

New Mexico Tech Board of Regents Meeting
1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2018
Headen Bureau of Geology and Mineral Museum, Room 253
New Mexico Tech Campus

MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:00 p.m. with Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, David Gonzales, Donald Monette and Emily Silva. Other university administrators, staff and guests included the following:


Stephen Wells	Nelia Dunbar	Vicky Gonzales
Nancy Wagoner	Mark Adams	Tony Ortiz
Cleve McDaniel	Peter Mozley	Reynaldo Maestas
Doug Wells	Valentina Avramidi	Sharon Sessions
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Lorie Liebrock	Elaine DeBrine Howell
Van Romero	Valerie Del Curto	Kyle Stark
Charles Hendrickson	Steven Hicks	Scott Turner
Tom Kieft	Carrie Marsyla	Thomas Guengerich
Randall Seright	Emma Aafloy	Valerie Kimble

1. **Proof of Meeting.** Chair Peacock called the regular meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Wagoner reported proper, required legal notice had been given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Regent Monette moved the agenda be approved as presented. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Minutes.** Regent Gonzales moved to approve the March 19, 2018 minutes. Regent Monette seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. **Announcements.**
 - a. *Enrollment Updates.* Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming announced a 26-percent increase in March paid applications; an 8-percent hike in scholarship acceptances; and a 40-percent increase in Residential Life applications. In addition, 75 students have signed up for the summer orientation/registration for this fall. Dr. Doug Wells added the fall 2017-to-spring 2018 retention rate was a new high of 93.3 percent. For graduate students, Dr. Liebrock reported a 20 percent application increase. Regent Monette suggested organizing an area-wide, new student tour using the city's transportation department.
 - b. *President's Update.* President Wells reported the 2017 annual report is online and welcomed feedback. He advocated restructuring the agenda to allow each vice president more speaking time and converting current, hard-copy Board binders into electronic versions. He highlighted the weekend campus events; announced the May 12 commencement speakers (alumnus Dr. Terry Wallace, guest speaker; and Gabriel Montoya, student speaker); and announced the winners of the "town/gown" art mural contest (NMT students: Emily Silva, Rebecca Castillo and Carlos Garcia). Postcards may be printed of winning entries.
 - c. *Advancement Update.* President Wells noted the Advancement Office met its goal by raising over \$2 million for FY18. He commended the "great team."
 - d. *Faculty Senate Update.* Dr. Kieft outlined basic NMT Faculty Senate functions, from curriculum changes to tenure and promotion recommendations. In four weeks, the Senate will select student award winners for presentation during Commencement.

- e. *SGA Report.* None.
- f. *GSA Report.* Mr. Stark, GSA president, discussed the GSA's endeavors including securing travel grant funds to attend conferences, hosting events (such as a machine learning symposium), and concerns regarding student compensation and health care. President Wells congratulated the GSA on the "phenomenal" symposium, which featured representatives from Google and Disney.
- g. *PRRC (PRRC appropriation for water research in FY19 State budget).* Dr. Seright, on behalf of Dr. Robert Balch, reported legislators in Clovis viewed a demonstration of the hollow fiber, membrane-based water remediation process of a cheese plant, wastewater system.
5. **Public Comment.** None.
6. **Academic Tenure and Promotion Recommendations.** President Wells and the Board agreed, with concurrence from Mr. Adams, to move the item to Executive Session.
7. **March Degree Conferrals.** Two degrees were conferred upon students during March.
8. **Policy Development, Amendment, and Rescindment Policy.** Dr. Mozley explained the current "policy on policy" has been rewritten. It is four pages shorter and includes process flow charts for both academic and non-academic policies. The proposed draft ensures policies are fully vetted and adhere to shared governance principles. A discussion ensued about when to notify Regents of pending policy changes. President Wells offered to compile a list of all academic policies under consideration for Board members to review. Given that HLC site reviewers noted a lack of policies pertaining to the Board of Regents, the development of formal by-laws may be a discussion topic at this summer's retreat. Also, modifications raised during the meeting will be red-lined in a final draft and presented at the next Board meeting. The Board recognized Dr. Mozley for his efforts.
9. **Graduate Programs.**
- a. **Master of Engineering.** Dr. Liebrock explained the Regents had approved this new degree offering last fall; however, the State requested a new form for program revision. Regent Armijo moved for approval, followed by a second from Regent Monette. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **PhD in Physics with Dissertation in Instrumentation.** This doctoral program adds a dissertation topic and must be submitted to the Board of Educational Finance (BEF). Regent Monette made a motion to move forward with program approval. Regent Silva seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- c. **Cybersecurity Graduate Certificate.** This certificate will acknowledge all cybersecurity courses that have already been offered and delivered. If approved by the Board, she will ask President Wells to issue said certificate this semester. Regent Monette moved for approval, followed by a second from Regent Armijo. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **Capital Projects Status Update.** Dr. McDaniel reported the Data Center is ready for a summer move-in; six firms have submitted proposals under an RFP for renovation of Jones Hall. Once selected, the chosen firm will begin renovations this summer.
11. **Financial Analysis for February 2018.** Dr. McDaniel highlighted several details, including a decline in overhead recovery and a drop in I & G revenue. Utility costs should drop, pending an energy audit. Under RPSP, funding transfers to ICASA should cover some salary costs, while Science Fair and Olympiad received a \$25,000 boost from Sandia National Labs. Due to a calculation error, EMRTC overcharges could take five years to clear up. Regent Armijo moved to approve the report. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

