

**New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Board of Regents Meeting
1:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Bureau of Geology and Mineral Museum
New Mexico Tech Campus**

MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents meeting convened at 1:30 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	Robert Balch	Alex Garcia
Lala Garcia	Mike Stanley	Mark Adams
Douglas Wells	Lorie Liebrock	Steve Simpson
Cleve McDaniel	Charles Hendrickson	Peter Phaiah
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Carlos Romero	Carlos Talamante
Van Romero	Colleen Foster	Valerie Kimble
Nelia Dunbar		

1. **Proof of Meeting.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Garcia reported that proper legal notice was given as required. The Chair recommended that future meetings begin at 1 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The Chair noted that the Employee Benefit Trust met prior to the start of the regular Board meeting. Item 4c also was vacated. Regent Monette moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. **Minutes.** The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Oct. 13, 2017 meeting on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Gonzales. The minutes from the August 25, 2017 Board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Gonzales.
4. **Announcements.**
 - a. *SPE Chapter Recognition.* Regent Gonzales recognized an additional member of the NMT student chapter of SPE that won the outstanding chapter award and who was left out at the last meeting.
 - b. *Enrollment Updates.* Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming introduced Dr. Peter Phaiah as the new Assist. V.P. for SUR and Title IX coordinator. In her enrollment snapshot, Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming reported 34 additional students than this time last year. Paid Hispanic admission numbers have almost doubled, and Native American enrollment numbers are flat or slightly ahead, and she expected an uptick in all areas for next fall.
 - d. *Travel Policy Update.* Dr. McDaniel reported progress in updating NMT's Travel Policy, including building into the Travel Request Form a stronger justification for the reason for

- each request. Dr. McDaniel will bring to the Board an updated request-form template at the next meeting, and the policy itself for review and possible approval.
- e. *Advancement Report.* Ms. Foster reported donations of \$1.1 million, twice last year's amount, crediting Dr. Dunbar for securing \$500k donation. A Founder's Club dinner was well received, a more efficient database is being modeled for the office, and a job offer for a major gifts manager has been accepted. NMT's rugby program held a roast for its former coach, which doubled as a fund raiser, generating \$8600 from an auction of rugby memorabilia. For this year's annual giving campaign telethon, Asst. Director Lisa Majkowski matched students with alumni with the same majors; final total is pending. The event resulted in two job offers for students and other networking opportunities.
 - f. *President's Report.* President Wells announced a N.M. Gas Co. economic grant award to Dr. Frank Reinow in support of the CTC, and that NMT alumnus Dr. Terry Wallace has been named incoming director of LANL. The new director of Sandia Labs has been invited to visit in January. To increase holiday spirit among students, the President announced a new event, the Jingle Mingle, to take place this evening. Starting with carolers at Torres Hall and ending with a lighting ceremony near Fidel, the event is to become an annual tradition. A holiday party is set for Dec. 15. In other business, President Wells reported on CUP recommendations to the HED, outlining several financial scenarios. The CUP is recommending decoupling it from tuition and, identifying additional revenues to fund more than 60 percent for lottery awards. The CUP considered funding these scholarships as block grants, giving more flexibility to institutions. Under travel, the President and VP Wells met with the president and key personnel of Freeport Mc-Mo-Ran touring the Tyrone and Chino mines. PRRC helped coordinate visits by a NMT delegation to the Northeast Petroleum Engineering in Daqing, China and to the China Petroleum University in Beijing, solidifying steps to attract both undergraduate and graduate students to Tech. President Wells also reported working with Socorro's mayor in his effort to bring El Camino Real artifacts to town from the shuttered El Camino Real Heritage Center, focusing on the possibility of New Mexico Tech repurposing the El Camino Real facility for research and outreach activities involving NMT faculty and staff.
 - g. *Capital Projects Update.* Dr. McDaniel reported that the Data Center construction is at the halfway mark and is set for a March completion. A second site review of the Jones Hall remodel identified mechanical issues necessitating additional funding, which has been covered. If approved by Regents later in the meeting, the project will be submitted to the HED for approval at its January meeting, and to the BEF in February. A real estate purchase agreement for property in Albuquerque has been signed by both parties, and also will be submitted to HED and BEF.
 - h. *Faculty Senate Report.* Dr. Simpson, standing in for Dr. Tom Kieft, had nothing new to report. In reply to a question, he noted that the Council of Chairs has had discussions all semester on faculty helping with student recruitment, along with other creative ideas to attract new students.
 - i. *Student Government Association.* Mr. Talamante thanked the President and Board for listening to student issues at meetings. The SGA is briefing students on the Lottery Scholarship, including steps NMT is taking to strengthen it. SGA also is taking steps to ensure more gender equality across its ranks. Faculty members have been approached

regarding a math boot camp; SGA also is working with the Office of Communication & Marketing on the possibility of a new mascot and slogan.

