

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
March 10, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Building, on the New Mexico State University main campus, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Monday, March 10, 2008. Chair Conniff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Regents Present	Ms. Laura M. Conniff, Chair Mr. Bob Gallagher, Vice Chair Mr. M. Steven Anaya, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Blake Curtis, Member Mr. Ed Kellum, Member
Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Wanda Eastman Ms. Marisa Ortega
President	Dr. Michael Martin
Executive Vice President/Provost	Dr. Waded Cruzado
Regents Chief of Staff	Absent
Other Presenters Present	Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor Associate Vice President Maureen Howard Director Michael Rickenbaker Director Fred Ayers Director McKinley Boston Dean Garrey Carruthers Senior Assistant to the President Christina Chavez Kelley Director Dennis Hazlett Dr. Desh Ranjan General Counsel Bruce Kite Assistant Dean Tim Nesbitt

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

- (a) Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others by Maureen Howard, Associate Vice President for University Communications and Marketing Services

Associate Vice President Howard introduced Todd Dickson from the *Las Cruces Bulletin*.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Regent Conniff made two changes to the agenda. She moved Agenda Item 10(b) and 11(b) to Agenda Item 4 to allow these presenters to attend other commitments.

Regent Anaya moved, seconded by Regent Gallagher, to approve the agenda with changes. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. RESERVED**

Vice President Garrey Carruthers and Senior Assistant to the President Christina Chavez Kelley gave a presentation on the proposed Domenici Legacy Project. The Domenici Legacy Project Committee will have approximately 30-32 members with representation from all parts of New Mexico. The project will have four parts to it: the archiving of the Domenici papers; the hosting of the Pete V. Domenici Legacy Conference on Public Policy, August 20-22; the designing and construction of the Domenici Building; and the establishment of the Domenici Public Policy Institute at New Mexico State.

ASNMSU President Marisa Ortega reported on activities of ASNMSU since the last meeting of the Board.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regent Curtis moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the minutes of January 28, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Approved Dates:

- Friday, May 9, 2008 (Las Cruces, in Conjunction with Commencement)
- Monday and Tuesday, July 14-15, 2008 (Location TBD, Retreat)

Other: The annual meeting of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) will be held in Boston, Massachusetts April 12-15, 2008 at the Westin Copley Place.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR** (voted on by one motion, or moved to Action or Informational Items)

- (a) Approval of New Mexico State University-Las Cruces: Anderson Hall Remodel (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (b) Approval of New Mexico State University-Grants: Fidel Addition and Remodel (Director Michael Rickenbaker)
- (c) Approval of Land and Building Lease by and between Lynn L. Martin and Marian Ruth Martin Living Trust Dated 5-14-95 (“Lessor”) and Regents of New Mexico State University (“Lessee”), for Professional Office Space, Located at 3005 N. Prince Street, Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico 88101 (Director Fred Ayers)
- (d) Approval of First Amendment to Ground Lease entered into as of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007, by and between the Regents of New Mexico State University (“NMSU”) and the City of Las Cruces, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Mexico (“City”), with Respect to the Lease of Approximately Eight (8) Acres, Located on the NMSU Campus, Doña Ana County, New Mexico (Director Fred Ayers)
- (e) Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Saint Anthony’s Parish (“Parish”) and the Regents of New Mexico State University on Behalf of Doña Ana Community College (“DACC”), 320 Lincoln Street, Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico (Director Fred Ayers)
- (f) Approval of Masters in Science Degree in Bioinformatics (Dr. Desh Ranjan, Department Head/Computer Science)
- (g) Approval to Change the Name of the Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences to the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology (Dean Lowell Catlett)
- (h) Ratification of Employment Agreements and Amendments for Coaches (General Counsel Bruce Kite)
- (i) Approval of Disposition/Deletion of Property (Senior Vice President Jennifer Taylor)

Regent Anaya moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**(a) Approval of New Mexico State University – Las Cruces: Gardiner Hall Renovation**

Director Michael Rickenbaker gave a presentation on the proposed renovation of Gardiner Hall in order to bring it up to code and current teaching standards. The building would house the Physics and Geology Departments. The total project cost will be \$13,200,000. The project will be funded from a 2005 severance tax and 2006 general obligation bond of \$11 million, and \$2 million from supplemental BR&R funds.

Regent Gallagher moved, seconded by Regent Curtis, to approve the Gardiner Hall renovation. The motion carried unanimously.

**(b) Approval of New Mexico State University – Las Cruces: Construction of Native American Cultural Center**

Director Michael Rickenbaker gave a presentation on the proposed construction of a Native American Cultural Center and requested approval to construct an 11,000 square foot building including a community center, gallery and classroom space, offices and gathering spaces. The total cost of the project is \$3,530,000. The project will be funded by 2005 severance tax bonds for \$250,000, general funds for \$130,000, a general obligation bond for \$3 million, and 1006 general funds of \$150,000.

Regent Anaya moved, seconded by Regent Kellum to approve the New Mexico State University-Las Cruces: Construction of Native American Cultural Center. The motion carried unanimously.

