

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

Monday, June 27, 2016

Hadley Hall, Conference Room 130

NMSU Main Campus

Las Cruces, New Mexico

12:00 pm

MINUTES

Regents of New Mexico State University

Debra Hicks, Chair	Hobbs, New Mexico
Mike Cheney, Vice Chair	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Jerean Hutchinson, Sect. /Treas.	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Amanda López Askin, Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Kari Mitchell, Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico

Ex officio Members of the Board of Regents:

The Honorable Susana Martinez, Governor
Chris Brown, Ph. D., Chair, Faculty Senate
Matt Bose, President ASNMSU
Monica Dunivan, Chair, Employee Council

Officers of the University:

Garrey Carruthers, Ph. D., Chancellor & President, NMSU
Dan Howard, Ph. D, Executive Vice President & Provost, NMSU

AGENDA

June 27th, 2016

12:00 noon

1. CALL TO ORDER, Chair Debra Hicks, NMSU Board of Regents
Chair Debra Hicks called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. All five members of the Board of Regents were present.

2. INTRODUCTIONS, (Telephonic participants will identify themselves and their location)

Introduction of Media Representatives, Associate Vice President Maureen Howard

Justin Bannister of News and Media Relations introduced media representatives, Steve Ramirez, Las Cruces Sun News. S. Somer of KRWG and Lauren Villagran of the Albuquerque Journal.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA-Chair Debra Hicks

Regent Kari Mitchell requested that item 6.a.4 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Action items. This item is regarding the NMSU transcript fee. Regent Amanda López Askin asked that item 6.a.2 be moved to the Action item agenda. Regent Jerean Hutchinson moved and Regent Amanda López Askin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Chair Debra Hicks

- April 11th Special Meeting
- May 13th Regular meeting

Regent Debra Hicks asked that the Minutes from May 13th be tabled and she would like an additional comment added. The motion to approve the April 11th Special meeting minutes passed. Regent Mike Cheney made a motion to table the May 13th minutes which was seconded by Regent Jerean Hutchinson. Motion passed.

12:10 pm

3. PUBLIC COMMENT-Associate Vice President Maureen Howard

Justin Bannister announced that no persons signed in to make public comments.

12:20 pm

6. CONSENT AGENDA-Chancellor Garrey Carruthers

a. Policy-

1. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding No. 3 Between New Mexico State University and AFSCME LOCAL 2393, signed by the Parties on May 25, 2016.
2. Approval of Reductions in Employee Benefits (moved to Action)
3. Approval of Amended Regents Policy 3.25, Equal Opportunity and Prohibition of Unlawful Discrimination
4. Ratification of Provisionally Revised Policy 6.86, Adjustment of Copy of Transcript Fee (moved to Action)
5. Approval of New Regents Policy 18.00, Advancement, repealing Policies 2.50-Naming, 2.75-University Advancement Gift Income, NMSU Endowments and NMSU Foundation; and 6.75 Honorary Degrees.

b. Administrative-

1. Approval of the Water Settlement Agreement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
2. Approval of First Amendment to the lease Agreement between Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) and NMSU

Regent Mike Cheney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Regent Jerean Hutchinson. Motion passed.

Chancellor Carruthers quipped that we should get all items on Consent.

12:30 pm

7. ACTION ITEMS-Chair Debra Hicks

a.

1. Approval of First-Year Residency Requirement Exemptions.

A list of exemptions are prepared to allow certain students to be allowed to not live on campus during their freshman year.

NMSU Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance D'Anne Stuart

Chair Hicks asked if any issues may not be included in the exemptions list. D'Anne Stuart replied that the exemptions are standard but we included a distance exemption.

Regent Kari Mitchell stated she was not ready to support the exemptions. She wants to know the percentage of Doan Ana County students affected. What is the cost of the program? Add the comparable of what a student who lives in an apartment pays. You did not included how the financial exemption would work.

Regent Mike Cheney stated that we need to do what is right for NMSU. We should not be worried about the local market. Regent Cheney asked that we get the requested details and move forward quickly. We need more data.

Regent Hutchinson thanked the presenters. She stated that she appreciated seeing the new freshman experience, FYRE.

Regent Cheney asked what the timeline for approval is.

Regent Kari Mitchell stated she would be in favor of the 50 mile exemption.

D'Anne Stuart explained that they want to help low income (poverty) students with housing scholarships.

Matt, the NMSU Housing Director explained the focus is on encouraging students to live on campus or with their parents (first-time freshmen).

Regent Kari Mitchell stated she does not have enough data or information. What are the criteria? Chair Hicks stated that "poverty level" may be one criteria. Regent Cheney said we are hung up on costs. Is the Housing RFP out?

D'Anne Stuart stated that we are looking at this as a retention strategy.

Chair Hicks said that due to hearing many issues, we may need a special meeting.

Regent López Askin asked if we can find a safety net so we do not lose a single student.

Regent Mike Cheney made a motion to table the item. It was seconded by Regent Askin. The item will be tabled and we will get together before July 8th (printing deadline). Motion passed.

2. NMSU-Alamogordo: Student Union Building Kitchen Renovation.

Proposal is to renovate the existing kitchen and sale areas in Student Union Building (292J) to provide a more space efficient for food preparation and sale areas. The Student Union Building Kitchen Renovation was presented to the Board of Regents in March 2015 and Higher Education Department in April 2015. The project was canceled due to lack of complete funding.

