

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales
April 21, 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, and Lance Pyle were present. Ray Birmingham joined virtually.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the March 31, 2023, meeting minutes. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. Amendments to Policy 10-2 Board of Regent Manual: Part 2: University Governance by the Board
2. ENMU-Portales Final Budget Adjustment Request for FY23
3. ENMU-Portales Spring 2023 Graduation List
4. ENMU-Roswell Budget Adjustment Request FY23
5. ENMU-Roswell Spring 2023 Graduation List
6. ENMU-Roswell Academic Calendar FY24
7. ENMU-Ruidoso Budget Adjustment Request
8. ENMU-Ruidoso Spring 2023 Graduation List

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

Other Matters

1. Emeritus Status for Dr. Pattarapong Burusnukul
Dr. Jamie Laurenz said Dr. Burusnukul, professor of marketing, has expressed his intent to retire at the end of this academic year. Based on the recommendations of his dean, and faculty evaluation committee, he is pleased to recommend him for emeritus status.

Regent Ruiz thanked him for his years of service and dedication to teaching our students.

Dr. Burusnukul expressed his deepest gratitude for being given the opportunity to teach at this institution. He said it has been a life-changing experience and a time of personal and professional growth.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the emeritus status request for Dr. Pattarapong Burusnukul as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.

2. Emeritus Status for Dr. Patrice Caldwell

Dr. Laurenz said that based on the recommendations of the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the chair of the Department of Languages and Literature, and the faculty evaluation committee, he is pleased to recommend Dr. Patrice Caldwell for faculty emeritus status. She has been an excellent advisor and instructor as well as a respected colleague for over 40 years.

Dr. Caldwell made a comment about her personal experiences in the classroom and said it has always been about the students.

Regents Ruiz and Pyle thanked Dr. Caldwell for her impact on this University and the State of New Mexico.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the emeritus status request for Dr. Patrice Caldwell as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.

Regent Birmingham lost connection.

3. ENMU Portales FY24 Operating Budget Request

Mr. Tony Major thanked John Crates and Jazz Juarez for their efforts in preparing the System budgets. The signed budgets are due to HED on May 1.

Mr. Major stated the proposed revenue budget is \$62M, of which 66% is from state appropriation and 32% is from tuition and fees revenue. The total proposed expenditure budget is \$55.9M, approximately 9% higher than last year primarily due to the compensation increase.

A 6% across-the-board compensation increase, and an 80/20 employer/employee insurance contribution are included in the FY24 budget. The insurance contribution change complies with HB 533 rules and aligns with the ENMU-Roswell campus.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Portales operating budget for FY24 as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

4. ENMU-Roswell FY24 Operating Budget Request

Mr. Major thanked Pam Collins and Rosie Duran for their work in preparing the Roswell budget, which the Community College Board approved last week. Roswell has experienced a 24% increase in tuition and fee revenue due to enrollment. Therefore, the budget has increased from \$3M last year to \$3.7M for this year.

The state appropriation for Roswell increased by 25%, due in part to the increase in compensation. They also have a new RPSP project for a veteran's center for \$60K and a \$100K increase in their mill levy.

Mr. Major reported an increase of \$2M in I&G costs over the last year due mostly to inflationary costs and compensation. Auxiliary and housing are breaking even. The budgeted reserve balance for I&G is near \$2M and just under \$1M for capital reserves.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell operating budget for FY24 as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

5. ENMU-Ruidoso FY24 Operating Budget Request

Mr. Major thanked Karen Massey and the budget team. As mentioned, this is the first year for a System approach to the budgeting process. Ruidoso's Community College Board approved this budget at their meeting last week.

ENMU-Ruidoso is budgeting for a flat enrollment, with no tuition or fee increase for in-state students and a slight increase for out-of-state students, which will add around \$30K to the revenue. The state appropriation increased by 5.5%, primarily due to inflation. The mill levy is budgeted at \$1.4M. Ruidoso will receive \$200K in funding for their start-up athletic programming.

Instruction and general expenses are up \$60K from last year due to compensation increases. Ending capital reserves are budgeted for \$120K, and I&G reserves at \$250K.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso operating budget for FY24 as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

6. CMAR Contract – Student Academic Services Building

Mr. Major said there was one response to the Construction Manager at Risk for the Student Academic Services Building. Bradbury Stamm will work with the architect to develop construction documents to submit to subcontractors to establish a Gross Maximum Price (GMP).

Dr. Jeff Long presented drawings of the new building footprint, which will be in the current location of Harding Hall. This building will be approximately 25K square feet and house all of the departments currently in the SAS building.

