

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Administration Building, Regents Room
September 30, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Lance Pyle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Lance Pyle, Phillip Bustos, Trish Ruiz, and Chandlar Head were physically present. Regent Dan Patterson joined virtually

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of June 4 and September 6, 2022.
Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. Property Disposition, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
2. Architect Selection, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
3. Phlebotomy Certificate, Ruidoso (*Mr. Ryan Trosper, Action*)
4. Spring 2023 Course Fee Changes, Ruidoso (*Mr. Ryan Trosper, Action*)
5. Amendments to Policies (*Mr. Benito Gonzales, Action*)

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

Other Matters

1. Proposal for Naming

Dr. Patrice Caldwell commented that one of the most significant honors a university can bestow is the naming of university property. Dr. Gay Su Pinell received her bachelor's degree in education from ENMU in 1966. She added two degrees from the Ohio State University but never lost her love for Portales, its people, its schools, and her University. Dr. Pinnell is a nationally recognized author in the field of childhood literacy education, a celebrated educator and tenured professor, an innovative philanthropist, and an alumna. Her creative ideas are responsible for the added classrooms at the ENMU Child Development Center and the addition of age-appropriate books and activities. In addition, a co-teaching project between ENMU and Portales Schools has been developed for an enhanced student teaching experience.

Dr. Pinell has gifted the former Dallan Sanders home, Casa del Sol, restored to its original magnificence with its John Gaw Meem architecture to Eastern New Mexico University. This venue is intended to host poetry readings, community collaborations, projects and discussions, guest speakers, and presenters.

Dr. Pinell is an extraordinary alumna, a visionary, and a role model. The review committee that reviewed this naming proposal endorsed this naming opportunity and is respectfully submitted to the Board of Regents.

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the proposal for naming as presented.
 Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.***

2. Capital Projects 2022, Portales

Mr. Tony Major brought forward a prioritized list of projects that Core Staff has vetted. Prioritization is based on academic programs and what we think regional Legislators may support. Operational expenses have been built into the budget process, and these projects have been shared with our university lobbyist.

Portales Campus Capital Project Requests

• Speech Language and Hearing Clinic -	\$397,000
• Soccer Field Turf -	500,000
• KENW Equipment -	1,340,000
• Department of Music -	191,310
• Videoboard – Greyhound Arena -	575,000
• ITS – Core Network, Border Information Security and Wireless Network	350,000
• Physical Plant Storage Facility -	450,000
• Biology – Anatomage Table -	83,200
• Baseball Field Lighting -	<u>260,000</u>
Subtotal	\$2,806,510

Additional Requests

• Physical Sciences –	472,185
• Marquee Videoboard -	505,000
• Theatre – Repair, replacement, Refurbishment of Lighting Control System	325,000
• Baseball Dugout Project -	105,000
• Anthropology Curation Facility HVAC -	50,000
• Biology – Artificial Stream System -	320,000
• Runnels Gallery Collection Reframing -	272,000
• Eddy Hall Re-bricking -	2,000,000
• Eddy Hall Renovation -	500,000
• Campus Union Renovations -	<u>425,000</u>
Subtotal	\$4,974,185
Grand Total	\$7,780,695

***Regent Head moved to approve the Capital Projects list as presented.
 Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

3. Capital Outlay Requests (Revised), Roswell

Dr. Shawn Powell said that an earlier version of these requests had been approved at a special meeting in September. This revision adds a \$250K proposal to replace aging information technology infrastructure to replace switches that have exceeded their expected life cycle.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve ENMU-Roswell's Capital Outlay Requests, as presented. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Capital Outlay Requests, Ruidoso

Mr. Ryan Trosper said these two Capital Outlay requests are unique to Ruidoso and will not only affect students but help the local community.

- Campus Backup Generator Power - \$250,00
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - 150,000

Regent Pyle asked if there had been any outreach to the Governor's office and the Department of Finance Administration for assistance with the charging stations. Mr. Trosper responded that a federal appropriation was applied for through Senator Heinrich and Senator Lujan's office and received a response this week that it would not be funded. Regent Pyle requested that a letter be sent to the Governor and Cabinet Secretary Romero to discuss this need and see if there is funding for this project.

