

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Ruidoso, Room 201
February 16, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Trish Ruiz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Trish Ruiz, Logan O'Brien, Lance Pyle, and Phillip Bustos were present. Regent Ray Birmingham was not in attendance.

Roll call: Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Birmingham– No response; Regent O'Brien – Yes; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Bustos – Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Bustos moved to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2024, meeting. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

ENMU-RUIDOSO PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Mr. Ryan Trospen introduced Ms. Coda Omness, Vice President of Learning and Success, who discussed the cooperative program between ENMU-Ruidoso and the Lincoln County Detention Center. This program, "Possibilities Elevated," provides hands-on and classroom instruction in construction, electrical, carpentry, plumbing, HVAC, welding, and energy fields. Several regional entities have partnered in this program, including New Mexico Workforce, NCCER, ENMU-Roswell, NMRLD, and Regional Education Cooperative – HED.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell introduced Tyrah Esquibel and Kaylee Mathews, staff members involved in the ACES Program, along with student ambassadors Emily Sweatfield, Sarah Salazar, and Carmen Short.

Dr. Powell reported noted progress in the sewer and sanitation project with completion in the Instructional Center and College Success buildings. Projects in the planning phase include the cooling towers and boilers, the Nursing Program expansion, parking lots and walkways, and the fire suppression and sprinkler installation.

Several leadership changes have recently been implemented.

- Charles Hendrickson, temporary Chief Business Officer
- Karen Franklin, temporary Controller
- Todd DeKay, Interim Vice President for Operations
- Kim Griffis, Dean of Technical Education
- Linde Newman, Director of Strategic Priorities

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Trosper thanked Myk Ewing, Chris Trujillo, and Paul Wetzel for preparing the technology and room set up for this meeting. Rochelle Lentschke was introduced as the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Director.

As of Census Day, there are 705 students enrolled, up 16% from last year, and degree-seeking students are up 15% from last year.

The new interior electronic locking system is 80% complete, and card readers are being tested now. Interior cameras will be installed soon.

Mr. Trosper said they received a \$235K food insecurity grant from NMHED. Now, all three ENMU campuses have money for this purpose. The recently acquired mall space is being used for community fitness courses and art classes.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston reported retention is up 1% with a larger freshman cohort. Enrollment headcount is up 5.4%, and semester credit hour production (overall) is up 6.6%. Residence Hall occupancy is up 24.1%. Thanks to the army of people on campus who have made this happen.

The One Eastern task force has identified issues that are now being aligned. A meeting is scheduled on March 6 for campus administrators and the SIG consultant to plan for the next steps forward. Streamlining and refining processes and ramping up marketing are tasks on the shortlist.

A National search is underway for the Athletic Director and Executive Director for Information Technology Systems position.

Dr. Johnston said we now await final numbers from the Legislative Session and the Governor's signature. Detailed information will be relayed at the next meeting.

REGENT MATTERS

1. 2024 Committee Appointments

Regent Trish Ruiz reported the 2024 committee appointments:

- Alumni Board – Regents Birmingham and O'Brien
- Foundation Board - Regents Ruiz and Birmingham
- Audit and Finance – Regents Pyle and Bustos
- HERC – Regents Ruiz and Bustos (open to any Regent)
- NMPSIA – Regent Ruiz

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Audited Financial Statements for FY23

Mr. Tony Major thanked Joann Martinez, Laura Thompson, Carol Fletcher, Sara Thomas, and Julissa Joyal for their concerted efforts in collaborating with the external auditors.

This audit is a comprehensive System audit and contains financial data from all three campuses. The Financial Report lists the summary of the auditor's results and prior audit findings.

Mr. Scott Eliason, Jaramillo Accounting Group, LLC, said he will communicate all aspects of the external audit to the board in compliance with the state audit rule. Financial statements have

been audited from the year ending June 30, 2023, and their report was issued on December 15, 2023. Audit findings include:

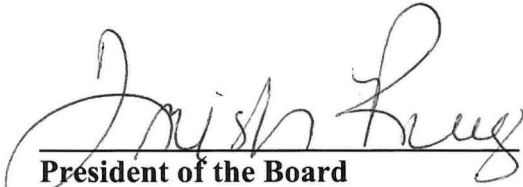
- Timeliness of Bank Reconciliation – ENMU Roswell
- Accounting Processes, Procedures, and Policies – ENMU System
- Budgetary Compliance – ENMU System
- GEAR-UP Eligibility – ENMU Roswell
- Return to Title IV (R2T4)
- Controls Over Awarding of State Financial Aid


Mr. Eliason said that corrective action recommendations have been made in all instances.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.


President of the Board


Secretary of the Board

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