

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales
Administration Building, Regents Room
September 6, 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, and Lance Pyle were present. Regent Phillip Bustos joined via Teams. 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 Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Pyle moved to approve the minutes from the June 1 and July 17, 2024, meetings. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION

Dr. James Johnston introduced Mr. Kevin Fite, ENMU Athletic Director, who joined the administrative staff on July 1, 2024. Mr. Fite gave a brief overview of season events and welcomed the Regents to attend any of the upcoming sporting competitions.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. General Obligations Bond Endorsement

Dr. Johnston said this request comes from the ENMU System for support of a resolution outlining the objectives of the General Obligations Bond 3, which would provide funding for projects on all three campuses.

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

2. ENMU-Roswell – Approval for the Construction Phase of the Fire Suppression/Sprinkler System Installation

Dr. Shawn Powell said they are ready to move forward with the construction phase of the fire suppression and sprinkler system. This project appears in the 2020-2025 and 2025-2030 facility master plan and involves the Arts and Sciences Building, the Occupational Technology Center, and the Physical Education Center. Partial funding for this project comes from the 2022 Legislative Session through GO Bond/HB153.

Mr. Hal Burnett of ASA Architects was introduced to answer questions. Regent Pyle asked if reserves are in place to support this project if necessary. Dr. Powell confirmed that capital reserves are available, as well as the support of the ENMU-Roswell Foundation. Regent Pyle

asked what the projected completion date is for this installation. Mr. Burnett said they are looking at completion in fall 2025.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the construction phase of the fire suppression/sprinkler system installation at ENMU-Roswell, as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz-Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

3. ENMU-Roswell – Approval for the Construction Phase of the Walkways and Parking Lot Improvements

Dr. Powell said they are ready to begin the construction phase of the walkways and parking lots on campus. This \$1.25M project received partial funding at the 2023 Legislative Session through severance bond funding/HB505. Completion of this project is anticipated to be in late summer/early fall 2025.

Regent Birmingham moved to approve the construction phase of the walkways and parking lot improvements at ENMU-Roswell as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz-Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

4. ENMU-Roswell – Master Facility Plan 2025-2030

Dr. Powell presented the 2025-2030 Facility Master Plan for approval based on the consent of the ENMU-Roswell Community College Board. Several campus constituencies were engaged in recommendations for the facility plan, including senior administrators, the Physical Plant director, ITS director, facility coordinator, budget analyst, and the Faculty Senate president.

Regent Bustos asked that a task force be assembled to study student demographics and the decline in enrollment. Dr. Powell said they are currently looking at different forms of enrollment, including adult education. Dr. Johnston commented that we continue to be mindful of meeting students where they are and strive to provide facilities and various modes of course delivery to fulfill these needs.

Regent Birmingham moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell Master Facility Plan for 2025-2030 as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz- Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

5. Approval of Research and Public Service Projects, FY26

Mr. Tony Major said that based on guidance from the New Mexico Higher Education Department, additional projects have been added to the RPSP list for fiscal year 26. These additions, if approved, will be added to the RPSP list that was approved by the Regents at the June 1, 2024, meeting. He further noted that current projects have been increased by 10%, and the KENW project has increased by 15%.

The project list is as follows:

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| • Nursing Program Expansion | \$356,000 |
| • Blackwater Draw | 100,000 |
| • Athletics | 3,713,000 |
| • KENW | 1,444,400 |
| • Greyhound Promise | 100,000 |
| • Teacher Education | 200,000 |
| • Teacher Pipeline | 275,000 |
| • ENMU Literacy and Intervention | 215,000 |
| • Greyhounds Thrive Internship | 200,000 |

Regent Pyle moved to approve the Research and Public Service Projects – FY26, as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

1. Amendments to Policies

Dr. Johnston presented the following policy amendments for approval:

- 25-1 Private Support
Added the title of Vice President for University Advancement and Public Relations as oversight administrator. Added information on how the Advancement Office will operate with regard to the Foundation and its scope of work. Language was added to section 4L regarding a board member recusing themselves if a family member is receiving or applying to receive scholarships or funds.
- 40-15 Medical Leave Bank
Added an additional enrollment period to allow for open enrollment twice per year.
- 70-7 Sales and Solicitation
Added System language and titles throughout. Added clarifying language and grammar edits. Changed oversight from Student Affairs to the Public Relations office.
- 80-12 Title IX
New policy in accordance with the 2024 Federal regulations which became effective August 1, 2024. ENMU-Roswell will follow the 2020 policy as their campus is currently under an injunction.