Regent Bustos moved to approve ENMU-Ruidoso's Capital Outlay requests as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

5. M.S. Degree in Environmental Psychology

Dr. Jamie Laurenz stated the Department of Psychology and Political Science proposes the addition of an M.S. degree in Environmental Psychology. This recommendation is supported by the department chair, college dean, graduate dean, and VPAA.

Dr. Laurenz said the State of New Mexico has existing and future jobs that require professionals in sustainability and environmental policy, regulations, and legislation on climate change programs and projects. The proposed degree program does not require any additional resources, and ENMU is well-positioned to train a diverse workforce in Environmental Psychology to help staff and lead the state in sustainability and environmental issues.

Regent Pyle asked what the career objective would be for persons trained in this area. Dr. Laurenz responded that those persons receiving a degree in this field would be prepared to work with government agencies to identify psychological impacts and help with policy development. Initial recruitment goals would be a class of 10 – 15 individuals and build up the program with an additional 10 – 15 students each year.

Regent Bustos moved to approve the M.S. Degree program for Environmental Psychology as presented. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Annual Audit Report and Next Fiscal Year Audit Plan

Ms. Jessica Small said this report includes much the same language as previous reports, including objectivity, the frameworks used, and the results of the internal assessment. The external assessment is done every five years, with the next process in FY25. A risk assessment survey is conducted every three years, which will begin next fall. The year-end review and next year's audit plan were presented.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the Annual Audit Report and Audit Plan as presented. Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENT MATTERS

Information Items

1. Regent Trish Ruiz - HERC and NMPSIA Updates

Regent Ruiz said there had not been a HERC meeting since her last update. NMPSIA's current focus is on student safety in K-12 facilities as well as in higher education, and risk assessment efforts are underway. Top physical security needs for schools include improved mass communication systems, immediate campus lockdown if imminent campus threat exists, fully functional campus-wide public announcement systems that are audible in all exterior and interior locations, and hand-held radios for all staff (preferable). In addition, push-notification systems such as RAVE and an anonymous reporting system are being required for all New Mexico Schools.

2. Dr. Patrice Caldwell/Tony Major - Foundation Support for Designated Scholarships

Dr. Caldwell said that she and Mr. Major have looked at the possibility of adding housing scholarships for students with a service requirement. Also, the Foundation Board will be presented with an ask for a new "Ralph the Greyhound" mascot costume for approximately \$7,800.

Mr. Major said he is an ex-officio member of the Foundation Board. There has always been good dialogue and a great relationship with the University. It is understood that the community wants to see more student presence on campus and that the housing market changes when student populations change. Currently, there is a need for additional apartment housing for students in the Portales community.

Council of University Presidents Update

Dr. Caldwell reported that CUP met Wednesday and discussed state appropriations to the Educational Retirement Board, which is fully funded for K-12 but not for higher education. An additional percent was supposed to have been added in House Bill 2 but did not make it into the bill. Efforts are being made to get that adjusted for FY24.

CUP also discussed statewide legislative priorities for higher education (previously shared with the Regents).

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENMU FOUNDATION

Mr. Steve Doerr provided handouts showing total assets at \$25M, which has grown every year. Most of these monies are endowed, but \$2M is unrestricted and available for emergencies. The Investment Committee, which meets quarterly or more frequently, works diligently to manage these funds responsibly.

As of September 26, the Foundation had \$11.2M in CDs and \$1.2M in money markets. Contributions from people who love this University are coming in, such as the recent donations by Dr. Pinnell.

Mr. Doerr stated that with the addition of the state's Opportunity scholarship, the Foundation is looking for other avenues to help students achieve their degrees at ENMU. A few suggestions were made by the Regents, such as book scholarships, emergency scholarship funds for unexpected situations, and housing scholarships.

The ENMU Foundation office has three pressing priorities:

1. Storage for archive documents
2. Costs associated with the electronic delivery of the Green and Silver magazine
3. Hiring a scholarship coordinator

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent Lance Pyle asked Regent Phillip Bustos for an update on the presidential search. Regent Bustos reported there were 96 applicants for the position, which has been narrowed down to ten semi-finalists. EFL Associates has done a great job finding qualified candidates.

Regent Pyle commented that this had been a tremendous undertaking and the search committee is doing a great job. He further stated that there would not be another board meeting until after the November General Obligation Bond ballot measure and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell thanked Dr. Caldwell and Regent Head for their assistance in getting music faculty to participate in the November 10 Art Gala on the ENMU-Roswell campus.