12. **FY19 Annual Operating Budget.** Dr. McDaniel noted the new budget, except for minor adjustments, is nearly identical to the Pro Forma Budget presented in March. Regent Monette moved to approve the budget as presented. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
13. **Quarterly Certification for Period Ending March 31, 2018.** Regent Armijo moved to approve the quarterly certification as required by HED. Regent Monette seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
14. **FY18 BAR #1 Restricted and BAR #2 Unrestricted.** Dr. McDaniel explained twice a year, budgets are adjusted to more accurately reflect actual revenue and expenditure levels. Regent Armijo moved to approve both BAR #1 and BAR #2. Regent Monette seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
15. **Langmuir Operating Budget for FY19.** As noted by Dr. McDaniel, Langmuir revenues are earned from an endowment investment portfolio, and the FY budget includes a projected carry-forward balance. Regent Monette moved for approval, followed by a second from Regent Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.
16. **Property Resolutions #19041201, #18041202, #18041203, #18041204.** Regent Monette moved to approve the four property resolutions as presented. Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
17. **Unrestricted Fund Purchase.** The purchase covers Skeen Library subscription services. Regent Monette moved for approval. Regent Silva seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
18. **Restricted Funds Purchase Notifications.** This item was presented for information only.
19. **Individual Board Member Comments.** Regent Monette noted recent work by the NMT Research Park Corporation board. Members will meet briefly April 13 to consider a potential licensing opportunity.
20. **New Business.** Regents agreed to meet June 29 in Albuquerque for a combination retreat and special meeting. Dr. McDaniel estimated an hour should be sufficient time for a Benefit Trust presentation and question-and-answer session. Regent Silva suggested meeting in Albuquerque, site of the Da Vinci museum exhibit. Chair Peacock requested submission of retreat topics.
21. **Executive Session (Pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) & 10-15-1(1)(2), NMSA 1978).** Regents adjourned their regular meeting at 2:08 p.m. to meet in executive session, on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Monette. Ms. Wagoner conducted a roll call vote, which was unanimous.
22. **Action Following Executive Session.** Regents returned to their regular meeting at 2:39 p.m. Regent Monette moved to approve tenure and promotion for six faculty members upon the recommendation of the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Promoted to associate professor and granted tenure were Dr. Rosario Durao, CLASS; Dr. Beth Kramer-Simpson, CLASS; Dr. Sally Pias, Chemistry; and Dr. Rodolfo Tello-Aburto, Chemistry. Promoted to full professor were Dr. Aly El-Osery, Electrical Engineering and Dr. Sharon Sessions, Physics. All will be invited to the next meeting for introduction.
23. **Adjournment.** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:40 p.m. on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Gonzales.

Attest:



President


Secretary-Treasurer