

**New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Board of Regents
1:30 p.m., Monday, Friday, May 13, 2016
Galena Room at Macey Center
New Mexico Tech Campus / Socorro, New Mexico**

MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:30 p.m. with Board of Regents Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Regent Jerry Armijo, Regent David Gonzales, Regent Donald Monette and Student Regent Myissa Weiss. University administrators, staff, and guests who were also present included:

Daniel H. López	Matthew Rhoades	Dave Lepre
Warren Ostergren	Robert Lee	Alex Garcia
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Robert Balch	Lonnie Marquez
Van Romero	JoAnn Salome	Robert Lucero
Richard Cervantes	Dave Raymond	Colleen Guengerich
Lala Garcia	Mona Torres	Bruce Kite
Peter Mozley	Leyla Sedillo	Valerie Kimble
Richard Jimenez		

- 1. Proof of Meeting Notice.** The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Chair Peacock, Ms. Garcia affirmed that proper legal notice had been given as required by state statute.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** The Chair recommended adding “resolutions” to follow item 11 on the agenda. Regent Armijo moved to approve the agenda with the suggested change. Regent Weiss seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- 3. Minutes.** The minutes of the Board meeting of April 17 were unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Gonzales.
- 4. Announcements/Information.**
Graduation Ceremony. Ms. Garcia outlined the timeline for Commencement exercises tomorrow’s (May 14).
Enrollment Updates. Regents were told that paid applicants are up compared with this time last year, although applications are down. Three new-student orientations will be held this summer, according to Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming, adding that the focus is to move admitted students to paid status.
Faculty Senate. Dr. Raymond reported that the Space Committee was doing a good job realigning classroom and office areas while facing “budgetary realities,” and noted the hard work under way in transitioning to a new email system through Google.
Introduction of Approved Faculty Promotions. Dr. Ostergren recognized from the audience four faculty whose promotions were approved at the April Board meeting: Drs. David Grow, Tan Nguyen, Sayavur Bhaktiyarov and Glenn Spinelli.

Advancement Report. Ms. Guengerich provided Regents with her monthly report; there were no questions or comments.

President's Status Report. Board members were given a copy of President López's report on the status of 10 goals Regents charged him with meeting for calendar year 2015. Regent Armijo commended the President for his loyalty and commitment to New Mexico Tech. As reflected in the report, "there was no giving up for you in your last year," he said.

Sabbatical Requests. Dr. Ostergren reported sabbatical requests for the following faculty: Dr. Ali Fakhimi, Mineral Engineering; Dr. Peter Hofner, Physics; and Dr. Sharon Sessions, Physics.

Liquor License Update. President López withdrew a request he made at the April meeting regarding the acquisition of additional liquor licenses for the University, saying he failed to anticipate the impact on the local community. Mr. Kite explained that Tech Club – Club Macey had a club license unaffiliated with the University. He said the plan is to have the club surrender its license, and have the state issue a government license to Macey Center. Regent Armijo moved to withdraw the liquor license requests for Fidel Center and the N.M. Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Other. The President introduced Dr. Balch, who will succeed Dr. Lee as Director of the Petroleum Recovery Research Center (PRRC); and announced the hiring of Dave Lepre, web developer under the leadership of Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming.

5. **Public Comment.** None.
6. **Approval of May 2016 Graduates.** The President asked Dr. Ostergren to do the honors in presenting to Regents the final list of graduates, a record-setting number, as reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate earlier in the day. Regent Monette moved to approve the list. Regent Weiss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
7. **Financial Analysis for April 2016.** Mr. Cervantes noted that the report for April was very similar to that for March and appropriate expenditures within the threshold at this point in the fiscal year. Auxiliaries at EMRTC are healthy and research projects are within budget. Regent Monette moved to approve the report. Regent Weiss seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
8. **Quarterly Certification.** As explained by Mr. Cervantes, the state has asked institutions to cut back on the number of financial reports. Quarterly reports are no longer required and in their place a financial certification from the Board will suffice in meeting the state's reporting requirements. Regent Armijo moved to approve the quarterly certification. Regent Weiss seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
9. **Restricted Fund Purchases.** The President informed Regents about a purchase totaling \$152,810 for a Homeland Security project under EMRTC.
10. **Five Year Facility Plan Priority List.** Five Year Facility Plan Priority List. Mr. Garcia noted that the Higher Education Department requires a five-year plan listing large construction and renovation projects suitable for the current Severance Tax Bond funding