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

ROUTINE MATTERS

ENMU-PORTALES PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – Theatre and Digital Filmmaking

Dr. David Steffens, dean of the College of Fine Arts, provided the Regents with a listing of the fall Fine Arts events. Mr. Jon Barr, Associate Professor of Digital Filmmaking, was introduced, and the programs and offerings of the Theatre Department were discussed. This year, four major theatre productions are scheduled, as well as the annual drama festival, which hosts approximately four hundred high school students from around the state.

Mr. Barr commented that film and television are among the fastest-growing industries in New Mexico, and there are more jobs than trained residents to fill these well-paying positions.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Powell reported that today is census day. Current enrollment numbers show total headcount up by 7% from fall 2023.

The ENMU-Roswell Community College Board has an opening and will be soliciting for a new member for District 1. Ms. Katie Cooper is relocating out of her current district. Two deans have started their positions this fall – Dr. Edna Yokum, dean of Technical Education, and Dr. Stephen Grieco, dean of Arts and Sciences.

Workforce training funds in the amount of \$1.2M have been received for training programs in the areas of CDL Class A/B, remote piloting licensing, aviation maintenance, healthcare and mental health, and welding certifications. These funds will be used to train students at no cost and lead them to employment opportunities in these high-demand job sectors.

Dr. Powell said the 2024 General Obligations Bond election if passed, would provide funding for the Aviation Maintenance Technology building expansion.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper thanked the Regents and the ENMU-System for their support during the June fires and flooding that devastated Ruidoso and surrounding areas. Over nine-hundred homes were destroyed by fires, and another twelve-hundred were lost to subsequent flooding. Work is underway with the Red Cross, FEMA, and the Lincoln County Community Foundation to aid affected families.

Mr. Trosper reported on the fall 2024 enrollment numbers. Total headcount is up 9.1% from fall 2023. Semester class hours have increased by 8.5%, and adult education enrollment has increased by 35% from last year.

Workforce Training funds have been received in the amount of \$300K, which will go toward CDL certification, early childhood training, and education boot camps.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. Johnston referred to the dashboard data and said first-time freshman enrollment is up 19.1% from fall 2023. Graduate student enrollment is up 12.2%, the overall headcount is 5,740 students, and student credit hour production is up 8.8%. Campus housing is at 89% capacity, an increase of 29%.

Accomplishments in Student Affairs include contact with over 650 potential students, which led to our largest freshman class in several years. The implementation of Technosolutions Slate application process for domestic graduate and undergraduate students. This platform allows for the admissions process to be streamlined. The Campus Life Resource Closet has been expanded and provides clothing, food, and hygiene products for students in need. The Accessibility Resource and Testing Center has created a mentor program to promote student success. Twenty-five coaches have been hired, and fifty-five students have applied for this program.

Additionally, a health and wellness program has been designed for students, which will be launched this fall. Mental Health and First Aid training will continue to be offered to all faculty, staff, and administrators. This initiative will be rolled out to the Roswell and Ruidoso campuses as well.

Updates from the Information Technology Service sector include the firewall migration. A modern firewall mesh was implemented, which will improve performance and reduce downtime across all campuses. In addition, classroom technology has been expanded to provide simplified classroom technology and expanded lecture capture from 9 to 58 classrooms, integrating with Panopto.

Dr. Johnston stated that Phase I of the One Eastern initiative continues, and Phase II will begin this semester. A full update will be provided at the December Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 10:14 a.m. to discuss one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) - Presidential mid-year evaluation update, and the discussion of honorific naming of a university facility.

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

Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 11:14 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 personnel matter, the mid-year Presidential evaluation, and the honorific naming of a university facility were discussed. No action was taken.

OPEN MEETING

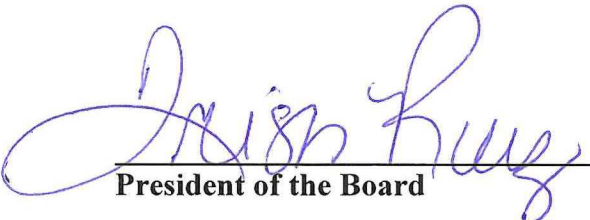
1. Honorary Facilities Naming Request
No discussion.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the honorary facility naming request – The Duane W. Ryan Broadcast Center as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – No response; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

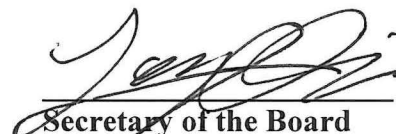
ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 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