

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales
Administration Building, Regents Room
April 19, 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, Ray Birmingham, Lance Pyle, and Phillip Bustos were present. Regent Logan O'Brien was not in attendance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Birmingham moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2024, meeting. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. ENMU-Portales Budget Adjustment Request (*Mr. Tony Major, Action*)
2. ENMU-Roswell Budget Adjustment Request (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
3. ENMU-Ruidoso Budget Adjustment Request (*Mr. Ryan Trospen, Action*)

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

Other Items

1. **Emerita Status for Dr. Regina Aragon**

Dr. Jamie Laurenz said Dr. Aragon has expressed her desire to retire after thirty-one years of faithful service. She has served as Mathematical Sciences department chair, interim Anthropology department chair, and assistant dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Aragon received the Spirit of Eastern Award in 1998 and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Advising in 2005-2006. She is highly respected among her peers and has provided significant service to the University.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the Emerita status for Dr. Regina Aragon as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz-Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

2. Emerita Status for Dr. Anne Beck

Dr. Laurenz said that Dr. Beck has expressed her intention to retire at the conclusion of the academic year. She was hired in 2003 as an Assistant Professor of Theater, promoted to Associate Professor in 2008, and received full Professorship in 2017. Her service as a faculty mentor, her talent as an actor and director, and her generosity of spirit have made her a well-respected member of the ENMU family.

Regent Bustos moved to approve the Emerita status for Dr. Anne Beck as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz-Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

3. Emerita Status for Ms. Geni Flores

Dr. Laurenz said that Ms. Flores has expressed her desire to retire at the conclusion of the academic year. She has served the University in several capacities over the past twenty-five years, including TESOL coordinator and as the grant coordinator for Title VII Bilingual Education. Ms. Flores has been a notable contributor to the success of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and received the Spirit of Eastern Award in 2004. Her dedication to students through her efforts in the classroom has made her a valuable asset to the University and a true reflection of the University's commitment to student success.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the Emerita status for Ms. Geni Flores as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz-Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

4. Emeritus Status for Dr. Alan Garrett

Dr. Laurenz said that after thirty-two years of faithful service, Dr. Alan Garrett has expressed his intent to retire at the conclusion of the academic year. He was hired in 1992 as an Assistant Professor of Secondary Education, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1998, and received full Professorship in 2002. His contributions to the College of Education and Technology have been exemplary. He has taught over five thousand students, and his mentorship of both students and faculty has been invaluable. Dr. Garrett is a highly respected faculty member and has provided significant service to the University.

Regent Bustos moved to approve the Emeritus status for Dr. Alan Garrett as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz- Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

5. ENMU-Portales 2024-2025 Budget Request

Mr. Tony Major said this year's budget request is the collaborative effort of several members of the Business Office on all three campuses.

The proposed revenue budget is \$67,825, which is comprised of 65% state appropriations and 31% from tuition and fee revenue. A 3% across-the-board compensation increase and employer insurance increases account for the significant change in expenditures.

Mr. Major stated that the expenditure budget is being increased by approximately 10%. This will restore funding to pre-pandemic levels and continue our investment in enrollment and recruiting

efforts and academic support. It will also cover costs associated with the Master's in Social Work and strategic investments in Advancement and Government Relations.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Portales 2024-2025 budget request as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

6. ENMU-Roswell 2024-2025 Budget Request

Mr. Major said ENMU-Roswell is budgeting revenues at 5% below last year. State appropriations are up 5% at \$16M, and local mil levy support brings the total revenue budget to \$21M. The expense budget was increased by \$923K, which includes compensation and insurance benefits. Instruction and General reserves are at \$2.2M (10%).

Regent Bustos moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell 2024-2025 budget request as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

7. ENMU-Ruidoso 2024-2025 Budget Request

Mr. Major said an additional budget approval process is involved for Community Colleges, and the ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board approved the following proposal at the April 11, 2024, meeting.

There was no increase in tuition and fees, but with increased enrollment, revenues are up \$140K from last year. The state appropriation is \$180K, and the mil levy is budgeted at \$200K based on historical community collections. The budgeting total for Instruction and General revenues is \$5.3M and expenditures of \$5M. The ending balance is \$896K, or 17.8% in reserves.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso 2024-2025 budget request as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

8. ENMU-Roswell Proposed Insurance Settlement

Mr. Shawn Powell said this item is being presented to the Board as an informational item before the final settlement is executed. The New Mexico Insurance Authority has provided a loss statement for hail damage incurred to the ITC Building roof in May 2023. The replacement of the roof was included in the 2020-2025 facility master plan and was most recently presented as a secondary project for consideration for the 2024 General Obligation Bond election during the NMHED 2023 summer hearings. The roof replacement and EIFS repair were not selected as a project to move forward in fall 2023. The estimated total cost of the roof replacement is \$1.7M.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Powell reported fall enrollment is up 8% and credit hour production is up 17%.

The Art Gala was a success last week, and thirteen pieces are now installed from the Art in Public Places initiative.

IT Director Jacob Pucket presented at the IT Summit on the Roswell campus, discussing the technology needs in higher education. To that end, \$50K has been received from local government for broadband needs in the area.

The Vice President for Operations, Todd DeKay, has researched employment longevity, showing that 49% of employees have less than three years of service. However, two employees are near the fifty-year mark.

