

Eastern New Mexico University
Budget and Planning Committee

April 19, 2023, 1:30 pm
Regent Room

Present John Crates, Aaron Easley, Geni Flores, Benito Gonzales, Elizabeth Jackson, Russell Johnson, James Johnston, Jamie Laurenz, Justin Liles, Jeff Long, Tony Major, Payton Santillanes, Pamela Shuler, Tamia Smith, Debra Stone, Kristin Waldo

Chair Pamela Shuler called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.

November 30, 2022 minutes approved (T Smith/ J Crates), passed with 1 abstention.

Reports

Budget Update: Mr. Major- We had no tuition and fees increase. With no new tuition and fee revenue coming in we will be budgeting conservatively for this next year. We are keeping enrollment at the current levels, so basically there will be a bit of revenue increase with an enrollment increase. We will be presenting the budget to the Regents on Friday so right now everything is dependent upon their approval of the budget. Our budget is due to the Higher Education Department May 1st, so after Friday John and Jazz will work on getting all the forms and things needed submitted. Our unrestricted budget is about 80 million, which is I&G and the other stuff we need for operations. We did well with this legislative session with state appropriations. We had an 11% increase in state appropriations mostly due to compensation. The state is mandating a 6% increase in compensation and they also mandated the insurance split in House Bill 533 to 80/20, it is now 65/35. We are anticipating an increase in our operating budget due to inflation.

Legislative Update: Dr. Johnston – We had a zero percent increase in tuition and fees as it was made clear that an increase would not be favorable. We are also working on increase in our formula. With HB2 we got about a 3% equity rate increase. They will be studying the formula over the summer, we are volunteering to be one of technical people on that, want to make sure his expertise from community college and University are a part of that. Summary numbers coming out of the Legislation and what will be presented to the BOR on Friday, looking at individually and system wide on what we do together. From HB 2, I&G, athletics, KENW, teacher pipeline, we had an increase, on our RPSP we had a 54 thousand increase or 3.9 %. The Junior bill SB192 additional ask 285 thousand out of that. HB 505 the Capital Bill we received a total of 7.4 million. The BR&R we are receiving 680 thousand. We asked for 3.2 million for demolition, we are waiting to see if that comes through. We are working federally for Congressionally directed spending, we have put in a total of 6.5 million in requests through our federal senate representative. One of the requests have move to the second round, which was for the sidewalks and streets around the campus, this a joint request with the city.

Capital Projects and Construction Update: Tony Major – The big one Roosevelt Science Center, the project will have substantial completion this fall, one supply issue, the electrical switch gear, which supply electricity to the building has been impacted by the supply chain issues. The contractors order it back in October, they are not expecting it until March 2024. The other big construction project that is moving along is the new SAS building, the voters approved the 9 million bond and the certification

documents was signed to get the 9 million. We have an architect on board, working on construction documents now. Expecting to start sometime in the fall, the other part is the razing of Harding Hall. That will be coming down this summer, we also have requested to bring Bernie down. Pickle Ball court is being worked on.

We will have the Higher Education Capital Outlay Committee here as well as the Secretary of Higher Education and the Legislative Finance Committee, July 26, 2023.

HB 505 the big win for us was the additional 5 million for the Roosevelt Science Center. We also received .5 million to finish our access control for Greyhound Arena.

Dr. Long, although we did not have a tuition and fees increase we did have 2% increase in room and board rates.

Policy and Planning: Benito Gonzales- JWLA will be done this weekend to reset the HVAC system, GA 7, COB 109, 117, 120, and 123 will be taken offline June 21 to August 1st for those upgrades, these are our oldest Smart Rooms and we will be updating these rooms with new monitors, PC and electronics. We only 4 departments left in Harding Hall, we should cleared out by the May 30 deadline.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn 1:55 pm (J Crates)

Minutes prepared by
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