NMSU Associate Vice President for Facilities and Services Glen Haubold

The budget of \$100,000 was not suitable so they have supplemented the project with reserve funds. Regent Cheney moved for approval. It was seconded by Regent Hutchinson. Motion passed.

3. NMSU-Carlsbad: Environmental Monitoring and Research Center (CEMRC) – Labs 150 and 158 equipment replacement.

Proposal is to renovate Labs 150 & 158 (radiochemical laboratories) in the CEMRC facility in building number 548, Light Hall. The combination of age, heat, and acid use has degraded much of the laboratory ventilation components, fume hoods, and rooftop exhaust components.

NMSU Associate Vice President for Facilities and Services Glen Haubold

Glen Haubold stated this is Phase 1 and a future project will come in the future as Phase 2. Regent Cheney moved for approval. It was seconded by Regent Hutchinson. Motion passed.

4. Approval of a New Degree, M.S. in Psychopharmacology-College of Education

NMSU Executive Vice President and Provost Dan Howard

Provost Howard stated that we already do this. We are changing the title of the degree to align with accreditation. It has support from Senator Mary Kay Papan.

Regent Askin spoke favorably for supporting the program. Regent Mitchell stated that we need to be fiscally agile. Do we take programs off when we bring new ones on? Other questions from the Board included: Do you have a period of review for fledgling programs? Are we marketing it? What is your enrollment projection? Associate Dean Enedina Vazquez stated that NMSU is at the forefront of this program. Provost Howard spoke about the cost of doing program review. Regent Hutchinson stated it is a great opportunity to be marketing. Regent Askin added that our state is designated as a state in crisis/need. You are doing a great job. Iowa just passed this in their state.

Regent Askin made a motion for approval seconded by Regent Hutchinson. Motion passed.

5. Approval of lease between NMSU and Aggie Development, Inc. for Phase 1 of East Campus Development

President of Aggie Development, Inc. Scott Eschenbrenner

Scott Eschenbrenner read a statement about 36 acres, and an 18-hole championship golf course. Chair Hicks stated that this has a positive recommendation from the Regents' Real Estate Committee. Regent Mitchell asked if this comes back to the Board. The answer is no, as it is handled by the ADI Board. Scott Eschenbrenner estimated that the parcels are worth about 36 million dollars and the market return could be 8-9%. Regent Hutchinson moved for approval. Regent Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Approval of Reductions in Employee Benefits (moved from Consent)

Regent Askin said she has received numerous contacts about the reduction in employee benefits and that our employees are making sacrifices to "right size the ship". Our employees are helping and the employee union has agreed.

Chancellor Carruthers gave credit to the employee union for their role in the negotiation. They did not want a reduction in annual leave. We just approved the union contract extension for 3 years.

Regent Mitchell thanked Monica Dunivan for her participation through the Employee Council.

Regent Askin moved, and Regent Hutchinson seconded the approval of the reduction in employee benefits. Motion passed.

7. Ratification of Provisionally Revised Policy 6.86, Adjustment of Copy of Transcript Fee (moved from Consent)

Regent Mitchell asked if it is correct that parents can see student records if they are being claimed as a dependent on a tax return. Liz Ellis stated that it would be difficult to establish that a tax return is probably not sufficient. Bernadette Montoya was asked to explain the proxy access that enables a student to give access to their parents.

Chancellor Carruthers shared a story about a girl who brought her parents here for commencement but had never been enrolled at NMSU.

Regent Mitchell moved to approve the transcript fee. The motion was seconded by Regent Hutchinson. Motion passed.

1:00 pm

7. Updates from NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers

The Chancellor addressed “right-sizing” the budget, reduction of 12.1 million dollars. He described the process of receiving 750 responses on where to make budget cuts from stakeholders through the NMSU system. The senior leadership team looked at the recommendations in a day at the President’s Residence. He said the Regents’ are having a public meeting to disclose the budget cuts to the campus.

On restructuring NMSU for the 21st Century, the teams will be reporting out. He said two plans had been approved, Facilities and Services and the Office of Advancement. Regent Mitchell said we need to give focus to enrollment, enrollment, retention, retention, and getting students to market to create an economy. Chancellor Carruthers responded that the freshman numbers are up and we are getting ready to market to Mexican students, and would like to a Western Undergraduate exchange (WUE) type agreement with Texas in the future.

Regent Mitchell asked the Faculty Senate Chair to think about how to make NMSU sustainable for the future. Provost Howard responded that we do program review every 5 years. The reports that emanate will be sent to the Board of Regents. Faculty Senate Chair Brown stated that they have asked the Dean of Arts and Sciences to accelerate their program review.

8. Confirmation of Prior Executive Sessions-Chair Debra Hicks

No executive sessions have been held since the last meeting.

Regents’ Student Success Committee Retreat, July 17-19, Las Cruces main Campus (Invitation Only)

Upcoming Meetings-Next Regular Meeting of the NMSU Board of Regents, Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, NMSU Main Campus, Regents Room in the Educational Services Building, Las Cruces, NM.

1:15 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT-Chair Debra Hicks

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 pm.