

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Roswell Convention Center, Roswell, NM
May 13, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Lance Pyle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Lance Pyle, Phillip Bustos, Trish Ruiz, and Dan Patterson were physically present. Regent Chandler Head was not present.

Roll call: Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Bustos– Yes; Regent Head – No response; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Patterson –Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Pyle moved to amend the agenda by removing items three and four from the consent agenda and moving item seven, under regular business before the consent agenda.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the amended agenda. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2022. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Head joined the meeting virtually.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Strategic Priority Update – New Mexico Youth ChalleNGe Academy, Roswell
Dr. Powell introduced April Kirkland, Deputy Director of the National Guard Youth Program. Ms. Kirkland explained the program’s mission to provide a quasi-military environment for a 22-week, on-campus training program for at-risk 16-18-year-olds.

Graduates of this program achieve a High Set degree which is the equivalent of a GED. This fall, 130 students were enrolled with a target of 100 graduates. The capacity for this program is 235 cadets.

Ms. Kirkland introduced two currently enrolled students, Cadet Rollerford and Cadet Vallejo. Each cadet spoke briefly about the opportunities Youth ChalleNGe has provided them.

Consent Agenda

1. Emerita Status for Dr. Linda Sumption, Portales (*Dr. Jamie Laurenz, Action*)
2. Spring 2022 Graduation List, Portales (*Mr. Clark Elswick, Action*)

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

Other Matters

2. Amendments to Policy, Support Senate Constitution

Mr. Benito Gonzales presented modifications to policy 40-7, additions to the Support Senate Constitution, and the new 80-6 Lactation Policy.

- 40-7 Leave Policy – Added language to allow supervisors to pay approved university holidays in lieu of makeup at the regular holiday rate, due to staffing issues
- Support Senate Constitution – Allows the president to serve one additional term
- 80-6 – Newly composed policy with provisions for nursing individuals

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the amendments to policy 40-7, changes to the Support Senate Constitution, and the addition of Policy 80-6 as presented.

Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.

3. Five-Year Capital Project Plan, Portales

Mr. Tony Major said work is underway to finalizing the contract for the Facilities Master Plan and it will be submitted to HED by the June 1 deadline for a formal presentation on June 8. Projects include:

- Student Academic Services Building (2021-2022 GO Bond) - \$12M
\$9M GO Bond (Nov. 2022)
\$3M ENMU reserves
- Harding Hall demo & abatement (2022-2023 Severance Tax Bonds) - \$1M
Access Control - \$1M
- New building for Agriculture Science/Art Annex (2023-2024 GO Bond) –
Eddy Hall roof replacement and renovations
- HVAC controls replacement (2024-2025 Severance Tax Bonds)
Greyhound Arena locker room renovation
- College of Business classroom renovations (2025-2026 GO Bond)
Education Building roof replacement
- Campus Union Building renovations (2026-2027 Severance Tax Bonds)
College of Business roof replacement

Regent Pyle asked how projects are being ranked. Mr. Major responded they have referred to last year's list. Regent Bustos asked about the possibility of renovating the Greyhound Arena. Mr. Major stated that projects such as this are not funded by the state because Instruction and General funds cannot be used. Regent Patterson mentioned the alternative energy projects are not listed on this plan. Mr. Major said the current interest rates are cost-prohibitive, plus there is a current shortage of solar panels in the US. The solar project costs are being re-calculated by Affordable. Tariff rates on solar panels will probably require ENMU to hold onto this project.

***Regent Patterson moved to approve the five-year capital projects plan as presented.
Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

4. Capital Projects for Summer 2022, Portales

Mr. Major said HED has made allowances for the increase in construction costs due to the unprecedented inflationary rates we are currently experiencing. He requested approval for an additional \$3M toward the Roosevelt Science Center project. The packet was submitted to HED this week for the June 8 hearing, with a total project cost of \$22M (\$16M from the two GO Bonds and \$7M from institutional reserves).

Regent Patterson asked if \$3M would be enough to complete the project. Mr. Major responded that HED wants precise cost details, and we are working closely with the architect. After the project has gone out for bid, we will have a better idea of the final project cost.

Regent Patterson asked about approving up to \$5M to preempt the need to return to the board if \$3M does not cover the final project costs. Mr. Major agreed this would be helpful. Regent Pyle asked if justification from Bradbury Stamm could be made with HED for cost overruns up to \$5M. Mr. Major believed this would be possible based on the institutional matches we thought would be required and the modifications made for overall cost-effectiveness.

Regent Pyle asked for Dr. Caldwell's input. She said the overall project would be reviewed and we will ask for the most accurate dollar amount.

Regent Patterson moved to approve \$3-\$5M as determined after a thorough project review, including a justification for the summer 2022 Capital Projects hearings. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

5. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan, Roswell

Dr. Shawn Powell gave an overview of the five-year capital projects plan and said these projects follow the Facility Master Plan that the Regents approved in 2019. The Facility Master Plan will be revised in spring 2023. The projects include:

- Aviation Maintenance Technology lab and storage expansion (2024 GO Bond) - \$2.5M
- Roof replacement at Instructional Technology Center (2024-2025 Severance Tax Bond) - \$1.57M
- Health Science remodeling (2026 GO Bond) - \$3M
- Campus walkway improvements (2026-2027 Severance Tax Bond) - \$192K
Campus signage - \$180K
- Upgrade fire panels, motion detection, and access systems (2028 GO Bond) – cost estimate to be determined

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the five-year capital projects plan for ENMU-Roswell as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Electrical Panel Upgrades – Approval for Construction, Roswell

