

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Eastern New Mexico University - Portales
May 14, 2021 – 12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Dan Patterson called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Dan Patterson, Lance Pyle, Chandler Head, Trish Ruiz, and Phillip Bustos were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Roll call: Regent Patterson – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Head – Yes;
Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Bustos –Yes.*

APPROVE THE AGENDA

*Regent Head moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded.
Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2021. Regent Head seconded.
Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent Dan Patterson commended the Ruidoso and Roswell campuses for successful commencement ceremonies and looks forward to the Portales event tomorrow. He thanked those who have contributed to these ceremonies.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell reported he was contacted by General Grizzle of New Mexico Military Institute with a request for tuition reductions. The Registrar's Office (Linda Neel) has been working with Harry Rommel at HED to write an MOU to enroll up to 45 cadets for summer courses. NMMI will have students on campus for another month for high school and junior college sports as an after-effect of COVID-19.

Chaves County remains in the yellow designation by the New Mexico Department of Health. From April 2020 to present, ENMU-Roswell has had 51 positive COVID-19 cases (25 students and 26 faculty/staff).

Dr. Powell said that enrollment numbers are encouraging in comparison to this time last year. Advertising and registration efforts are in progress.

Several ongoing capital projects were discussed, including the Maintenance Building construction and renovations to the Automotive/Welding Building. Also included in this list are the architecture and engineering design work for exterior lighting and surveillance systems, electrical panel upgrades, the PAC renovation which is scheduled to begin this month, sanitation and sewer line replacement, and fiber optic upgrades which will start after July 1, 2021.

Dr. Powell said the RFP for Strategic Enrollment Management Planning brought in bids and a firm has been selected to provide consulting services beginning this fall. Other RFPs moving forward are for the Child Development Center, the archives project, and the bookstore.

A special thanks to Todd DeKay for his work with the Great Colleges to Work For survey this spring. The response rate more than doubled from last year, and final results of this survey will be shared with the Regents at a future meeting.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper thanked Dr. Caldwell and Regent Pyle for attending the May 13 commencement ceremony. This was their first attempt for an outdoor graduation and was an overall success. Four student speakers were selected for the evening, including a Mescalero Apache grandmother who chose to go back to school to set an example for her grandchildren, one student who received his high school equivalency certificate and is working to become a private business owner, a student from the Mescalero Apache tribe who received a degree in cyber security, and a dual credit student working toward a career in cybersecurity.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, ENMU-Ruidoso has had nine positive COVID-19 cases, six staff, and three students. There has been one positive student case reported this week.

Mr. Trosper said they will have an All Staff Meeting on May 17 at which this time, Paul Wenzel will be recognized for the President's Service Award, and Jeff Frawley will be recognized as the President's Teaching Excellence award winner.

A meeting took place on May 11 with the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council to further discuss the potential for a cyber range. A venture capitalist company from Houston, TX, has shown interest in this concept, which could help with cyber security education.

Paperwork for the ENMU-Ruidoso property acquisition has been submitted to HED and the State Board of Finance for their summer meetings. These are the final steps toward this purchase.

Mr. Trosper said the Legislative Finance Committee will meet on their campus this summer, and they look forward to hosting this group.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM

Dr. Patrice Caldwell reported that discussions are underway across the System to decide how Federal funds (HEERF) should be disbursed and who is eligible to receive this money. Brent Small is coordinating this effort.

The three campuses have approached commencement in different ways to comply with their location requirements and to also meet the needs of students and their families.

Dr. Caldwell discussed Portales' return-to-campus plans, which will begin June 1. A Managers Information Exchange meeting will be held on June 3, and any concerns or problems with this initiative will be discussed.

Marketing efforts are in place to bring awareness that the campus will be open this fall. Vaccinations are now available to younger people, but the 18-24 age group is far less vaccinated. Students are strongly encouraged to get their vaccination, but vaccines will not be mandated until there is approval from the FDA and state directives.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. Budget Adjustment Request, Ruidoso (Mr. Ryan Trospen, Action)
2. 2021 Spring Graduates, Portales (Mr. Clark Elswick, Action)
3. Approval of 2021-2022 Room and Board (Dr. Jeff Long, Action)

Regent Pyle moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Other Matters

1. Alcohol Service June 25-26, 2021, at the Rodeo Arena

Ms. Noelle Bartl said they are working to engage Foundation members and donors this summer and plan to hold the annual Burying of the Beef on June 25-26. They have determined the new metal building at the Rodeo Arena would be the ideal location for this event since the University House is under construction.