Enrollment is up 13% from last year, with 1,904 students.

ENMU-Roswell received a monetary award from the Higher Education Department for a campus food pantry for students. The Foundation has contributed to this endeavor, and operations should begin in late October.

Dr. Powell gave updates on construction projects, including the ongoing sewer and sanitation piping and restroom renovation project. The Nursing program expansion is in the pre-bid phase with HED funding \$1M.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper reported the new parking lot and building façade are the last pieces of the Nexus 3 project, which should be complete in the next two months. ENMU-Ruidoso is among only 38 campuses in the country to be recognized as a Native American-serving, non-tribal institution. With that came an opportunity to apply for and receive a grant from the Department of Education. This \$1.7M grant will provide funding for a career and transfer specialist, mental health counseling services, cultural awareness training, and peer mentoring.

Mr. Ryan Trosper announced that ENMU-Ruidoso is the proud landlord of the Sierra Mall, an additional 28,000 square feet. This is all due to the hard work of many people, including Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Major. Vision planning for this space is now underway.

Two partnerships are being developed in the community with energy programs. ENMU-Ruidoso has signed an MOU with San Juan College, allowing SJC's native American students to attend the wind energy program cost-free. Last week, an MOU was signed with Mesalands for their wind-energy program giving our students access to their wind-energy towers. Mesalands students will have a clear pathway into ENMU-Ruidoso's cybersecurity program.

Regent Pyle complimented the Ruidoso campus for an outstanding Kids College program this summer and stated it could become a great model for the state.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM

Dr. Patrice Caldwell reported COVID cases are on the decline, and we are now expanding our attention to the flu and the Omicron variant vaccines.

Enrollment is holding at 2.3% above last year with over 5,100 students. There are 430 first-time freshmen, 487 new transfers, 32 new graduate students, and 42 new international students. Housing is up 13%. We are growing.

The Facilities Master Plan committee will meet next week, and we are seeking campus input. A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee has been formed by HR Director Benito Gonzales to enhance an inclusive climate on campus. Lobbying efforts for spring are underway with consultation from all three campuses.

We have pivoted from GO Bond C to Bond 3. We learned of this change this week and are working on updating our website, banners, and brochures. In partnership with Clovis Community College, we are working on an OP-ED with Robin Jones to promote this bond election.

Dr. Caldwell stated that we wish to apply for additional Research and Public Service funding for the Teacher Pipeline project. This new opportunity just presented itself, and a special meeting of the Regents will be required to approve this request.

Dr. Caldwell requested from Jessica Small that her travel audit be completed before she leaves the office.

Regent Pyle pointed out that we exceeded enrollment targets for this fall 2022 and already exceeded goals set for fall 2023. He asked that an updated target be presented at the December meeting for fall 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. ***Regent Ruiz moved to enter executive session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), and the sale/disposition of real property matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8), NMSA (2020). Regent Head 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 11:46 a.m. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle reported that one personnel matter and one real property matter were discussed. No actions were taken.

Other Matters

1. Discussion and Clarification of Chancellor/President Out-of-State Travel and Contract Language
Regent Dan Patterson stated there had been some confusion about the contract and policy language for the President's contract. Discussion took place regarding the March 13, 2020, board meeting where a motion was made to add restrictive travel language to the President's contract.

Regent Patterson moved to remove restrictive travel language from future presidential contracts. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

2. Public Comment

Regent Pyle recognized Ms. Geni Flores.

Ms. Flores stated that she is speaking on behalf of the Faculty Senate due to considerable interest in the presidential search. Early on, information surfaced suggesting that the search was a mere formality because a person had already been chosen for the position. A job description was released with specific minimum qualifications of a doctoral degree from an accredited institution, and a minimum of five years of experience in an executive leadership role were left out, causing further concern.


Ms. Flores quoted from Policy 10-9 and stated the basis for concern lies in the appearance of lack of shared governance, which might seriously jeopardize the University's accreditation. She thanked Regent Bustos for his appearance at Faculty Senate and acknowledged his willingness to speak to this constituency. She further stated that Faculty Senate will remain vigilant and hope to move forward in tandem toward finding a president who meets all the qualifications that the Board has approved of Regents.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m._.
Regent Bustos 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
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