UNM Board of Regents (TBD)

Friday, October 13, 2017 at 9:00am

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 9:00am

Adjournment – Chair Hicks adjourned the meeting at 11:40pm.