Enchantment Vineyards will provide the picnic license to serve alcohol, and Sodexo will provide licensed servers.

Regent Pyle moved to approve serving alcohol at the Rodeo Arena June 25-26, 2021, at the Foundation events as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Five Year Capital Plan, Portales

Mr. Scott Smart presented the latest version of the Five Year Plan which is funded through general obligation bonds, severance tax bonds, and university reserves. More extensive projects typically require a cost match from the University, and these future endeavors include the renovation of the Student Academic Services building (2022 GOB) and renovation of Harding Hall (2024 GOB).

Major capital projects for FY21-22 include upgrades to the West Campus electrical system. The estimate for this project was originally in the \$1 million range but has recently increased to \$1.5 million due to the inflation of materials' costs. Other projects include renovations to the Roosevelt Science Center, renovation of the University House, construction of the Solar Phase I, brick replacement on Eddy Hall, roof replacement on the SAS building, and Access Control.

Mr. Smart provided Regents with a projects list through FY25-26. Regent Pyle asked whether we are looking to remodel the SAS building or at new construction. Mr. Smart responded that this building is still structurally sound and it would be more cost-effective to renovate with a possible cost match of \$3-4 million. Regent Pyle further asked how projects are prioritized, and Mr. Smart said that he keeps a spreadsheet of buildings, the ages of their roofs, and heating and cooling upgrades. Roofs, for example, are replaced before they reach a certain age limit.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the Five Year Capital Plan for the Portales campus as presented. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

1. Five Year Capital Plan, Ruidoso

Mr. Ryan Trosper listed three prioritized projects that will be presented at the NMHED summer hearings.

- Priority 1: HVAC Replacement (2021 – 2022)
- Priority 2: Parking Lot Renovation (2022 – 2023)
- Priority 3: Expanded Workforce Training Spaces (2023 – 2025)

Regent Head moved to approve the Five Year Capital Plan for the Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. CAE Cybersecurity Workforce Development Certificate, Ruidoso

Mr. Trosper introduced Mr. Steven Miller, Director of Cybersecurity. Mr. Miller reported that they have received a \$1.5 million, three-year grant for this program in partnership with NSA. This Workforce Development program is now targeted toward veterans, first responders, Native Americans, and military spouses.

This was initially a pilot program, but the coursework has been enhanced to provide the knowledge and skill set for helpdesk personnel, security analysts, risk assessment and penetration testing. The grant pays for industry certification.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the CAE Cybersecurity Workforce Development certificate program as presented. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENT MATTERS

Information Only

Regent Trish Ruiz

HERC Report

Regent Ruiz reported this was an informative meeting that allowed a great deal of collaboration with other New Mexico universities. They discussed what has worked well in the past and what hasn't. Guest speakers included several attorneys who discussed the necessity for transparency, accountability, legal requirements, and fiduciary responsibility. Former New Mexico Governor and former New Mexico State University Chancellor Gary Carruthers spoke at the board meeting and provided key points on the ideology of being a successful Regent. These fundamental principles are:

- Commitment to college and student success
- A well informed and dedicated board
- Affinity and allegiance to the mission, values, and service to students
- Trust
- Proper governance
- Transparency

Regent Phillip Bustos & Regent Chandler Head

Alumni/Foundation Report

Regent Phillip Bustos said he enjoyed attending the Alumni meeting with a group of diehard ENMU Alums. They are currently working on several events, including the summer golf tournament and homecoming. The golf tournament fundraising goal is \$68K.

Regent Chandler Head commended Mr. Trospen for the hospitality they received on his campus and thanked him for hosting the Foundation Board meeting. During this forum, the financial report was given as well as a report from the Investment Committee.

The next meeting will be in Albuquerque during the golf tournament weekend.

Mr. Scott Smart

Update on the Timeline for Roosevelt Science Center Renovations

Mr. Smart provided a step-by-step timeline for the approval processes for this project which began in December 2020, and will conclude in December 2021. A visual presentation provided an overview of the architectural concept of the building remodel. The renovation goal is to compliment the style of the Golden Student Success Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 2:42 p.m. to discuss several limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Patterson – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Head – Yes; Regent Ruiz – Yes; Regent Bustos – Yes.

Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 3:39 p.m. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

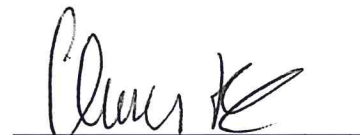
1. Regent President Patterson reported that the regents discussed several limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board