

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales
March 31, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Phillip Bustos called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Phillip Bustos, Trish Ruiz, Logan O'Brien, Lance Pyle, and Ray Birmingham were present.

Roll call: Regent Bustos– Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent O'Brien; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Birmingham - Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REGENTS

Regent Phillip Bustos introduced newly appointed Regents Ray Birmingham and Logan O'Brien.

Ms. Karen Van Ruiten administered the Oath of Office

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Ruiz moved to amend the agenda by changing Business Item 5, Creative Media Concentration, to an informational item. Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2023, meeting. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. Amendment to Policy 80-17 Employee Dress Code

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

Other Matters

1. Proposed Student Fees Activity Allocation FY23-24

Dr. Jeff Long introduced Payton Santillanes, Student Government Vice President. Regent Ruiz asked questions about allocating funds for the Safe Ride program. Mr. Santillanes responded that the program was developed to provide transportation to students who find themselves in an unsafe situation or need a ride to a medical appointment. Their carryover of funds determined their overall allocation for the next year.

Regent O'Brien asked how allocated dollars were determined for Athletic Programs. Mr. Santillanes responded that other funding sources were considered when making these decisions.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the student fees activity allocation as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.

2. Master's of Social Work (MSW) Portales

Dr. Jamie Laurenz introduced a proposal for implementing a Master's of Social Work program. This proposal has been reviewed, approved, and supported by the chair of Health and Human Services, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Council, the dean of CLAS, the graduate council, and the dean of the Graduate School.

Dr. Melissa Moyer, Assistant Professor and Director of Social Work, and Dr. Adrienne Bratcher, Chair, the Department of Health and Human Services, were introduced. Dr. Moyer and Dr. Bratcher answered various questions from Board members about the operational costs and program thesis requirements.

Regent Pyle thanked Dr. Laurenz and his team for putting this program together and moving it forward through the approval process. Dr. Laurenz said this presentation is the first step and will now be presented to the State Graduate Deans Council, HED, and the State Board of Finance. If approved by these groups, the program will be presented to our accrediting body with a target implementation date of Fall 2024.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the Master's of Social Work (MSW) program as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

3. Operating Agreement Between ENMU Board of Regents and the Roswell Branch Community College Board

Dr. Shawn Powell presented the bi-annual operating agreement, which will extend from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Dr. Powell discussed the minor language changes to this agreement as they pertained to the common course numbering system. This agreement was approved by the ENMU-Roswell Branch Community College Board on March 8, 2023.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the operating agreement between the ENMU Board of Regents and the Roswell Branch Community College Board as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Operating Agreement Between ENMU Board of Regents and the Ruidoso Branch Community College Board

Dr. James Johnston presented the bi-annual operating agreement on Mr. Trosper's behalf. The ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board approved this agreement on February 22, 2023.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the Operating Agreement between the ENMU Board of Regents and the Ruidoso Branch Community College Board as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

5. ENMU-Ruidoso Creative Media Concentration

Dr. Johnston directed the discussion of this program concentration to Coda Omness and Jeff Frawley, who joined the meeting virtually. Ms. Omness stated this concentration was developed due to the level of interest in this field and to add exposure to their creative arts program. A series of courses will cover design principles, digital media tools, and project management, working with industry-standard software and equipment.

6. ENMU-Ruidoso Out-of-state Tuition

Dr. Johnston said this increase proposal is for out-of-state tuition only. ENMU-Ruidoso remains \$30 lower per credit hour than any other community college in the state. The recommended \$26 per credit hour increase would move out-of-state rates from \$106 to \$132 per credit hour. Additionally, this proposal would help offset the rise in insurance costs.

Regent Birmingham moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso out-of-state tuition proposal as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

7. ENMU-Ruidoso Recommended Course Fees FY23-24

Dr. Johnston explained the removal of three course fees, and the addition of a \$350-course fee that would cover a tool kit for the CNST 289 Construction Internship course.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the recommended course fees for ENMU-Ruidoso as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent Phillip Bustos welcomed Regents Birmingham and O'Brien to the board.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell said he met with the sewer and sanitation piping project contractors on March 29, and construction will commence on April 10, 2023. This project will affect three campus buildings. Work is underway for an RFP for the Nursing program expansion. This will be a year-long project of renovating a former dental clinic into spaces for nursing courses with a projected completion date of fall 2024.

Dr. Powell thanked Dr. Johnston and Mr. Trosper for being a part of the campus tours with Senator Henrich and his staff. The visit consisted of a two-hour tour of the Aviation Maintenance Technology Building, the Automotive and Welding Building, and the Health Education Building.

Upcoming events include the April 8 Foundation Golf Tournament at NMMI, the April 12 Community College Board meeting, and the May 11 and 12 graduation and commencement ceremonies.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

In Mr. Trosper's absence, Dr. Johnston directed the Regents to the electronic submission for campus updates.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. Johnston drew attention to dashboard information that was sent to the Regents earlier in the week. This information will be updated and presented at each board meeting to provide consistent campus data.

We anxiously await responses and approvals from the Governor's Office for our Legislative requests. The numbers provided in the Regent's packet do not include the 6% compensation

increase, the \$304K additional faculty increase, and \$126K for student support. An equity adjustment of \$500K has been proposed for our base funding, which translates to the same as a 3% increase in tuition and fees. At this point, we are cautiously optimistic.

ENMU has been asked to host the summer Capital Outlay Hearings. More information to come on this.

Congressional Directed Spending requests have been submitted in the amount of \$6.5M to Senator Martin Heinrich's Office to expand our Environmental Science and Agriculture programs. Another proposal has been submitted to Senator Ben Ray Luan's office to upgrade and expand hybrid classrooms and for a project to preserve New Mexico River Ecosystems. In addition, letters of support have been sent to Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez's office for street and sidewalk improvements near campus.

Dr. Johnston reported on upcoming events, which include the Virtual Open House sponsored by Enrollment Services on April 22, and the Aaron Watson concert on April 29. The next Regents meeting will be on April 21, followed by the President's Picnic at 5:30 that evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Regent Ruiz moved to enter executive session at 9:44 a.m. to discuss one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

Roll call: Regent Bustos – Yes; Regent Ruiz – Yes; Regent O'Brien; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Birmingham - Yes.

*Regent Ruiz moved to return to open session at 11:04 a.m.
Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*


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

ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.
Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board