

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Administration Building- Regents Room
December 10, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President-elect Lance Pyle called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Lance Pyle, Chandlar Head, Trish Ruiz, and Phillip Bustos were physically present. Regent Dan Patterson was present virtually.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2021.
Regent Head seconded. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent Dan Patterson thanked everyone for attending. He commented on the unprecedented difficulty of the past two years and thanked faculty, staff, and students for their perseverance and for keeping things moving forward. He requested that Regent Pyle conduct the meeting on his behalf.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell thanked the Regents for attending ENMU-Roswell commencement ceremonies last evening and reported that spring enrollment is up 7% compared to this time last year.

Two recruiter positions, which have been vacant for some time, are being filled. At this time last month, there were 30 open positions, and presently, there are 20. Regents commented on the positive enrollment numbers and Dr. Powell attributed this in part to the enrollment push within the community and on campus.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper reported final fall enrollment up 11% in headcount and 8% in FTE.

Each spring, the Ruidoso campus hosts the Sierra Blanca Wildland Fire Academy, which is an event that leads to credit and non-credit enrollment for people involved in the structural and wildland fire program. Up to 200 firefighters may be on campus attending this event.

Regent Pyle asked for construction and property acquisition updates. Mr. Trosper responded that Phase III of the construction project, covering the exterior improvements, will be presented to the Regents in January. The property acquisition has proven to be a challenge from a financing standpoint. He plans to work with the HED Secretary and LFC for guidance in bringing this to the 2022 Legislative Session as a capital request.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Mr. Stephen Doerr reported the Foundation has experienced the same type of pandemic-related difficulties as the University. There have been fewer board meetings, but the Investment Committee has been busy, and Glen O'Rear has been actively involved in guiding their decisions.

- Total contributions for FY21 - \$1,937,477
- Total expenses - \$1,287,174
- Total end-of-year assets - \$28,545,427 (\$1,298,539 - unrestricted; \$27,246,888-restricted)

Investments have increased significantly but so have costs. The Foundation is working to make sure there are funds to meet the needs of our students. In 2021, 481 scholarships were awarded totaling \$480,000, plus an additional \$100,000 in Starter Scholarships.

Regent Pyle asked about the possibility of using restricted funds for recruiting efforts. Mr. Doerr responded that he would visit with the Foundation Board about this request. Regents also inquired about the Casa del Sol property. Noelle Bartl reported that the home is complete and furniture will be delivered soon. The donor, Dr. Gay Su Pinnell, is planning a grand opening event sometime in March 2022. The transfer of property will be brought to the Board of Regents in January or February.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM

Dr. Patrice Caldwell began by pointing out that enrollment on four-year campuses differs from that of two-year campuses. Administration is studying enrollment trends to discover how best to assist students in making their way back to campus. Students typically enroll for the next semester after final exams are complete, so spring enrollment is also being monitored carefully.

Kudos to Campus Life for hosting a successful blood drive. There were 69 donors who gave a total of 83 pints of blood in a matter of five hours.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. FY 2022 Budget Adjustment Request, Portales (*Mr. Scott Smart, Action*)
2. FY 2022 Budget Adjustment Request, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
3. FY 2022 Budget Adjustment Request, Ruidoso (*Mr. Ryan Trosper, Action*)
4. Fall 2021 ENMU-Portales Graduates List (*Mr. Clark Elswick, Action*)
5. Approval to Transfer Used Welding Building Exhaust Fans to RISD, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Other Matters

1. Proposed Rates for Room and Board 2022 – 2023

Dr. Jeff Long presented documentation to support the proposal of a 3% increase in residence halls and apartments and a 6.5% for board plans. This increase is in response to the rise in utilities and repairs to the housing facilities, also wage and insurance increases and the product price index increase for food items

Conversation took place regarding the decline of students living on campus and the trend for online classes due to the pandemic. Dr. Long pointed out that one of the housing units was taken off-line to support quarantine space for the University and community. There are 1,000 beds on campus and the goal for upcoming semesters is to have 750-800 occupancy.

Regent Patterson said it is important to promote that ENMU has the lowest room and board rates in the state.

Regent Patterson moved to approve a 3% increase in room rates and a 6.5% increase in board rates for FY23 as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. FY23 Tuition and Fees

Mr. Scott Smart said the initial 5% tuition and fees proposal was discussed at the Regent Work Session yesterday, and an amended proposal is being brought before the board today. A 3% increase in tuition and a 4% increase in fees has been deemed necessary to support the increasing operational costs of the University.

The Regents reiterated how crucial recruitment will be in the coming years and that there has not been a tuition and fees increase in two years. ENMU still has among the lowest cost of attendance in the southwest, and this should be used as a recruiting tool.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve FY23 tuition and fees as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

3. Capital Projects 2022

Mr. Smart presented four capital projects for consideration in the 2022 Legislative Session:

- Roosevelt Science Center construction supplement - \$2.1M
- Administration Building Roof Replacement - \$230K
- Infrastructure support – \$1.2M (adjusted to \$3M)
- STEM education equipment - \$779K

Mr. Smart reported a \$2M shortfall for the Roosevelt Science Center project. The institution has committed \$8M to cover the increase in building costs, but due to the unprecedented inflation of materials, there is still a significant dollar shortage.

The original ask for infrastructure was \$1.2M, but would like for the Regents to consider increasing this ask to \$3M due to the ongoing nature of improving and maintaining University properties.

Regent Patterson moved to approve 2022 capital project proposals with the increase to infrastructure as presented.

Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Architect Selection, Roswell

Dr. Powell stated that after going through the RFP process, Nims, Calvani & Associates of Albuquerque have been chosen to provide architectural and engineering plans for the sanitation and sewer piping and restroom renovations on campus at an estimated cost of \$195K. This dollar amount is anticipated to be 6.5% of the total cost of the project and will be funded through severance tax bond capital outlay funding that was received at the 2021 Legislative Session.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve architect selection for ENMU-Roswell sewer/sanitation and restroom remodeling project as presented. Regent Head seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

5. Third-Party Vendor Alcohol Service

Mr. Benito Gonzales presented a request from the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce to serve alcohol at their annual banquet in the Campus Union Ballroom on January 20, 2022. In the event that Sodexo is unable to provide alcohol service, the Chamber would like to secure a picnic license for this purpose.

Regent Head moved to approve the use of a third-party vendor alcohol service for the January 20, 2022, Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet as presented.

Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENT MATTERS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Head moved to enter executive session at 10:39 a.m. to discuss one personnel matter related to Board of Regent-related projects and priorities pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Bustos 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 Patterson moved to return to open session at 11:15 a.m.

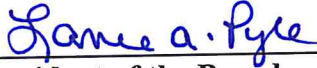
Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle reported that one personnel matter was discussed. No actions were taken.

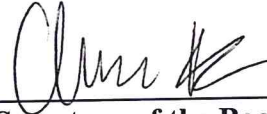
ADJOURNMENT

Regent Head moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and prepared by Karen Van Ruiten
Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Regents*