



MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:00 pm on Friday, November 22, 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	Dave Manzano	Hillary Pineda
Vanessa Grain	Colleen Foster	Ysenia Gonzales
Juliann Ulibarri	Lisa Majkowski	Joseph Romero
Cleve McDaniel	Tom Engler	Jose Martinez
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	JoAnn Salome	Mark Adams
Doug Wells	Valentina Avramidi	Mary Sumners
Carlos Romero	Valerie DelCurto	Emma Aafloy
Nelia Dunbar	Alex Garcia	Thom Guengerich
Peter Mozley	Dave Landrum	Valerie Kimble
Peter Phaiah	Tony Ortiz	

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.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Gonzales.
3. **Public Comment.** None
4. **Recurring Reports.**
 - a) **SGA.** No report.
 - b) **GSA.** Mr. Martinez reported that there was no report.
 - c) **SUR.** Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming clarified an entry from her monthly report, noting that total paid applicants through October 31, 2019 was 63, compared with 56 for October 31, 2018. A "snapshot" as of today reflects a drop of 16 paid applicants. She continues to work with President Wells and VP Doug Wells on increasing new student enrollment. Admission Director Ortiz later in the meeting will give a presentation on updating the CRM system with SLATE.
 - d) **Academic Affairs.** Dr. Doug Wells reported that NMT's new Registrar, Mr. James Scott, will arrive in January 2020.
 - e) **Capital Projects.** Dr. McDaniel reported the faculty members moving from Jones Hall during its renovation have been identified, with the goal to vacate in mid-December. An RFP will be issued now that final designs for the President's Residence have been approved, with bids expected in the next 30 days. The architect for the Brown Hall remodel has met with various groups to assess their needs. HED approved the contract



with Ameresco regarding the energy audit, which now goes to the State Board of Finance.


- f) **Research.** VP Van Romero sent his regrets, but was unable to attend the meeting. President Wells thanked the Research office for their work in securing the recent \$93 million contract.
- g) **OIC.** No report.
- h) **Advancement.** Ms. Foster presented highlights from her written report, noting an increase in FY19 donations compared with FY18, and \$573k in donations so far in FY20. Director Foster listed alumni receptions and reported a successful 49er Event. The Capital Campaign is ongoing, with two on-campus visits and six teleconferences with the consulting firm. An alumni reception scheduled for Indonesia/Malaysia has drawn 33 RSVPs to date. Chair Peacock commented that it was good to see so many alumni events.
- i) **Bureau of Geology.** Dr. Dunbar reported that the recent N.M. Mineral Symposium was its largest and most successful, with 299 registered and \$15k in sales and proceeds from live and silent auctions. Dr. Virgil Lueth was commended for engaging the local community, with the plan to involve more students next year. Dr. Fred Phillips spoke at a recent meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, focusing on science and management of the Rio Grande. Note: At the recommendation of Dr. Dunbar, Chair Peacock in her professional capacity, and Dr. Virginia McLemore of the Bureau recently participated in a national academy of sciences 15-member panel as mining experts. Chair Peacock noted Dr. McLemore's strong contributions on the panel.
- j) **PRRC.** Dr. Balch reported on a new \$21 Million Carbon Safe Proposal that falls under the purview of the new DOE Partnership led by PRRC. Of this \$21 million markup in the federal budget, \$3-4 million will be going to NM Tech.
- k) **HR.** Ms. Salome noted that the open enrollment period has been completed with 16 new members and 90 plan changes. HR also coordinated and hosted the Employee Service Awards two weeks ago, with 160 in attendance.
- l) **Faculty Senate.** Dr. Engler had no report.
- m) **President's Report.** President Wells briefed Regents on NM Tech's priorities for the upcoming Legislative session in January 2020, noting that for the first time, the Institute joins the NM Association of Community Colleges and NM Independent Community Colleges in three common requests, which would boost I&G funding by 8 percent (see handouts). Among priorities are to raise faculty salaries to a nationally competitive level, and to boost staff salaries by at least 5 percent. Other requests include funds for building and renewal, \$16-17 million to replace the Kelly building (PRRC), additional funding for RPSPs, \$3 million for an energy update and \$2.6 million to reimburse NM Tech for the Jones Hall renovation. He also listed as priorities funding for deferred maintenance and infrastructure support; student admissions and student support services; research, student creativity and educational outreach support; and, at the request of House Speaker Brian Egolf, reviving the NM Decision-Makers Field Conference at NM Tech. The President also highlighted international interests, including a visit to the Vietnam Petroleum Institute. His brief report on the recent Blueprint 2027 Retreat included the need to develop a deciding document to merge with the Strategic Plan. Because the Board will not meet in December, President Wells closed by giving each Regent a jacket emblazoned with the new NMT mascot logo.

