

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales
Administration Building – Regents Room
December 15, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Phillip Bustos called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Phillip Bustos, Trish Ruiz, Logan O'Brien, Lance Pyle, and Ray Birmingham were present.

Roll call: Regent Bustos– Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent O'Brien – Yes; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Birmingham – Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Bustos moved to amend the agenda by moving the program highlight to the first matter of business. Regent Ruiz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2023, meeting. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. Fall 2023 Graduation List, Portales (*Dr. Jamie Laurenz, Action*)
2. Property Disposition, Portales (*Mr. Tony Major, Action*)
3. Property Disposition, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

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

Other Items

1. ENMU-Portales Program Highlight – Communications

Dr. Laurenz introduced Dr. David Steffens, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, and the chair of the Communications Department, Dr. Patricia Dobson. Dr. Dobson has been the department chair since 2010 and has seen tremendous growth in this program. Communications offers a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast journalism, broadcast production, journalism and public relations. A new program has recently been introduced – sports media.

Dr. Dobson stated there is a thriving relationship with KENW where media professionals are engaged with students. The department participates in several recruiting and retention efforts, including the First Amendment Conference, KOAT Day, Media Con, and COMMChella, to mention a few. The Communications Department also has a presence in the community with radio, podcast, and VLOG workshops for community members.

2. Promotion and Tenure Decisions

Dr. Jamie Laurenz recognized the following faculty for receiving tenure and/or promotion as a result of this year's evaluation process. These actions take effect at the beginning of the next academic year.

- Corey Cole, Finance
- Dhimitraq Duni, Mathematical Sciences
- Richard Guerra, Kinesiology

- Melissa Moyer, Social Work
- John Petrone, Educational Administration
- Debra Stone, Accounting

Promoted to professor:

- Kathleen Wagner, Education Foundations and Secondary Education

3. Alternative Licensure Program

Dr. Laurenz introduced Dr. B. Lee Hurren, Dean of the College of Education and Technology, and Assistant Dean, Dr. Becky Davis. Dr. Hurren said the Alternative Licensure program provides a pathway to a teacher licensure in New Mexico for those who have completed their bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 2.75. ENMU offers three licensure programs:

- Elementary Education (Grades K-8)
- Secondary Education (Grades 6-12)
- Special Education (Grades PK-12)

All hours completed in the Alternative Licensure program can apply to a master's degree. Those seeking this licensure must be the teacher of record in the classroom and may apply for a New Mexico Level 1 teacher's license. All coursework is available through Distance Learning and in most cases, available in an eight-week format. Teachers may only teach within the parameters of their licensure.

4. FY 25 Course Fee Changes, Roswell

Dr. Shawn Powell introduced Dr. Annemarie Oldfield, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Oldfield presented requests for changes to remove and add fees to several programs for FY 2024-2025. The affected programs include Teacher Education, Ag Sciences and Technology, Automotive, Emergency Medical Services, Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Respiratory Therapy, and Special Services.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the FY25 course fee changes on the Roswell campus as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

5. Deactivated and New Programs for the 2024-2025 ENMU-Roswell Catalog

Dr. Powell said that based on data analysis and the findings of faculty and program directors, the following programs are recommended for deactivation:

- CE – Community Paramedic
- CE – Medical Scribe
- SSP – COT – Building Maintenance 1 & 2
- SSP – COT – Animal Healthcare 1 & 2
- AAS – Occupational Safety Engineering Environment Management Tech
- CE – Cert Safety & Environmental
- CE – Cert Safety & Health Specialty
- CE – Cert Safety & Health Trainer
- CE – Cert Occupational Safety Technician
- CE – Safety Trained Manager
- CE – Safety Trained Tech, Level 1

One new program is recommended:

- Agricultural Mechanics Technology, COE

Dr. Powell commented that the addition of the Ag Mechanics Technology program is based on the needs of the community.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the deactivated and new programs for the 2024-2025 ENMU-Roswell Catalog as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

6. Nursing Program Expansion Cost Estimates, Roswell

Dr. Powell said the renovations for the Health Sciences building would allow for the expansion and growing needs of the nursing program. This project is included in the 2020-2025 facility master plan and has been approved by the Community College Board. ENMU-Roswell received \$1M in state funds for this project, and NMHED recommended \$2M to be allocated toward this renovation during the 2024 Legislative Session.

Architectural Costs -	\$225,400
NM Gross Receipts tax –	17,092
Total construction cost estimate –	2,374,642
NM Gross Receipts tax –	<u>180,076</u>
Total cost estimate -	\$2,797,210

Dr. Powell added that this expansion would accommodate 125-150 nursing program students.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell Nursing Program expansion cost estimates as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

7. FY 2025 Capital Projects – Additional Request

Mr. Tony Major said there are two additional requests for the FY 2025 Capital Project list.

- Artificial turf for the practice soccer pitch - \$500K
- Baseball field improvements - \$250K

Regent Pyle moved to approve the additional FY25 Capital Projects request as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

8. Roosevelt Science Center Change Order

Mr. Major reported the renovation project is estimated to be complete in April 2024, and they are currently at the 82% completion point.

With the supplemental construction cost request of \$5M funded by the State and construction efficiencies, the NMR Spectrometer equipment room can be added to the final project. This option was not selected initially due to funding constraints. The estimated cost is \$1.2M and is allowable within the current project approvals.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the change order for the Roosevelt Science Center as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

9. Proposed Rates for Room and Board FY 2024-2025

Mr. Major presented the proposal for FY 2024-2025 room and board rates. A 2.0% increase is recommended for residence halls and apartments, and a 6% increase is recommended for meal plans. Room increases range from \$8-\$66 per semester, and board increases range from \$0-\$125. Every effort has been made to keep these increases to a minimum.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the proposed room and board rates for FY 2024-2025 as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

10. Amendments to Policy 60-4, 80-21, and New Policy 65-5

Mr. Benito Gonzales said system language had been added to Policy 60-4, and the CIO's approval requirement to initiate the purchase of new equipment had been removed.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve Policy 60-4 amendments as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

A new Policy, 65-5, has been added to clarify who and how to handle media inquiries from outside entities.

