

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**ENMU-Ruidoso**  
**February 17, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regent President Phillip Bustos called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Phillip Bustos and Trish Ruiz were physically present, and Lance Pyle joined via Teams.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Pyle moved to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2023, meeting. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

**Consent Agenda**

1. ENMU-Roswell Property Disposal and/or Transfer (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

**Other Matters**

1. Amendments to Policies and Student Handbook

Mr. Benito Gonzales commented that systemized language had been added to Policy 35-2. The addition of a time frame for appeals and the election of a committee chair are also included in these changes.

The ENMU-Portales Student Handbook has been updated with new phone numbers and the location of student services departments. Links to policies have been included in the handbook as well as updated procedures from various departments.

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the amendment to Policy 35-2 and changes to the Student Handbook as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0.*

2. Proposed Rates for Room and Board FY2023-2024

Mr. Tony Major presented a 2% rate increase proposal for residence halls and apartments and a 5% increase in board plans for fiscal year 2024.

Sodexo has recommended an 8% increase based on the current inflation rates, but final negotiations will take place in July of this year.

According to the Housing Office, the proposed housing increase would translate to \$39-\$66 per semester, and board plan increases would range from \$0-\$99, depending on the meal plan selected.

Regent Bustos asked about our current occupancy rate. Mr. Major responded that West Campus is 100% occupied, Guadalupe and Curry Halls are at 80% occupancy, and Eddy Hall has been cleared out for Science Faculty and the continued location for COVID-19 isolation.

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the proposed rates for room and board for FY23-24 as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

3. Proposed Rates for Tuition and Fees FY2024

Mr. Major stated the ENMU Administration recommends no increase in tuition and fees for the 2023-2024 academic year. We forecast a \$3M increase in operational costs, but based on a possible change in our state appropriation, we are choosing not to raise tuition and fees. It was clarified that a 0% increase is not sustainable in the long term.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the proposed rates for tuition and fees for FY24 and for rates to remain the same as FY23, as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

4. ENMU-Roswell Course Fee Changes for FY2023-2024

Dr. Shawn Powell presented several course fee changes for FY 2023-2024 pertaining to the Respiratory Program and Emergency Management program. The proposed increases would cover required licensing and background checks for program requirements.

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell course fee changes for FY23-24 as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

5. ENMU-Roswell Capital Improvement Funding Request for Boilers and Cooling Tower Replacement

Dr. Powell presented a one-time request for boiler and cooling tower replacement. The project will take approximately one year to complete, starting with ordering parts and materials and hiring a local contractor to do the work. A combination of state funding and capital reserves will be used to fund these projects.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell Capital Improvement funding request for boilers and cooling tower replacement as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

6. ENMU-Roswell Campus Fiber Upgrade Revised Proposal

Dr. Powell asked for approval for the installation of fiber optic cabling, which is on the 2020-2025 facility master plan. This project has been out for RFP twice with no bids. The ENMU-Roswell Purchasing Officer contacted Coyote Cable, who is installing the surveillance system. This company has placed a bid and will do the work.

*Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell campus fiber upgrade as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

7. ENMU-Roswell Architect Selection

Dr. Powell requested approval for “on-contract” architectural services as per ENMU Policy 55-2 for assistance with revising the facility master plan and preparing for the 2024 GO Bond proposals. If approved, ASA Architects of Roswell will assist with these two projects for \$147K (25% less than in 2019).

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell architect selection as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

## **ROUTINE MATTERS**

### **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

Regent Phillip Bustos said he had no formal report as Regent President, however, gave a brief overview of the recent HERC meeting. Items discussed at this meeting included unfunded mandates, wrap-around services for students, and a bill for minimum salary compensation for untenured faculty.

Regent Trish Ruiz added that a bill is being presented for Mental Health Services, which is much needed in our state and globally.

### **REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT**

Dr. Shawn Powell reflected on a question presented by Regent Ruiz at the last board meeting, “How long does it take to hire someone?” According to research on the Roswell campus, the average is 54 days and 11 days for an internal search. Mr. Gonzales reported there is a 90-day average for filling positions on the Portales campus, 126 days to fill faculty positions, 85 days for professional positions, and 60 days for support staff. Mr. Ryan Trosper said the overall average on the Ruidoso campus is 127 days. Housing is the greatest challenge in the Ruidoso area.

Dr. Powell reported spring enrollment is up 30% compared to spring 2022.

ENMU-Roswell applied for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Grant 16 months ago and received word that they will receive \$1,945,329 for the “Connecting Minority Communities” grant over a two-year period. This will play an essential role in expanding high-speed internet access and connectivity to eligible minority-serving institutions.

Dr. Powell said the ENMU-Roswell Foundation gave \$50K to support campus projects, including \$6K for Student, Professional, and Faculty Senates, \$5K for the Leadership Fellow project, \$12K

for federal lobbying efforts, and \$27K for campus and community projects, equipment and events.

Upcoming events include a CCB Work Session on February 23, followed by a Welcome Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Johnston. The Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on April 8 at NMMI, and spring commencement will be on May 12 at the Roswell Civic Center.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT**

Mr. Ryan Trosper thanked everyone for attending the board meeting on the Ruidoso campus. He drew attention to the new signage on the front exterior of the building and expressed thanks to the board for their continued support of the remodeling project. Construction is near completion.

Enrollment is up 11% compared to spring 2022 and is up 18% from the past three years.

ENMU-Ruidoso hosted a welcome reception for Dr. and Mrs. Johnston last evening, and it was well attended by community and staff members. The Ruidoso community is very interested in what is going on with the campus.

In cooperation with Albertsons and Calvary Church, a community meal was served to 237 people on campus. The village recently signed an MOU with ENMU-Ruidoso, naming them their preferred training partner.

The ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board will hold its next meeting on February 22.

#### **REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM**

Dr. James Johnston thanked the Ruidoso campus for hosting the Welcome Reception last evening. The community leadership and campus are very supportive.

As of Census Day (February 3, 2023), enrollment is up by 7.6% overall. Retention for first-time, full-time freshmen is up 1%.

Completion of the Regent requested dashboard is near completion. A final draft will be sent out for review and editing. Roosevelt Science Center remains on time and on budget. The completion target is December 2023. High interest rates and the cost of equipment continue to delay the solar project. A master plan is under review and will be brought to the board in the near future.

Dr. Johnston reported that in lieu of a tuition increase for 2023-2024, work is underway in the State Legislature to have a base funding increase. ENMU has the third largest enrollment and is the largest of the comprehensive institutions. We offer the second lowest tuition rates and receive the lowest appropriation per FTE.

A Congressional Directed Spending request in the amount of \$5M was submitted to Senator Martin Heinrich's office to expand our Environmental Science and Agriculture programs. This expansion would include support for a Hydrologist and lab equipment and result in increased research and teaching capacity in Environmental Science and Agriculture.

Dr. Johnston complimented Mr. John Houser on the organization of the Aaron Watson concert. There has been a very positive response from the community.

The Inauguration Planning Committee is working toward a May 5 ceremony. The Regents will be briefed on their portion of the program soon.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. *Regent Bustos moved to enter executive session at 3:03 p.m. to discuss one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

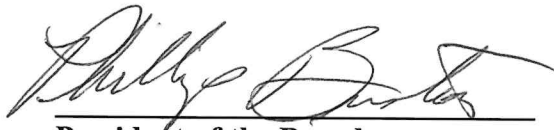
*Roll call: Regent Bustos –Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes.*

*Regent Ruiz moved to return to open session at 3:50 p.m.  
Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Regent Ruiz moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.  
Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*



**President of the Board**



**Secretary of the Board**