Board of Regents Special Meeting  
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 ~ 1:00 pm

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The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 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  
Vanessa Grain  
Juliann Ulibarri  
Mark Adams  
Cleve McDaniel  
Peter Phaiah  
Doug Wells  
Van Romero

JoAnn Salome  
Dave Lepre  
Dave Manzano  
Thom Guengerich  
David Cox  
James Scott  
JoAnn Salome  
Dave Lepre Jr.  
Alex Garcia  
Adam Cavotta  
Brian Borchers  
Dylan Purcell  
Christian Peterson

1. Call to Order. Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. In accordance with social distance requirements ordered by Gov. Michelle Lujan-Grisham, the Chair announced that the meeting would be streamed via Zoom Webinar, and then she read the relevant provisions and requirements from the Attorney General for conducting virtual meetings under the Open Meetings Act, including asking that everyone who speaks, comments, or makes a motion identifies themselves each time. Chair Peacock also instructed Ms. Grain to conduct roll-call voting for all action items.

   a. Proof of Meeting Notice. Ms. Grain confirmed that legal notices were placed in the Albuquerque Journal and El Defensor Chieftain.

2. Approval of Agenda. Regent Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a roll-call vote of the Regents.

3. Public Comment. None.

4. Recurring Reports.

   a. Office of Academic Affairs, VP Wells. VP Wells reported on the latest Admission figures for the Fall 2020 semester. He stated that enrollment is expected to be up by
about 40 students for undergraduates compared to last year and up by about 20
graduate students. Four-year, five-year, and six-year graduation rates are at the highest
level ever at NMT, which is a good benchmark, but also creates challenges for offsetting
enrollment increases. Regent Armijo said that NMSU has recently announced that their
campus is open and asked if NMT would make a similar public statement. President
Wells said NMT will submit the opening plan to the Higher Education Department by
Friday, June 26. President Wells further reported that the NMT website is continually
updated with all the details about reopening.

5. Action Items.
   a) Approval of May 8, 2020, minutes: Regent King moved approval of the minutes as presented.
      Regent Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the
      Regents.
   b) Approval of Unrestricted Fund Purchase: VP McDaniel presented for approval library
      subscriptions for Elsevier in the amount of $407,000.00 and EBSCO Subscription Services for
      $414,180.80. Regent King moved to approve the subscription purchases, with the additional
      phrase “up to that amount,” and pending an inquiry by VP McDaniel to try to negotiate a lower
      price. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote
      of the Regents.
   c) 2020 NMHED Funding Requests and 5-year Plan. Regent King moved approval as presented.
      Regent Armijo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the
      Regents.

6. Individual Board Member Comments. None.


8. Executive Session. NMSA 1978, Sec.10-15-1 (H)(2), (If required to Consider Legal or Personnel
   Matters). On a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from David Gonzales, the Board unanimously
   adjourned its regular session at 1:42 p.m. to meet in executive session under a roll-call vote of the
   Regents.

9. 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 3:46 p.m. with the Chair announcing that no action had been taken and only
   legal and personnel items were discussed. Regent King moved and Regent Armijo seconded to
   reconvene, with unanimous approval by roll call vote of the Regents.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:50 p.m. on a motion by Regent King
    and a second from Regent Armijo. The Board approved the motion unanimously by a roll-call vote
    of the Regents.