- j. *Sabbatical Leave for Dr. Subhasish Mazumdar.* Dr. Doug Wells reported that Academic Affairs had approved sabbatical leave for Dr. Mazumdar.
 - k. *Creation 2017 Competition (item moved forward).* Mr. Carlos Romero introduced members of an NMT team invited to participate in a design competition at Auditoria Puebla in Mexico. The team was the first to receive an invitation and won first place and 25,000 pesos (~\$1,700 to \$1,800) for a micro-app allowing citizens to interact with their elected officials. None of the engineering students had previously created an app. Teams were unaware of the specific problem in advance and were given 30 hours to complete it. The students' success reflected the spirit of NMT students and their ability to be flexible, noted President Wells.
 - l. *Bureau of Geology Updates.* Dr. Dunbar announced awards given to two Bureau scientists. Ms. Bonnie Frey received from the N.M. Network for Women in Science and Engineering the Impact Award, given to a New Mexico woman who encourages women to enter STEM fields. Dr. Virginia McLemore will be presented with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration Environment Stewardship Award at the SME conference in February. The Bureau is considering options for an anonymous \$500k donation from an individual whose work in the Bureau's geochronology research lab hugely impacted his career. At the Chair's request, Dr. Dunbar provided background on being featured in a recent NOVA program tracking the mysterious source of a volcanic eruption.
5. **Public Comment.** None.
 6. **Degree Conferrals for October 2017.** Info in Regents' packets.
 7. **Financial Analysis for October 2017.** Dr. McDaniel highlighted elements of his financial analysis report for October, including a graph comparing year-to-date I&G budget and actual revenue and expense activity for the current and prior year, plus RPSPs, cost centers and other departments, and requested Board approval. Regent Armijo moved for approval. Regent Silva seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 8. **Budget Adjustment Request.** Dr. McDaniel requested an increase in the tuition budget to offset a revenue shortfall due to a decline in enrollment. Following in-depth administrative discussions, it was agreed to reduce the carry-forward for the current year. NMT is taking a conservative view toward state funding for FY19, although some increase is expected. Regent Armijo moved to approve the BAR. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 9. **Jones Hall – Higher Education Dept. Submittal Sheet.** Dr. McDaniel requested approval for a submittal sheet for the Jones Hall project for transmittal to the HED, which also requires the signature of the Chair. Regents unanimously approved the request on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Silva.

10. **Professional Master of Hydrology Degree.** Dr. Doug Wells introduced a proposal for a Professional Master of Hydrology degree to be offered online and on campus. The degree offers professional development for people in industry who cannot come to campus, taking advantage of courses that already exist. The request includes funds for promoting the program and supporting teaching assistants. It was noted that NMT's hydrology program is highly regarded. Regent Armijo moved to submit the request to the HED for approval. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

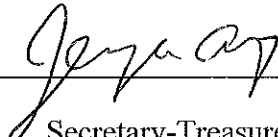
11. **Individual Board Member Comments.** Regent Monette said he continues to meet with the Town and Gown Committee.

12. **New Business.** None.

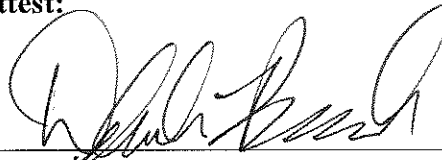
13. **Executive Session.** Regent Gonzales moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 2:52 p.m. to meet in executive session. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously on a roll-call vote conducted by Ms. Garcia.

14. **Reconvene in Open Session.** Regent Monette moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 4:20 p.m. Regent Silva seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair Peacock announced that no matters except those related to personnel, litigation and real estate were discussed, and no action was taken. Regent Monette moved to allocate \$15k toward the President's goals for FY17-18. Regent Silva seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

15. **Adjournment.** Regents unanimously adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m. on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Gonzales.


Secretary-Treasurer

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