




The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 8:30 am on Saturday, August 24, 2019 with Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, David Gonzales, Yolanda King and Veronica Espinoza (via teleconference). Other university administrators, staff and guests included:

Stephen Wells  
Vanessa Grain  
Juliann Ulibarri  
Cleve McDaniel  
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming  
Van Romero  
Doug Wells

Peter Mozley  
Nelia Dunbar  
Randall Seright  
Tom Engler  
Peter Phaiah  
Peter Anselmo  
Randy Saavedra

Mark Adams  
Michelle Sherman  
Emma Aafloy  
Lisa Majkowski  
Lorie Liebrock  
Valerie Kimble

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
  - a) Ms. Grain confirmed that proper legal notice had been given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The Chair asked that items 5c and 5d be transposed. Regent Armijo moved to approve the agenda as revised. Regent King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment.** None
4. **Recurring Reports.**
  - a) **SGA.** Ms. Sherman reported that orientation was very well attended, the first issue of Paydirt will be out on September 2, and she has joined the Blueprint 2027 marketing committee adding that she is passionate about outreach in advocating for the NMT brand.
  - b) **GSA.** N/A
  - c) **SUR.** Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming and Dr. Doug Wells provided Regents with enrollment data, noting efforts to understand and address recent challenges to attracting students at the level to meet enrollment goals.
  - d) **Academic Affairs.** Dr. Doug Wells deferred his report until the metrics presentations later in the meeting.
  - e) **Capital Projects.** Dr. McDaniel updated the Board on the status of the Jones Hall renovation, new University house and President's residence, and remodels to Fitch, West and Brown halls. A building walk-through will determine the best approach to installing a new card key system. Energy audit recommendations will be brought to Regents in October, and later to HED and the Board of Finance.
  - f) **Research.** Dr. Romero reported filming a NOVA show at EMRTC on nitrogen and its role in explosives, and an upcoming Mythbusters spin off show on explosions, adding that host Tory Belleci will be in town at the same time of the President's Golf Tournament next month. Also ahead are 12 vignette segments on Guns and Ammo. A STEM conference in Toluca, Mexico drew 1000 attendees and an overwhelming



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response to NMT's presentation, which should attract more students over time. He will apprise Regents of air times on the Discovery Channel and PBS's NOVA series.

- g) **OIC.** Dr. Anselmo announced a ribbon cutting on Aug. 27 for a Makers Space in Spereare where students can meet and experiment with materials and a 3D printer. In following up on the July Board Meeting and Retreat, he will update the Board on schools with MESA programs which can attend the March 2020 Inventors and Entrepreneurs Workshop.
- h) **Advancement.** Ms. Majkowski reported a productive month for July, including six major gifts and a lot of travel. One particularly successful event was a Chama River rafting excursion. Advancement has been working with Kennari Consultant on developing a new capital campaign, drawing a comment from President Wells that he met with the consultant team and is impressed.
- i) **Bureau of Geology.** Dr. Dunbar deferred her report until the metrics presentations.
- j) **PRRC.** Dr. Seright briefed Regents on six items, including a U.S. Dept. of Energy proposal that has conditionally been accepted for funding. This project will replace the Southwest Carbon Sequestration project, PRRC's largest project over the past 15 years, and has the capacity to bring in up to \$65 million. He briefly outlined other works in the research pipeline.
- k) **Faculty Senate.** Dr. Engler referred to a Final copy of the 2019 NMT Faculty Survey following a SWOT process, noting the importance of all staff understanding the NMT mission and their role in it. Two issues consistently cited by faculty were compensation, the city of Socorro itself as well as improvement in transparency. Dr. Engler recommended greater collaboration across campus.
- l) **President's Report.** President Wells reported on international meetings to sign critical MOUs with Mexico and Ghana. The goal is to recruit 20 to 30 students from KNUST in Ghana for FY21. US Congresswoman Xochitl Torres Small recently visited NMT and was successfully briefed on ICASA and the First Responder Program. Toward a more social and progressive campus environment, an alumnus has proposed a beer and cider taproom and when the University house is finished, there will be an opportunity for a NMT Faculty Club. A new NMT initiative called "Project Adelante" is in the development stages, whereby NMT will assist the Socorro Community to improve education for grades K-12, including an after school program to establish a safe space for homework, and a guide students on the pathway to higher education for first-generation college-bound young men and women. The Mayor, City Manager of Socorro and Superintendent and School Board President of Socorro Consolidated Schools are supportive of the proposal and are all on board. Regent Armijo noted that a previous similar effort did not have the right partners, but the concept does have potential. Regent King cited a Governor's initiative for community-based schools, or family focus centers. The Governor has invited President Wells and other County leaders to a meeting on Sept. 10 to discuss issues related to Socorro area. Also cited were recent workshops at a CUP retreat which drew state Cabinet secretaries, such as the Cabinet Secretary of Economic Development who discussed key growth areas such issues as aerospace programs, the