Dr. Powell asked for approval of the bid from Norris & Sons Electrical Inc., Clovis, NM for the construction phase of the electrical panel upgrade on campus. Funding for this project comes from 2021 capital outlay funds and capital reserves.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the electrical panel upgrades and construction approval for ENMU-Roswell as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

7. Additional Funding Request for Capital Projects, Summer 2022 NMHED Severance Tax Bond Hearings, Roswell

Dr. Powell said HED is allowing institutions to apply for additional funding to complete existing capital projects. ENMU-Roswell is asking for \$500K to cover possible cost overruns on the sewer, sanitation, and restroom renovation project.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the additional funding request for capital projects, summer 2022 NMHED Severance Tax Bond Hearings, as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

8. Bookstore RFP, Ruidoso

Mr. Ryan Trosper reported the ENMU-Ruidoso campus wants to go to an all-access method of delivering course materials to their students. A \$23-\$29 per credit hour course fee would be assessed, and materials would be delivered digitally or in print.

This model proposal has been reviewed by the CCB, and Ruidoso administrators. Seventy-eight percent of surveyed students were in favor of this model. The recommendation is to seek the approval of the Regents and move forward.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso bookstore RFP as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

9. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan, Ruidoso

Mr. Trosper presented three projects that are being proposed as part of their Five-Year Capital Projects Plan.

- Priority 1 – Exterior and safety and security improvements (2022-2023) - \$575K
- Priority 2 – Expanded Workforce training spaces (2023-2025) - \$3M
- Priority 3 – Property Acquisition – Residence Hall (2026) - \$3M

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the five-year capital projects plan for ENMU-Ruidoso as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

10. Additional Summer Capital Requests, Ruidoso

Mr. Trosper proposed the purchase of a backup generator for the Ruidoso campus. This will provide a power source in the event of power outages, which occur often. The estimated cost, design, and installation is \$250K

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the additional summer capital request from ENMU-Ruidoso as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

11. Faculty Tenure, Ruidoso

Mr. Trosper said as the result of the faculty tenure process, Mr. Jeff Frawley, Instructor of Humanities, is being recommended for tenure status. Mr. Frawley has been a valued faculty member for the past 11 years and has had a great impact on the campus and community.

Regent Pyle extended his congratulations and appreciation for Mr. Frawley's dedication to the institution.

12. Emeritus Status for Mr. Jack McCaw, Ruidoso

Mr. Trosper reported Mr. Jack McCaw, instructor of sciences and department chair of sciences and mathematics, plans to retire at the conclusion of the academic year. He began working at ENMU-Ruidoso in 2007 and is a respected faculty member, and has served as a mentor and advisor for the nursing program for several years.

Mr. Trosper made the recommendation to award Mr. McCaw emeritus status.

Ms. Dinah Hamilton, instructor of psychology and department chair of social sciences and humanities, also plans to retire at the end of the academic year. She began teaching as an adjunct faculty in 1994, has been an instructor, advisor, respected colleague, and has provided valuable service to the college and community.

Mr. Trosper made the recommendation to award Ms. Dina Hamilton emeritus status.

Regent Pyle asked Mr. Trosper to congratulate these two faculty members and thank them for their dedication to the college.

REGENT MATTERS

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent Lance Pyle commented on attending the ENMU-Ruidoso commencement ceremony and the success of this event. He was particularly moved by the 68-year-old student who received his degree.

Regent Pyle thanked the ENMU-System faculty and staff for an outstanding job this past semester.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell said nominations are being received to replace Ralph Fresquez' s position on the Community College Board. Presently we are seeing a 62% increase in enrollment compared to fall 2021. He added that numbers fluctuate, and we are very early in the enrollment tracking process.

Summer programs are being offered on campus, including Art Camp, Scrubs Camp, and Kids College.

Dr. Powell said the architectural planning process is underway for the Nursing program expansion. The exterior lighting and surveillance system, sanitation piping, and restroom renovation projects will continue for the next 18 to 24 months.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trospen said the spring 2022 commencement ceremony was a success. Approximately 700 chairs were set up for this event, and there were nearly 800 in attendance.

ENMU-Ruidoso hosted a meeting for the Workforce Secretary, Ricky Serna, regarding the need for housing and jobs in the area. They also hosted a forum for the Secretary of Early Childhood Education, Elizabeth Groginsky.

Mr. Trospen will attend the May 23 Alternative Energy meeting at Mesalands Community College to discuss wind energy programs.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM

Dr. Patrice Caldwell reported we are currently in negotiation with the Parkhill Architectural Firm for the Facilities Master Plan.

We are working non-stop on enrollment strategies. Last week, 41 freshmen registered during the "Two-County Edge" initiative. Projects in progress include fall 2022 enrollment, the HLC interim report (due June 20), and the Enrollment Management Plan report for HED (due June 15).

Dr. Caldwell reported the new lobbyist contract has been awarded. We will engage in legislative initiative discussions with him soon.

Regent Pyle asked that a "thank you" be extended to those involved in bringing the Wade Bowen concert to ENMU. He also requested that we find a way to send a more straightforward message about free college to the community.

Regent Trish Ruiz gave a brief report on the recent HERC Symposium. The most valuable takeaway from these sessions was that university enrollment numbers are down state-wide. The encouraging news is that ENMU has increased graduation statistics in several programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Patterson moved to enter executive session at 2:45 p.m. to discuss one threatened or pending litigation matter involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978). Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.


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

*Regent Ruiz moved to return to open session at 3:18 p.m.
Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*


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

ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Head moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m.
Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board