

**New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology  
Board of Regents Meeting  
1:30 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2017  
Ballroom C, Fidel Center  
New Mexico Tech Campus / Socorro, N.M.**

***MINUTES***

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents meeting convened at 1:39 p.m., with Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, David Gonzales, Donald Monette and Emily Silva. University administrators, staff and guests who were also present included:

Stephen Wells	Randall Seright	Alex Garcia
Lala Garcia	Tom Kieft	Mark Adams
Douglas Wells	Bruce Harrison	Charles Hendrickson
Cleve McDaniel	Lorie Liebrock	Dave Lepre
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Bruce Harrison	Sara Grijalva
Van Romero	Colleen Foster	Thom Guengerich
Nelia Dunbar	Mike Stanley	Valerie Kimble

1. **Proof of Meeting.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. Ms. Garcia reported that proper legal notice was given as required.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The Chair announced that Item 14 would be discussed in Executive Session (Item 16). Regent Armijo asked if Item 15 also could be moved to Item 14. Mr. Adams replied that it would be permitted. Regent Armijo then moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. **Minutes.** Regents first considered the minutes from the June retreat. Regent Gonzales noted an error in the minutes stating the opposite of what he had actually said. President Wells cited an analysis comparing all state institutions to be presented at the October meeting clarifying comments made regarding a two-year degree. Regent Silva moved to approve the minutes as amended. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4. **Announcements.**
  - a) *Enrollment Updates.* Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming distributed a report written in collaboration with the offices of Academic Affairs, Registrar, Admission and Graduate Studies including new graduate students and new/transfers. In reviewing a 17-year enrollment history, she noted an average annual loss of 50 students. Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming in looking at strategies to reverse course is compiling data on

recruitment travel, receptions, alumni collaborations etc., and “reviewing everything from recruitment to graduation rates and competitive scholarships.”

*President’s Report.* Beginning with the “good news” of newly released national rankings for New Mexico Tech, President Wells noted diligent efforts to get a new website up and running. Chair Peacock thanked the President for making the new website a priority.

President Wells announced that alumnus Paul Shoemaker would be replacing Dr. James Chavez in the Campus Executive Program at Sandia National Laboratories as the new Campus Executive to New Mexico Tech. In other news, he noted a visit by members of the interim N.M. Legislative Committee on Science, Technology and Telecommunications. The President said, specifically citing a student project in conjunction with Dr. David Grow to build an artificial hand for an Institute employee. Other notable visits were by U.S. Sens. Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall to MRO and the water conference respectively (the latter the first in 60 years on the New Mexico Tech campus).

Reopening the Loma Theater will happen with support from the City of Socorro and First State Bank, which will lease the building for five years at \$10 per annum. Tech is looking at a late-September opening pending a general clean-up and addressing safety issues.

The President announced a new Leadership Council as part of his effort to build a broader leadership team. Its goal is to undertake a blueprint for 2027 as to what kind of campus Tech wants to be, an initiative to complement the Strategic Plan with specific milestones. Regents will be given the initial findings before the end of the year. Patents and I.P. under the N.M. Tech Research Foundation are being transferred to the N.M. Tech Research Park Corp. *Capital Projects.* Dr. McDaniel reported that the Daniel H. López Chemistry Building is now up and running with landscaping to be added over time. A contractor has been approved for the Data Center, with construction to start soon and a move-in date scheduled for March 2018. The Jones Hall remodeling project is in the design stage.

- b) *Advancement Report.* Ms. Foster noted that totals were down from this time last year due to several large donations not forthcoming as usual. Ms. Foster added that the office did receive a commitment from 225 alumni and a Foundation member toward the Alumni House over the next three years.
- c) *Faculty Senate Update.* Dr. Kieft reported that the Faculty Senate does not meet in the summer; its first meeting is set for Tuesday, September 5.
- d) *Other.* President Wells announced higher-level awards for floats in October’s 49ers. In response to a question from Chair Peacock, President Wells said he would work with Ms. Garcia to keep Regents apprised of upcoming events.

5. **Public Comment.** None.