**(c) Approval of New Mexico State University - Carlsbad Re-Roofing**

Director Michael Rickenbaker gave a presentation on the need for a complete re-roofing of the major building on the NMSU-Carlsbad campus. The total cost of the project is \$1,500,000. The project will be funded by a 2006 general obligation bond. Director Rickenbaker requested the Board's approval for the project.

Regent Gallagher moved, seconded by Regent Anaya to approve the New Mexico State University-Carlsbad re-roofing. The motion carried unanimously.

**(d) Approval of New Mexico State University-Doña Ana Community College - East Mesa Center Phase 5**

Director Rickenbaker gave a presentation on the New Mexico State University-Doña Ana Community College - East Mesa Center Phase 5. The plan includes a large lecture style classroom/auditorium space, courtyard, lobby space, and support spaces behind the stage. The total cost of the project is \$3.5 million and is funded by a 2006 general obligation bond.

Regent Gallagher moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the New Mexico State University-Doña Ana Community College-East Mesa Center Phase 5. The motion carried unanimously.

**(e) Approval of Proposed Housing and Meal Plan Rates for 2008-2009 Academic Year**

Assistant Vice President Throneberry gave a presentation to request approval for the proposed housing and meal plan rates for the 2008-2009 academic year. The proposed increase was three percent for housing rates and 4.5 percent for meal plan rates.

Funds generated through these increases will be used to offset increased costs for compensation, utilities, institutional support and other operating expenses.

Regent Gallagher moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, to approve the proposed housing and meal plan rates for the 2008-2009 academic year. The motion carried unanimously.

**(f) Approval of Proposed Parking Permit Rates for 2008-2009 Academic Year**

Assistant Vice President Throneberry gave a presentation to request the approval of an increase in parking permit rates for 2008-2009 academic year. The increases range from \$.33 for students per month to \$.63 for faculty and staff per month. A \$20 reduction is being proposed for motorcycle permits and scooter permits. Funds generated in the amount of approximately \$60,000, will be used to offset increased operating costs over the last three years and provide for deferred parking lot maintenance.

Regent Gallagher moved, seconded by Regent Kellum, to approve the proposed parking permit rates for the 2008-2009 academic year. The motion carried unanimously.

**(g) Approval of Tuition and Fee Increases and Budget Guidelines for FY 2007-2008**

Senior Vice President Taylor gave a presentation to request the approval of the proposed tuition and fee increases and budget guidelines for FY 2008-2009. The Student Fee Review Board, recommended a fee increase of \$20 per full-time student per semester on the Las Cruces campus. Senior Vice President Taylor recommended a tuition increase of \$133 per full-time student per semester for the Las Cruces campus, which represents an increase of 6.9 percent. The combined proposed tuition and fee rate increase is \$ 153 per full-time resident undergraduate student per semester for the Las Cruces campus. They also recommended a tuition and fee rate increase of four percent for full-time non-resident undergraduate students. The requested increases for community college campus students were: a seven percent increase for Alamogordo; a four percent increase for Doña Ana Community College; and a ten percent increase for Grants. The Carlsbad campus proposed a 26 percent decrease based on the approval of a two mill levy. Rates for graduate students and part-time Las Cruces campus students was outlined in page two of Senior Vice President Taylor's presentation. A faculty and staff salary increase of two percent was recommended along with \$14.8 million (subject to change) for investment in various strategic priorities of the institution, including the Living the Vision performance fund, and increased instruction and departmental research funding for colleges. In addition, projected expenditures include an increase in operating and utility budgets.

Regent Curtis moved, seconded by Regent Kellum to approve the proposed tuition and fee increases and budget guidelines for FY 2008-2009. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. NMSU PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Martin gave a report on university events since the last meeting of the Board of Regents.

**10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- (a) Legislative Update by Director Dennis Hazlett and Senior Director Ricardo Rel

Director Hazlett explained that this year legislative monies were tight and there was a great deal of competition for available funds. Director Hazlett submitted to the Board a printed summary of the legislative determinations, entitled *Final Legislative Update 2008 Session* (See Appendix A).

**11. REPORTS**

- (a) Faculty Senate Chairperson Report by Dr. Wanda Eastman

Dr. Eastman reported on activities of the Faculty Senate since the last Board meeting.

- (b) Associated Students of New Mexico State University Report (ASNMSU) by Ms. Marisa Ortega

This agenda item was moved to after Agenda Item 10(b).

- (c) Advisory Council on Administrative Policy (ACAP) by Mr. Tim Nesbitt

Mr. Nesbitt reported on the activities of ACAP since the last Board of Regents meeting.

**12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

- (a) Chair of the Board  
(Regent Laura M. Conniff presently serves)

Regent Anaya made a motion to nominate Regent Gallagher for Chair of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Kellum. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Vice Chair of the Board  
(Regent Robert M. Gallagher presently serves)

Regent Anaya made a motion to nominate Regent Curtis for Vice Chair of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Gallagher. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) Secretary/Treasurer  
(Regent M. Steven Anaya presently serves)

Regent Gallagher made a motion to nominate Regent Anaya for Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Kellum. The motion carried unanimously.

**13. OTHER/COMMENTS**

Regent Conniff reminded all that the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" date had been set for October 18.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Conniff adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

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Robert M. Gallagher, Chair  
Board of Regents

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M. Steven Anaya, Secretary/Treasurer  
Board of Regents