

Eastern New Mexico University
Budget and Planning Committee
March 24, 2021

Present Ed Caffrey, Patrice Caldwell, Enrique Carrillo, Cameron Colson, Kenwyn Cradock, Allan Crawford, Clark Elswick, Russell Johnson, Jamie Laurenz, Jeff Long, Brent Small, Laura Smart, Scott Smart, Debra Stone, David Sweeten, Charles Waggoner

Guests John Crates

Minutes Mr. Caffrey called the meeting to order.

Budget Update. Mr. Smart: In terms of the session the University ended up with a 5.1% increase in funding to I&G, the total increase was about 1.45 million. That is the largest percentage increase to any University seen for I&G. The reason being is we pitched to the legislature how Eastern's funding for student within I&G is significantly less than the other institutions. Last session we received 700 thousand of supplemental funding which was sanded away in the summer special session. This session we received 400 thousand in supplemental funding that gave Eastern the 5.1% increase. WNMU was given 5% increase, NM Tech was 2.7%, NMHU was 2.9%, NMSU was 3.3% and UNM was 3.2%. WE appear to have the ear of the legislators in respect to this funding disparity so hopefully we can continue to close the gap. They have also included a 1.5% increase for compensation, which for Eastern equals about 519 thousand. Our total increase was about 1.973 million. There wasn't a lot of new money that was provided to higher education it was only a half of 1 %, in the current environment we believe in any increase is better than a decrease. The increase in compensation is a good success. There is also another section of money called Research and Public Service that is outside of I&G. The two largest elements of these funds are athletics which will receive 2 Million 145 thousand and KENW received \$977,200 in Research and Public Service funding which was also a decrease of 3%. As a system the total increase was 1.658 million which equals a 3.5% in state support. That does not include the compensation. The governor has two weeks to utilize her veto on any of the legislation that is out there so these numbers are subject to change. The other side of funding is the capital projects. This is a non-GO Bond year, so the projects were funded by Severance Tax Bonds. Portales campus received 1.2 million for what we call generic infrastructure. This can be used to fix roofs, windows, sidewalks and access control. We are going invest the majority of this into the last phase of the access control system. KENW also received 300 thousand for equipment, 295 thousand to for the theater roof. We originally requested 350 thousand for the roof so we will add some money to that to replace the roof. The theater roof is the oldest on campus

Legislative Update: President Caldwell: We were amazed as to how well this session turned out for higher education. We do hope this a carbon of good things to come. For our students there was also an increase in funding for the Lottery and Opportunity Scholarships. Last year the Opportunity Scholarships were only available to students on the two-year campus's but the governor's commitment was to extend it all New Mexico students. One bill that did move forward is an initiative called the 2+2 pilot program. This encourages schools on the eastside of the state to put together a 2+2 programs that transfer from a two-year school to a four-year at Eastern. This is a big compliment to this campus that we are the chosen to be the partner of choice to those six partner institutions. This bill was carried by Senator Gay Kernan in Hobbs who has always been a friend to Eastern.

Capital Projects and Construction Update. Mr. Smart reported the ones we are working on right now is replacement of the electrical supply system at West Campus housing. The good news on that project was the original estimate was 2 million and ended up only costing 1 million. We were able to bury the lines instead of pole mounting which save some money. Eddy Hall's brick work. We are still intent on razing Bernie and we had set aside 2 million to do that but we transferred that money to the West Campus electrical project because that was a more of a priority. With West Campus costing half as much and with some infrastructure money we going to look into getting that project done in the next 12 months. The largest project we have working is Roosevelt Science Center which is now in design phase.

Dr. Caldwell added those projects are really important. She asked for advice and input on the next GO Bond. We will be presenting on our project for the 2022 GO Bond this summer. Core Staff has been thinking about this and we can always put in for generic infrastructure, that is what most 2-year campuses do, most 4-year campuses put much larger and complex projects. We have been talking about a couple of projects. Renovation of the SAS building, because this is where Enrollment Services and Financial Aid are housed and for our new students this is their first stop so. SAS has had some heating and cooling issues; the atrium is heat source in the summer and it is one of our oldest building on campus which was built in 1948. The Art Annex is very elderly, the Ag building which is metal and used to be the ROTC building has some unique challenges and a growing Ag program would need a new building. Harding Hall would be another interesting challenge for us. We need to something with that building and not tear it down. We would like to think of something interesting to do with it. We are moving away from the previous idea of a Welcome Center; however, SAS serves as good Welcome Center with a renovation it would be better. The Education building could use some TLC. We have also talked about the College of Business and perhaps an addition to Greyhound Arena in terms of expansion of a Wellness Center. The current Max Pack has served well for a long time but a larger facility would be attractive and might welcome on campus. Students, staff and faculty are very interested in health and wellness. If anyone has another project of what we should put forward let the committee or president's office know so we can do research and put what ever project we decide to do before the Board of Regents who can authorize it to go to GO Bond.

Mr. Caffery stated with no old business on the agenda we will move to new business of the Governance Review document. Cris stated the University Council has been tasked with doing a governance review of all standing committees on campus, just committees not councils. We will be looking at membership, what the committee does, who it answers to, if it is still working and make sure it answers to the current Mission and Vision. See the attached review document for the edits to the Budget and Planning Committee review.

New Business None

Adjournment A motion (Cradock/Sweeten) to adjourn was accepted at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by
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