

Eastern New Mexico University  
**Budget and Planning Committee**  
September 20, 2023, 1:30 pm  
Regent Room

Present John Crates, Geni Flores, Benito Gonzales, Elizabeth Jackson, James Johnston, Jamie Laurenz, Justin Liles, Jeff Long, Pamela Shuler, Tamia Smith, Sierra Stubbs, Micaela Vigil, Michael Zhang

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

April 19, 2023, minutes approved (J Crates/T Smith), passed with 1 abstention.

## Reports

**Budget Update: John Crates-** Budget is good, fall tuition is good and a little higher than we expected. If anyone has special projects, please reach out to budget. Dr. Laurenz requested that they go through their administrative chain before you reach out.

**Legislative Update: Dr. Johnston** – We met with the campus presidents and Mr. Major, and I met with our lobbyist last Friday to lay the groundwork and early planning of the capital request list. Our division leadership vice presidents will start to out their lists together. One of the things I asked and one of the things we will do internally with those capitals requests is we will roll those into categories and headings. This will make it easier to pitch those when you are in the middle of the session, and it will also make it easier for the legislators to understand. If there is partial funding, we will have that on the backside of the list and we can prioritize funding off our side. As we move forward with the one Eastern approach, the legislature will have interest in our success and doing this in terms of reducing waste credits that students take and ease transfer. There are pieces of this that we may need legislative funding for. The One Eastern task force will get that nailed down and then I will approach Senator Ingle about the best way to request funding in the January short session.

**Capital Projects and Construction Update:** John Crates- Roosevelt is doing well. The electrical switch is being delayed and will probably not be here until March 2024. We are still waiting for the state regarding the SAS building, we got 9 million on the project. Harding hall will be coming down and then they will move to Bernie.

Dr. Laurenz- Degree Works will be our new degree audit system. We are working on the project timeline, and this will go forward this fall for implementation and will try to have ready for fall 2024.

**Policy and Planning:** Benito Gonzales- Thank you to everyone for getting the Research and Public Service project updates to us. It was due on Friday September 15 and was on time. We are looking at adding domestic partners to the benefits package, we are going to see what we can do about that and see what the cost would be.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The next meeting we will discuss the election of a chair.

Motion to adjourn 1:41 pm (J Crates)

Minutes prepared by  
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