

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales
Administration Building, Regents Room
March 22, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Trish Ruiz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Trish Ruiz, Logan O'Brien, and Ray Birmingham were present. Regent Lance Pyle joined via Teams. Regent Phillip Bustos was not in attendance.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the February 16 and 21, 2024 meetings. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - No response. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. ENMU-Roswell 2024-2025 Academic Calendar (Dr. Shawn Powell, Action)

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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Greyhound Sound
Dr. James Johnston introduced Mr. Dustin Seifert, Director of Bands, and congratulated him on their victory in the inaugural Metallica Marching Band Competition. Mr. Seifert commented on the honor of being a part of this performance. Communication Services provided highlights from the competition.
- Greyhound Men's Basketball
Mr. Mike Molina introduced Coaches Brent Owen and Tyrone Grady. Mr. Owen thanked the Regents for their recognition of a successful season and commented on the administration's support. Senior athletes Greg Johnson and Lyrone Bennett were in attendance, and they thanked the group for these accolades. Highlights from the championship game were provided by the Communications and Marketing division of Athletics.

Other Items

1. ENMU-Roswell Campus Facility Master Plan Priorities
Dr. Shawn Powell presented a list of projects in various stages of funding and completion. The State Legislature approved the GO Bond and will go to voters in November. The parking lot and walkway improvements are a phased project, and the number one priority is to replace the pebbled sidewalk around the center of campus. An RFP will go out in April, and it is hoped for

the Nursing Program expansion to begin on July 1. Several other projects were reviewed, including the Health Sciences Center's HVAC system, the energy-saving management replacement (running on a Windows 7 mechanism), and the fire suppression system. These projects were brought as informational items, and a final version will be brought back for approval at a subsequent meeting.

2. ENMU-Ruidoso Nexus Phase IV

Mr. Ryan Trosper said they are looking toward the next phase of construction to complete the exterior of the facility. Parts of this project were value-engineered to be completed with the current funding, but they are now going back into some of these projects to ask for supplemental allocations. The estimated total cost is \$499,500.

The exterior renovation elements include:

- Exterior insulation and finishing systems (EIFS) for the west side of the building with new lighting
- Repaving the service drive area
- Adding fencing and gates around the courtyard
- Providing fencing for the south side of the property for screening of neighbors

Regent Birmingham moved to approve Phase IV of the ENMU-Ruidoso Nexus Plan. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - No response. Motion approved.

3. Proposed Rates for Tuition and Fees FY25

Mr. Tony Major said the purpose of this agenda item is to close the loop on the previous statement of no tuition and fees increases.

Students have recently expressed interest in the necessity of specific fees. Online fees have been reviewed, and only students taking online classes are charged. Since the pandemic, almost all courses have an online element with a \$17 fee. This amount has been reduced to \$14 across the board. Also, the graduation fee, which is currently \$30, will be eliminated starting in FY25, retroactive to spring 2024.

Regent Birmingham moved to approve the FY25 tuition and fees proposal as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - No response. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Powell said the Roswell campus is grateful for the System support at the 2024 Legislative Session.

Spring enrollment is up 2% (50 students) from last spring. There are several open positions on campus, a few of which are grant funded. Some leadership changes have been made, including Karen Franklin – temporary Controller; Todd DeKay – Interim Vice President for Operations; and Linde Newman – Director of Strategic Priorities.

Dr. Powell recognized Jennifer Cain, Director of Respiratory Therapy, and Joey Coburn, Mathematics Instructor, for receiving the 2024 NYCOT award. They will travel to Austin, Texas, for the awards ceremony.

A breakdown of Legislative funding was presented and includes:

- Nursing program expansion (RSPS) - \$350K
- Agriculture program operational and programmatic costs (RSPS) - \$160K
- Programmatic and operational costs for Portales and Roswell Campuses (RSPS) - \$200K
- Aircraft Maintenance Technology building (HB308) - \$5.3M (requires a .25 match)
- Greenhouse and equipment for Agricultural Program (SB 275) - \$200K
- Health Education simulation mannequin (SB 275) - \$80K
- Health Sciences Center renovation and equipment (SB 275)- \$2M
- HVAC replacement and installation, ENMU-Roswell campus (SB 275) - \$440K

Upcoming events include the April 6 Foundation Golf Tournament, the April 11 Art Gala, and the May 10 Board of Regents Meeting and spring commencement at the Roswell Civic Center.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper reported that enrollment numbers have been at their highest since 2015. There are a total of 729 students enrolled this spring, up 150 students from this time last year.

In April, a major motion picture will be filmed in Ruidoso, and the campus will be used for camera calls. Over 1,050 people are expected on campus for this event.

Legislative funding updates include:

- Nursing partnership (RSPS) - \$178.6K
- Tribal Education Initiatives (RSPS) - \$100K
- Natural Resources program development - \$160K
- Workforce training facility (HB 308) - \$3M
- Educational spaces and resources for science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (SB 275) - \$125K
- Welding and Construction Trades education programs (SB275) - \$225K

Mr. Trosper said the Access Control badge system is live, and the interior locking system is 80% complete. Nexus Phase 3 exterior improvements that were value-engineered should be completed in late spring or summer.

Upcoming events include Spring commencement on May 16 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and the June 14-15 Foundation AIM High Clay Shoot.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston said the Open House event scheduled for March 23 is at capacity. This is a great recruiting event for potential students and their families.

ENMU-branded flags were delivered to community businesses and were well received.

Many successful programs and events have taken place on campus this spring, including the Academic Affairs Drama Fest that brought over 300 New Mexico high school students to our campus. Festival Romanico also brought hundreds of students from around the state. Also, the Master of Social Work program begins in fall 2024 with \$2M available in scholarships.

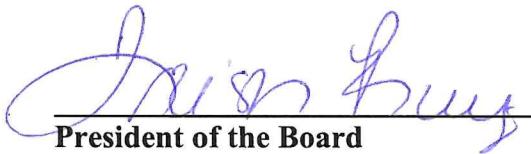
Dr. Johnston reported the Portales campus received \$16.6M in Legislative funding. The Student Academic Services Building received \$12M, \$400K allocated for CDIS equipment, \$200K for GROW funds, \$2M approved for GO Bond, and a \$1.4M increase in ING funding.

ENMU will hold a 90th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 6, and the Rodney Atkins concert is on April 27.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Birmingham moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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


President of the Board

— NOT PRESENT —
Secretary of the Board

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