5. Information Items.

- a) **Degree Conferrals for September 2019.** In Regents' packets.
- b) **Sabbatical Requests.** VP Wells announced that sabbatical requests had been approved for Drs. Rakhim Aitbayev, Paul Fuierer, Elisabeth Kramer-Simpson and Richard Sonnenfeld.
- c) **Notification of Awards.** Dr. McDaniel noted that two restricted fund purchase awards were for work at EMRTC.
- d) **Office of Admissions: SLATE Presentation.** Mr. Ortiz's presentation visually showed what the user, or student, would see. Ms. Gonzales added that viewers could follow progress from the point of inquiry to acceptance, with a timeline tied to every student, including how many times they opened emails from NM Tech. Mr. Ortiz noted that even while on travel, Admission staff can respond to inquiries on site. The next phase will enable text messages through SLATE; which can link with Banner. VP Jaramillo-Fleming referenced different ways to expand recruiting efforts, noting the necessity of reviewing staff, resources and university support in looking at a long-range plan.
- e) **Campaign Presentation: Kennari Consultants.** Ms. Foster introduced Ms. Sumners, a Vice President for annual giving and grants with the Michigan-based consulting firm. Ms. Sumners delineated for Regents an overview and strategy tailored to NM Tech; project finalization is still under way, including video footage and photos for the campaign brochure. The next phase is to recruit volunteers for the cabinet, whose members will aid in developing a prospect list. President Wells expressed his pleasure with the firm, noting the training session Ms. Sumners provided at the earlier meeting of the NM Tech Foundation.

6. Action Items.

- a) **Approval of Oct. 18, 2019 Minutes.** The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent King.
- b) **Approve Unrestricted Budget Adjustment Request #1.** The BAR was unanimously approved on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Armijo.
- c) **Unrestricted Fund Purchase.**
 - Franken Construction – Jones Hall Remodel
 - Franken Construction – Chemistry Labs Completion.Regent Armijo and Regent King, in separate motions, moved to approve the requests. Each motion was approved unanimously.
- d) **Approve NMHED Endowment Certification.** Dr. McDaniel requested and received unanimous Board approval for the endowment certification as required by the HED, under a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Gonzales.
- e) **Approve 2020 Regents Meetings Dates.** In working with Ms. Grain, Regents chose the following dates for the first half of the year: Feb. 7 in Santa Fe, and April 3 and May 8 in Socorro. Still to be determined is a meeting date for March.
- f) **Approve Property Disposal Resolution.** Dr. McDaniel requested approval for a resolution regarding property disposal as contained in Regents' packets. Regent Armijo moved for approval. Regent King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



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g) **Approve Honorary Doctoral Degree – Paul Cooper.** Dr. Doug Wells noted that Mr. Cooper, who was nominated by the NMT Department of Mechanical Engineering, received unanimous Faculty Senate support. In turn, Mr. Cooper has supported NMT in both research and teaching. He has written three textbooks and has letters of recommendation from a host of prominent individuals and agencies. Regent King moved for approval, followed by a second from Regent Gonzales. The motion was unanimously approved.

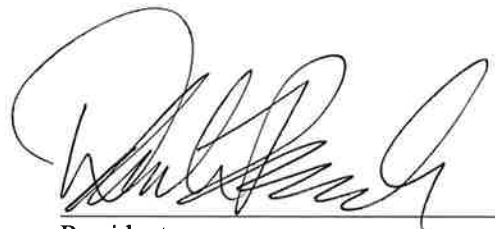
7. **Individual Board Member Comments.** Regent Armijo, as part of a brief summary of the morning's four-hour meeting of the NM Tech Foundation, called it an intense and hard-working session. The Foundation Board, which can have up to 15 members, currently has 11, including three automatic appointments: The President, VP for Administration and Finance, and a sitting member of the Board of Regents. The Foundation has grown from a sleepy research-oriented organization to an active fund-raising arm of the Institute. It was decided to grow the Board regarding diversity and defining and obtaining members with a certain skill set, which Regent Armijo called new and very exciting. He offered to update Regents at every meeting, to ensure that the Foundation is meeting the goals and mission of NM Tech. Chair Peacock noted his report would be included under informational items on future agendas. In other comments, Regent Gonzales addressed student enrollment and why students choose to attend other schools.

8. **New Business.** None.

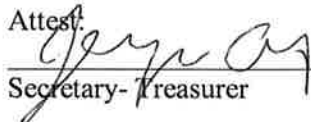
9. **Executive Session.** NMSA 1978, Sec.10-15-1 (H)(2), (If required to Consider Legal or Personnel Matters). The Board unanimously adjourned its regular session at 2:25 pm to meet in executive session under a roll-call vote conducted by Ms. Grain.

10. **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 3:45 pm with the Chair announcing that no action had been taken, and only items so specified were discussed.

11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:46 pm on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Armijo.



President

Attest:


Secretary-Treasurer