



## MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:00 pm on Friday, May 10, 2019 with Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, David Gonzales, Yolanda King and Veronica Espinoza. Other university administrators, staff and guests included:

Stephen Wells	Peter Phaiah	Christian Carrico
Vanessa Grain	Colleen Foster	Taylor Dotson
Juliann Ulibarri	Lisa Majkowski	Ronnie Grapethin
Cleve McDaniel	Dave Manzano	Menake Piyasena
Peter Mozley	JoAnn Salome	Tie Wei
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Angie Gonzales	Kyle Stark
Van Romero	Valerie Del Curto	Henry Prager
Nelia Dunbar	Michael Voegerl	Jose Martinez
Bob Balch	Alex Garcia	Gary King
Mark Adams	Emma Aafloy	Thom Guengerich
Lori Liebrock	Hillary Pineda	Valerie Kimble
Tom Engler	Bruce Harrison	

- 1. Call to Order.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
  - a. Proof of Meeting Notice.** Ms. Grain confirmed that proper legal notice had been given. At the request of the Chair, introductions were made by and to incoming Board members Regent King and Regent Espinoza. Chair Peacock acknowledged Mr. King's efforts in passing legislation creating the Student Regent position.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** Regent Armijo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. New Regent Oath of Office.** Chair Peacock administered the oath of office, as required by state statute and Board by-laws, to Regent King and Regent Espinoza.
- 4. Election of Officers.** Regent Peacock was re-elected as Chair, and Regent Armijo re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation under nominations by Regents King and Gonzales, and seconds from Regents Armijo and King, respectively.
- 5. Public Comment.** None.
- 6. Recurring Reports.**
  - a) International Student Recruitment.** Mr. Voegerl, Director of International Student Affairs, detailed international student enrollment, noting that NMT does not have an international student recruitment office, as such. Faculty and alumni contacts, and ongoing relationships with international partners, help boost international student numbers. He highlighted efforts by PRRC, NMT's Petroleum Engineering department, and a promising proposal with Hohai University. President Wells noted opportunities for alumni to serve as international ambassadors.

- b) **Commencement Ceremony.** Dr. Mozley reported that various university divisions rallied to ensure a successful commencement in the event of rain. The President noted that a practice was held in Macey Center earlier in the day, adding that at this point, weather forecasts indicate the ceremony will take place outdoors as planned.
- c) **Enrollment.** Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming highlighted data from her written report and efforts to turn applications into paid enrollments, and crosschecking arrangements with housing and scholarships. She announced Ms. Pineda as the new Associate Director for Admission. Of note is an increase in graduate student and undergraduate applications this year, particularly for Hispanics and Native Americans.
- d) **Capital Projects.** Dr. McDaniel reviewed the process for renovating Jones Hall. The project is now moving forward with the original renovation using bond funding and institutional reserves. In other updates:
- An RFP is ready for building the President's residence and University House, with a ceremonial ground-breaking June 6, 2019.
  - NMT will renovate West Hall to accommodate Brown Hall staff during its renovation, thus upgrading West Hall for student housing in fall 2022.
  - A campus space utilization study will assess future usage at the site of the razed structure at 818 Leroy Place, now enclosed by a chain-link fence.
  - An energy audit is near completion; next are to address funding and engage a firm to help with recommendations.
  - NMT has vacated its Albuquerque building and moved staff to the new facility located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Tijeras .
- e) **Research.** Dr. Romero reported on the economic impact to the community through a segment of a Tom Hanks movie recently filmed at EMRTC. President Wells commended the VP and EMRTC crew for their efforts.
- f) **Bureau of Geology.** Dr. Dunbar reported:
- The Bureau was one of a handful of state surveys chosen by the USGS to receive funding to study rare earth elements.
  - A project to study geological hazards and road stabilization on the Jicarilla Reservation.
  - A NASA-funded project to assess manganese deposits on the moon and Mars.
  - \$400k for a water resources study, allowing comparing one set of online New Mexico water data with another.
- g) **PRRC.** Dr. Balch announced \$23 million in new funding, primarily through the Southwest Partnership; and that his talk at the San Juan Energy Conference on Carbon storage was well received and netted positive press. A \$1.5 million joint proposal with the Petroleum Engineering department and companies in South Korea based on PRRC's ability to interface with petroleum entities in New Mexico was also successful.
- h) **Office of Advancement.** Ms. Foster reported an increase in donations and gifts from this time last year, reflecting a fully staffed office and greater interaction with alumni. She announced several planned-giving arrangements and funds from the Starr Foundation. It was noted that Holm O. Bursum III will receive, posthumously, the Presidential Medal at the Founders Club event later this summer.
- i) **Faculty Senate.** Dr. Engler announced that a Regents Faculty Conference Committee report will be given to Regents at their retreat, and his appointment to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, both a challenge and opportunity to represent NMT.
- j) **Student Government Assoc.** None.