Upcoming events include the April 24-25 Transfer Fair and Career Expo. ENMU-Roswell commencement will take place on May 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Roswell Convention Center.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Trosper said 731 students were enrolled for the spring 2024 semester, up 152 students from last spring.

United Healthcare gave \$35K to the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation for Allied Health Student scholarships. The English department chair hosted the 1st Annual Book and Writing Festival on April 13, which attracted over fifty students, community members, and six regional authors.

The NMHED Food Security Grant Nutrition and Cooking Classes takes place every Tuesday evening, and they have distributed thirty-five food boxes.

Upcoming events include the May 2 Student Awards Night, the May 12 Community Choir Concert, and the May 16 commencement ceremony at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation AIM High Clay Shoot will occur June 14-15.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston said the only element moving on the dashboard updates this month is recruiting, which is headed in the right direction. Summer numbers will firm up in the next few weeks. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management updates, under the leadership of Dr. Christy Johanson, show that more than 850 students were served by TRIO Talent Search in surrounding New Mexico counties. The Max PAC attendance continues to increase, and the outdoor fitness court will be ready soon, focusing on student wellness. Counseling Services received a \$230K grant to provide additional mental health services and counseling opportunities for our students. Residence Life has provided 120 programming opportunities to residential students and an increase in occupancy in residence halls and apartments, with a 7.94% increase in fall-to-spring retention. Financial Aid implemented over 1,850 New Mexico Opportunity Scholarships to New Mexico Students totaling over \$7M.

In partnership with the WEX Foundation on a four-year NASA-funded grant, summer programming will begin to help recruit pre-service teachers and assist with securing a training site to provide STEM programming for middle schools in the region.

Dr. Johnston stated that curriculum changes are initiated by program faculty with multiple levels of review. Requests for new undergraduate degree programs require additional approvals from the Board of Regents and HED, and graduate-level programs require additional approvals from the New Mexico Graduate Dean's Council and the State Board of Finance. After specific levels of program review, several curriculum changes are proposed for the 2023-2025 undergraduate catalog cycle:

Fall 2023: Undergraduate Catalog 2023-2025

New Emphases/Concentrations

- BAAS – Emergency Medical Services Management
- BA Spanish – Emphasis in Translation and Interpretation
- BS in Ag Sciences – Emphasis in Secondary Licensure
- BS in Ag Sciences – Emphasis in Production/Management

New Minors

- Health Communication
- Translation and Interpretation
- Nutrition

Retiring/Reserve/Revision

- Anthropology retired three emphases for UG degree in place of a unified curriculum for all undergraduate majors
 - Archaeology
 - Biological Anthropology Emphasis
 - Cultural Anthropology Emphasis
- Agriculture Education (non-industry) discontinued effective fall 2023
- Agriculture Education (secondary education) revised teacher licensure program to BS in Ag Science with emphasis in secondary education

Beginning Fall 2024: Graduate Catalog

New Program

- Master of Social Work
 - Emphasis in Child, Youth and Family
 - Emphasis in Clinical Social Work
 - Emphasis in Military Social Work

Other

- CDIS added an Accelerated Plan (nine graduate hours) that can be applied to a Bachelor's and toward MS in Communication Disorders

Proposed Fall 2025: Undergraduate Catalog 2025-2027 (In Progress)

New Major

- BS in Dramatic Writing (will require approval through HED)

New Emphasis/Concentrations

- BFA in Art (emphasis in Animation)
- BS in Ag Sciences (emphasis in Agricultural Business)
- BS in Physical Education (emphasis in Human Performance and Fitness)
- BA or BS in Communication (emphasis in Sports Media)
- BAAS in Communications

New Minor

- Museums, Arts, and Heritage Studies Minor
- 2-D Animation

- Social Media Marketing
- Public Relations Management
- Technical and Professional Communication
- Art History

Dr. Johnston reported the 90th Anniversary spring celebration was well attended despite the windy conditions. The Rodney Atkins concert is scheduled for April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

REGENT MATTERS

1. Presidential Contract Ratification

Regent Lance Pyle made the following motion:

"Although there was no vote on the Chancellor's contract in executive or open session at the January 2024 Board of Regents Meeting, and based on advice from legal counsel, there is no requirement to do so. Although the Chancellor's contract was executed by then Board President Phillip Bustos and Chancellor Johnston and is valid, I move that the Board vote here to publicly ratify the Chancellor's contract and respond to any public confusion on this matter." Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 10:31 a.m. to discuss one potential acquisition of real property pursuant to Section 10-15-1-(H)(8), NMSA (1978). Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

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

Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 11:06 a.m.

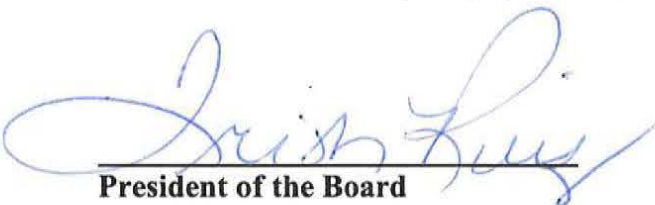
Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle reported that one potential acquisition of real property was discussed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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


President of the Board


Secretary of the Board

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