Regent Pyle asked for a timeline for this construction. Mr. Major responded that we are waiting to hear from the state regarding funding for the demolition of Harding Hall (\$10M). He anticipates coming back in early fall for final Board approval and for construction to begin in late fall. The forecasted completion date would be the summer of 2025.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the CMAR contract for the Student Academic Services Building as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENT MATTERS
Information Only

Facility Master Plan Update

Mr. Major reported an RFP went out last summer and we contracted with Parkhill Associates for the Facility Master Plan for the Portales and Ruidoso campuses. Building assessments have taken place to develop the facility condition index. This allows us to look at the deferred maintenance requirements.

Parkhill has met with campus constituencies and Dr. Johnston for feedback. Now, work will begin on the strategic vision, and plans will be finalized this summer. A tentative report will be submitted to HED in June, and the final project will be presented in September.

Lobbying Report

Mr. Larry Horan thanked the Regents for the invitation to give his Legislative report. This was his first year representing the ENMU System during the 2023, 60-day session.

Mr. Horan laid out the evolving dynamics of the New Mexico political system and made note of several people in new leadership positions. The overarching business of the session was how to spend \$3.6B appropriately and responsibly and also maintain adequate reserves.

Regent Pyle asked what opportunities we need to be focused on in the coming year. Mr. Horan responded the University needs to seek leadership support, as our current support comes mainly from the minority party. He suggested finding programs that could benefit the entire state.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent Bustos made the following committee appointments:

- Audit and Finance – Lance Pyle and Phillip Bustos
- Alumni Board – Ray Birmingham and Logan O'Brien
- Foundation Board – Trish Ruiz and Ray Birmingham
- HERC – Trish Ruiz and Phillip Bustos (open to any Regent)
- NMPSIA – Trish Ruiz

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell thanked Dr. Johnston for presenting at the Roswell Rotary Club this week and responding to their many questions.

Dr. Powell reported a 28% increase in students from Spring 2022. The age range is from 13-76, which includes dual credit students to individuals taking one or two courses of interest.

The Foundation Golf Tournament was a success, raising \$16K.

The Facility Master Plan revision is underway. Mr. Clay Avery, CCB vice president, is serving on the thirteen-person committee.

Dr. Powell went over the Capital Outlay Projects, Junior Bills, and RPSP and reauthorizations. The list of ongoing capital projects includes the electrical panel upgrade, exterior lighting, surveillance system, sewer and sanitation piping, restroom renovations, and Nursing program expansion. The fire suppression proposal will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Powell listed several upcoming events, which include the May 12 Regents Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and the spring commencement ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at the Roswell Convention Center.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper welcomed the new Regents and said he looks forward to working with them. He also thanked the budget analysts for serving as a means of checks and balances and for their assistance in making sure the state's money is spent appropriately.

The first four graduates from the 2019 ENMU partnership are walking in the May commencement ceremony. The Mescalero Tribal Counsel, Ruidoso School Board, and New Mexico State Police have met on the Ruidoso campus, using their new facilities well. They are gearing up for Kid's College, July 24-28, and ENMU Day at the Races later in the summer.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston said many numbers reported on the dashboard remain static, but we will begin to see movement as we approach the fall semester. Summer enrollment numbers are good compared to last year, and we are very encouraged by the early fall numbers.

Legislative outcomes include an increase of \$4.5M (11.1%) from HB2 for the Portales campus for I&H, Athletics, KENW, and the Teacher Pipeline. System-wide, we have an increase of \$5.6M (10.1%). Portales received a \$54K increase for Research and Public Service and \$207K System-wide; Portales received \$285K for SB192 and \$660K System-wide. HB505 (Capital) Portales received \$7.4M, and System-wide, we received \$10.2M. In addition, Portales received \$3.25M for BRR demolition. We are waiting for confirmation of the final System-wide numbers.

Dr. Johnston said we put in \$6.5M in requests for Congressionally directed spending, and a joint request with the city that will go toward road improvements in and around campus. Representative Teresa Leger-Fernandez has moved this proposal to the second round.

New Mexico Junior College's Board of Trustees has approved the donation of their radio station (KNMJ) and equipment to ENMU. Our legal counsel vetted this agreement, and it has been executed.

Dr. Johnston reported on community efforts to cooperate and grow together. He met with Mayor Ron Jackson and community leaders to begin planning a celebratory event in conjunction with ENMU Family Weekend in the fall.

CARES Act funds were distributed to all spring graduates to assist with graduation costs. Students have responded very positively.