- k) **Graduate Student Assoc.** Mr. Stark introduced Henry Prager, his successor as GSA president. Mr. Prager has been an NMT student since 2015 and hopes to finish in 2021.
- l) **President's Report.** President Wells hinted at a Commencement surprise.
- m) **Other.** President Wells noted that the Council of University Presidents (CUP) will meet in Albuquerque on May 30 as part of a panel screening a documentary film called "Unlikely- In Pursuit of a Better U" featuring HED Secretary Dr. Kate O'Neill.

## 7. Information Items.

- a. **Academic Tenure & Promotion Introductions.** Dr. Mozley introduced faculty promotions as follows: Assoc. Professor Dr. Harrison to full professor; Assoc. Professor Dr. Carrico, tenure; and promotion to Assoc. Professor and tenure for Assist. Professors Dr. Taylor, Dr. Grapethin, Dr. Piyasena and Dr. Wie, all to applause.
- b. **Degree Conferrals for March 2019.** Information in Regents' packets.

## 8. Action Items.

- a) **Approval of April 11, 2019 Minutes.** Minutes from the special meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent King.
- b) **Discussion and Regents Representatives for New Mexico Higher Education Regents' Coalition.** Regent Armijo noted that the Coalition was formed three years ago to brainstorm and collaborate with Regents from the state's four-year schools, and to provide training for new members. He and former Regent Donald Monette have been NMT's only representatives to date. Regent King volunteered her service. She and Regent Armijo were unanimously approved as Coalition representatives on a motion by Regent Espinoza and a second from Regent Gonzales.
- c) **Approve Open Meetings Act (OMA) Resolution.** The resolution was unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Gonzales.
- d) **Approve May 2019 Graduates.** Regents unanimously approved the list of May graduates as presented by Dr. Mozley on a motion by Regent Gonzales and a second from Regent Armijo.
- e) **Present Dr. Steve Cather for Emeritus Status.** At the recommendation of Dr. Dunbar, Regents unanimously approved emeritus status for Dr. Cather, an active researcher and mentor.
- f) **Approve 5-Year Facilities Plan Priority List.** As requested by Dr. McDaniel, Regents unanimously approved the following on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Gonzales: Kelly Hall renovation, energy upgrades to support Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) projects and MSEC upgrade.
- g) **Approve Langmuir Budget.** The Board unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Gonzales and a second from Regent Armijo the operating budget for Langmuir Lab as developed by the Langmuir Oversight Committee.
- h) **Approve NM State Treasurer/LGIP Resolution New Acct.** Under a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Gonzales, the Board unanimously approved opening an account with the LGIP for proceeds from the annual President's Golf Tournament.
- i) **Approve Property Resolutions #190510-1 & 190510-2.** Both property resolutions were unanimously approved on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Gonzales.

- j) **Approve Unrestricted Fund Purchase** (EBSCO Subscription Service and Elsevier Subscription Service). Regents unanimously approved both purchases on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Armijo.

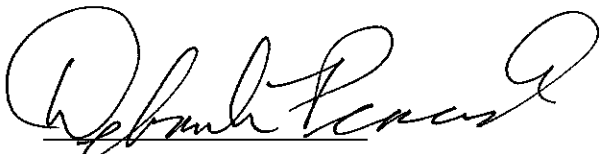
**9. Individual Board Member Comments.** Chair Peacock circulated copies of an *Albuquerque Journal* article profiling Dr. Ashok Ghosh as SPE's Engineer of the Year.

**10. New Business.** The Board set summer retreat dates for July 18-19, 2019 in Taos, NM.


**11. Executive Session.** NBMSA 1978, Sec. 10-15-1(H)(2), (If required to Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters). The Board unanimously recessed its regular meeting at 2:58 pm to meet in Executive Session on a motion by Regent Espinoza and a second from Regent King. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote.

**12. Reconvene in open session and take final action, if any, on such limited personnel matters which shall be acted upon in open session following conclusion of the closed session.** The meeting reconvened at 4:19 pm. Chair Peacock announced that discussion was limited to legal and personnel issues.

**13. Adjournment.** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:20 pm on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Gonzales.

  
President

Attest:

  
Secretary-Treasurer