Mr. Gonzales pointed out a sentence that needs to be removed from the policy. Regent Pyle agreed.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the amendments to Policy 65-6, with the removal of the language in section three. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

A sentence was added to Policy 80-21 regarding emotional support animals not being allowed in ENMU System vehicles. Also, miniature horses were added to the definitions of service animals, and the criteria for miniature horses were added to section 6D.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve amendments to Policy 80-21 as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

11. Resolution Recognizing Senator Stuart

Dr. James Johnston read a prepared resolution honoring the exceptional leadership Senator Stuart Ingle has provided to this area of the state since 1986. His influence has afforded Eastern New Mexico University many funding opportunities for facilities and equipment and secured the passage of the Texas 135 rule that enables students from a 135-mile radius to receive in-state tuition. Dr. Johnston and the Board of Regents recognize Senator Ingle's legacy of service and all the benefits Eastern New Mexico University has realized through his leadership.

President Emeritus Dr. Steve Gamble commented that he worked with Senator Ingle for a number of years and realized this man is highly respected on both sides of the aisle. He said, "He was involved in anything good happening at ENMU, including KENW and Athletics."

President Emerita Dr. Patrice Caldwell said it was refreshing, having come from a state with no access to legislators, to encounter Senator Ingle, who made you understand that "This is your state government." She said it was an honor to have been a part of this process.

Mr. Ingle said it was a pleasure to be of service in the State Legislature, and ENMU remains the stalwart in the state, with many public servants having received their degrees from this institution. Eastern New Mexico University provides a well-rounded education, and the faculty and staff truly care about the students.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the resolution recognizing former New Mexico Senator Mr. Stuart Ingle as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Powell said preparations are underway for the HLC site visit in 2027 and there are inquiries about coming under the accreditation umbrella of ENMU-Portales.

Projects underway on the ENMU-Roswell campus include the surveillance system upgrade, fiber optic infrastructure upgrade, sewer and restroom renovations, and the Nursing Program expansion to name a few.

A livestock judging coach will be hired in the spring to direct the Ag team's first season.

Regent Ruiz reported on her correspondence with TCSMI/NMPSIA. It has been determined that NMPSIA will pay a portion of the roof repair based on the campus's decision to use internal funds to replace the structure.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper said ENMU-Ruidoso continues to work on System initiatives, including a strategy between Dr. Amy Loyd from the Department of Education and Kelton Starr, Director of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, regarding tribal needs. Work is underway to provide new programming for the Mescalero Early Childhood project.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. Johnston provided enrollment data and said work continues with transfer students and new enrollment for spring 2024.

One Eastern, Phase 1 continues to identify what will be required to move toward one instance of Banner. Data custodians met on the Roswell campus with the SIG consultant to discuss a process to move toward simplifying and streamlining the student experience. Phase 2 will begin in spring to bring 2+2 opportunities and program offerings System-wide. ENMU will ask for state support for the One Eastern Initiative at the 2024 Legislative Session.

The 90th Anniversary celebration planning continues with a community event planned for spring 2024 and a campus event this fall.

Dr. Johnston announced the hiring of two vice presidents. Mr. Warren Lloyd, Vice President for University Advancement and Public Relations, and Dr. Christy Johanson, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, will begin their positions on January 8, 2024. Dr. Johnston thanked Dr. Jeff Long for his great work, service, and tremendous contributions to the University.

REGENT MATTERS

1. Election of Officers for 2024

Regent Phillip Bustos opened the floor for nominations for the position of Regent President. Regent Ray Birmingham nominated Regent Trish Ruiz for the position. Regent Pyle seconded the nomination, and Regent Ruiz accepted.

Regent Bustos opened the floor for nominations for the position of Regent Vice President. Regent Ruiz nominated Regent Birmingham for the position. Regent Pyle seconded the nomination, and Regent Birmingham accepted.

Regent Bustos recommended that Regent Logan O'Brien retain the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Regent Ruiz seconded the nomination. Regent O'Brien accepted.

2. Proposed Board of Regents Meeting Calendar for 2024
Regent Bustos presented the proposed Regent Meeting dates for 2024.

Regent Birmingham moved to approve the 2024 Board of Regents meeting calendar as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. *Regent Birmingham moved to enter executive session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss one threatened or pending litigation matter involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978), and one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), Presidential evaluation and contract renewal. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

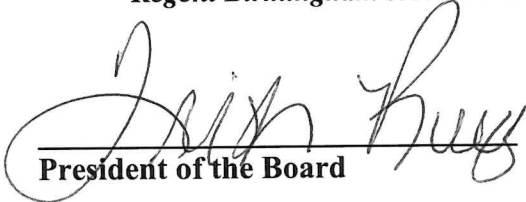
Roll call: Regent Bustos – Yes; Regent Ruiz – Yes; Regent O'Brien – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Birmingham – Yes.

*Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 11:26 a.m.
Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

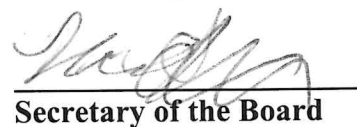
Regent Pyle reported that one legal matter was discussed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Ruiz moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.
Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board