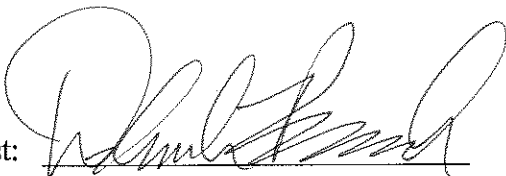
6. **Financial Analysis for Fiscal Year Ending June 2017.** Dr. McDaniel prefaced his report by saying that he and Mr. Hendrickson met with Regent Monette met earlier in the week to go over any questions. Revenues are up over \$700k including tuition and fees, income earned from interest and overhead recovery. NM Tech had been charging an inaccurate rate for overhead recovery at 55 percent; the corrected rate is 32 percent for

the campus, adding it will take several years to make up the overcharge. Dr. McDaniel said that the EMRTC rate will actually increase, which will help offset the impact of the reduced campus rate. In general, the campus should be able to maintain its overall indirect cost recovery levels with a general increase in research activity of 5 percent or more. About four million dollars of indirect cost revenues in FY 2016 are being transferred to a reserve account as part of a best-practices effort to build operational reserve funds. In three to five years, the University should have a six-month operational reserve. Dr. McDaniel noted that money budgeted for scholarships varies with enrollment but does include funding within the base operating budget. Fixed fees are up for Playas and EMRTC and down for ICASA. The Performing Arts Series posted a small negative year-end balance, with plans to address this deficit in future years. Regent Armijo moved to approve the report. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

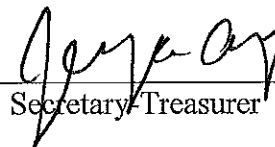
7. **Quarterly Certification for June 2017.** Dr. McDaniel requested approval for the quarterly certification. Regent Monette moved for approval, followed by a second from Regent Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Restricted Fund Purchase Notification.** Information item, info in Regents' packets.
9. **Degree Conferrals.** Information item, info in Regents' packets.
10. **Ratification of Board Members to Research Park Corp.** President Wells brought forth for Board approval nominations to the NM Tech Research Park Corp. Board of Directors for three individuals to replace three who resigned. Regent Armijo moved to approve Dr. Raul Deju, Dr. Cleve McDaniel and Mr. Don Tripp to the board. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously, with the recusal of Regent Monette who could not vote for himself. Those who resigned from the board are Ms. Colleen Foster, Mr. W.D. Peterson and Mr. Richard Cervantes.
11. **NM Higher Ed Regents Coalition Resolution.** The President explained that the purpose of the resolution was to show support for HED Secretary Barbara Damron. Regent Armijo moved to adopt the resolution, acknowledging that NM Tech has already moved forward on reform efforts implemented by the HED. The Board agreed on an amendment to include the word "unanimously" to read, "The Board of Regents at New Mexico Tech unanimously supports the reform efforts being implemented by the New Mexico Higher Education Department..." Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
12. **Resolution Delegation to President of Authority to Act as De Facto Chief Executive Officer.** The President explained that the resolution denotes position instead of name, as had been previously done. Responding to a question from Chair Peacock, Mr. Adams agreed that Regents could make the resolution retroactive by adding that the Board wishes to ratify actions taken by the P resident of the Institute since July 1, 2016. Regent Armijo moved to approve the resolution with the amendments. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- 13. Resolution Authorizing Vice President for Finance and Administration to Execute Agreements.** The Chair suggested that a motion for approval include the same amendment as for Item 12. Regent Monette so moved, followed by a second from Regent Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.
- 14. Sale of Building at 2808 Central SE, Albuquerque, NM.** Moved to Executive Session.
- 15. SunZia Southwest Transmission Project.** Moved to Executive Session.
- 16. Executive Session**
- i. **Pursuant to 100-15-1(H)(2) & 10-15-1(I)(2) NMSA 1978 (To Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters).** Regent Monette moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 3:24 p.m. to meet in executive session. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously on a roll-call vote conducted by Ms. Garcia. The regular meeting was reconvened at 4:50 p.m. Chair Peacock announced that Regents discussed only those items listed regarding personnel, pending litigation and real estate matters. Regent Armijo moved to approve a letter of intent to sell the property at 2808 Central SE in Albuquerque under terms outlined in the letter of intent with the exception that possession of the property would be negotiated by the administration and at the administration's discretion. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- 17. Individual Board Member Comments.** Chair Peacock on behalf of the Board presented Regent Gonzales with gifts for his newborn son, including infant clothing with a NM Tech logo. Named David Timothy and nicknamed Bison, he joins two siblings. Regent Monette thanked Dr. McDaniel and Mr. Hendrickson for clarifying financial reports. Regent Gonzales added that the financial team did a good job of navigating through the budget crunch.
- 18. New Business.** Ms. Garcia announced lunch at the home of the President for the Board meeting of Oct. 13. Regent Monette then suggested that the Board meet in the new Chemistry Building. In response to a suggestion from President Wells to meet in Playas for the Nov. 20 meeting, Ms. Garcia said she would follow up with Dr. Romero on the research and training center's schedule, adding that November would be a good time.
- 19. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Gonzales.

Attest:



President



Secretary-Treasurer