film industry and renewable energy. Under the good news banner was a report on NMT's accreditation from the HLC that NMT's assurance report was accepted with no recommended actions. Dr. Mozley was recognized for his efforts. Dr. Liebrock noted that the two new programs related to cybersecurity research and education is in development stages.

- m) **Other.** Mr. Adams informed the Board regarding Socorro Electric Cooperative's request for a rate increase which was denied by the hearing examiner, which was part was backed with a 91-page decision report. The Hearing Officer's decision likely to be accepted by the PRC.

#### 5. Information Items.

- a) **Degree Conferrals.** In Regents' packets.
- b) **Notification of Awards.** In Regents' packets.
- c) **End of FY19 Budget vs Actuals Outcomes.** Dr. McDaniel detailed highlights from his written report under the following categories: Instruction, Academic Support, Student Services, Institutional Support and Operations and Maintenance. Specifics are included in his report.
- d) **Financial Analysis – June 30, 2019.** Dr. McDaniel presented highlights from his financial report for the month just ended. He provided a graph comparing year-to-date budget and actual revenue and expense activity for Instruction and General (I&G) for the current and prior year. The report by the VPAF covered I&G Revenues, I&G Transfers, I&G Expenditures, Research and Public Service Projects, Cost Centers and Other. Specifics are included in his report.
- e) **NMT Institutional Metrics Presentations.** Complete reports are included in Regents' packets as developed by President Wells and his Cabinet for this information-only Agenda item. Please refer to the compiled reports for specifics. Presentations covered the following: Administration and Finance, Student and University Relations, Research, Academic Affairs, NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, Petroleum Recovery and Research Center, Human Resources, Affirmative Action/EEOC, Office of Innovation Commercialization, Government Affairs and Advancement.

#### 6. Action Items

- a) **Approval of July 18, 2019 Minutes.** Regent King cited an error under item 6j. The Minutes reported a unanimous vote; however, Regent King abstained. Regent Armijo moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- b) **Approve NMT Security Managerial Resolution.** Dr. Romero requested adding Dr. Richard Miller to the Security Managerial team as required. The resolution was unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent King.
- c) **Unrestricted Fund Purchase (Presbyterian Healthcare Services).** Dr. McDaniel noted that this is the second year Presbyterian is providing NMT with health care services, which includes a registered nurse (RN) and nurse practitioner and two licensed



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therapists. Services are extended to spouses and dependent children. Regent King moved to award a contract to Presbyterian Healthcare Services. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- d) **Research and Public Service Project Rakings (RPSP).** Dr. McDaniel reported that HED has determined that NMT's Centers of Excellence should be moved under RPSP, with all total requests totaling about \$3 million. The newly prioritized list ranks the top three RPSP requests as follows: Cybersecurity Education and Research Center and the N.M. Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources. The list was unanimously approved on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Armijo.

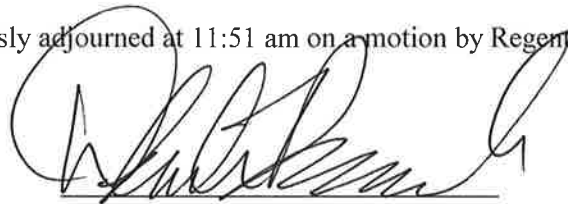
7. **Individual Board Member Comments.** Regent Armijo announced funeral services for Mr. Chris Lopez who is the brother of Former President Daniel H. Lopez on Tuesday in Puerto Luna. Regent King reminded the Board of a NM HED Summit Meeting and HERC Meeting held Sept. 18-19 at CNM. Regent Gonzales expressed appreciation for the metrics reports. President Wells thanked members for meeting on a Saturday morning, and suggested that the November session be held at NMT's new facilities at 10<sup>th</sup> St. and Tijeras in Albuquerque.

8. **New Business.** None.

9. **Executive Session.** N/A


10. **Reconvene in open session.** N/A

11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:51 am on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent King.



**President**

Attest:



Secretary- Treasurer