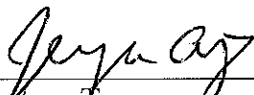
cycle. Mr. Garcia outlined the following capital projects in order of priority: 1) \$700,000 to replace an antiquated chiller at the chiller plant, 2) parking lot repairs estimated at \$300,000 for paving and landscaping in the area between Weir Hall and the new Bureau of Geology, along with the dirt parking lot on College Ave., 3) converting approximately 400 pole-mounted high pressure sodium exterior lights with high-efficiency LED lighting, 4) converting the HVAC system to digital controls in Weir Hall. Regent Armijo recommended that a planned Wellness Center be listed as highly as possible, having once been number-one on the list some years ago, to as low as placing fourth or fifth; and to include funds for the Magdalena Ridge Observatory (MRO). As noted by President López, projects must have a direct link to education to qualify for state bond funding. Mr. Garcia reported meeting with Facilities Management staff regarding an Institute-funded plan to include a heating upgrade at Desert Willow and to redrill Bushman Well to increase the amount of gallons generated per minute; the well has been in decline over the past 10 years. Regent Armijo then suggested listing the MRO as the number-one priority followed by the Wellness Center and the Satellite Chiller Plant for the 2018 General Obligation Bond funding cycle. With that change, Regent Monette moved to adopt the list. Regent Armijo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

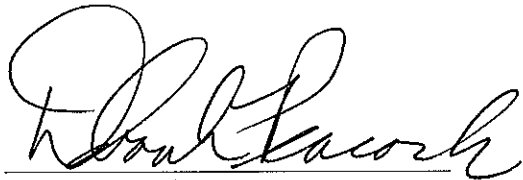
11. Emeritus Status Requests. Requests for emeritus status for six individuals at New Mexico Tech were brought before Regents for approval, along with supporting evidence regarding their contributions to New Mexico Tech. Regents voted on each recommendation separately.

- Dr. Ostergren requested emeritus status for Dr. Sue Dunston of the CLASS Department. Regent Armijo moved for approval, followed by a second from Regent Weiss. The motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Balch brought forward an emeritus status request for outgoing PRRC Director, Dr. Lee. Regent Weiss moved for approval. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- President López requested emeritus status for Dr. Ostergren, who is retiring this summer as V.P. for Academic Affairs and as a member of the Mechanical Engineering Department. Regent Monette moved for approval. Regent Weiss seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Regent Gonzales moved to accept Dr. Ostergren's request for emeritus status for Dr. Raymond. Regent Weiss seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Dr. Ostergren requested emeritus status for Dr. John Starrett of the Math Department. Regent Gonzales moved for approval. Regent Monette seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Regent Armijo, in recommending emeritus status for President López as Institute President and as a faculty member with the Management Department, called him the standard bearer for New Mexico Tech. Dr. Romero joined Regents in supporting the requests. Regent Armijo also moved to name the new Chemistry Building after the outgoing president. Dr. Regent Monette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The President, saying that his successes were part of a team effort, expressed his gratitude to the Board "for this significant recognition."

12. **Resolutions.** Chair Peacock presented the first of several framed memorial resolutions honoring retiring members of the López administration, beginning with the President himself. The resolutions listed significant achievements for each individual. Regent Armijo presented a resolution to Lonnie Marquez, former V.P. for Administration and Finance. Regent Gonzales presented the resolution to Dr. Lee, and Regent Monette presented the resolution to Ms. Sedillo, Assoc. V.P. for Budget. Regent Weiss presented resolutions to Dr. Raymond and Dr. Ostergren.
13. **Property Items Resolutions, Reference NMSA 1978, 160513-01 & 160513-02.** Regent Gonzales moved to approve the resolutions regarding the disposal of obsolete property. Regent Armijo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
14. **Severance Tax Bond Resolution.** Mr. Cervantes brought the severance tax bond resolution before the Board for approval for the bond sale in June, which includes \$90,000 to renovate Jones Hall. Regent Monette moved for approval, followed by a second from Regent Weiss. The motion passed unanimously.
15. **Bank Resolutions/Bonding of Financial Employees.** As explained by Mr. Cervantes, the bank resolutions were necessary due to recent retirements and personnel changes. The resolution would add incoming president, Dr. Stephen Wells, and Mr. Charles Hendrickson, the new Associate V.P. for Administration and Finance, effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Cervantes noted that bonding for financial staff is covered by Risk Management under terms of a \$2500 deductible. The University is well-covered, he said. Regent Armijo moved for approval. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
16. **N.M. Tech Research Foundation/Research Park Corp.** Regent Armijo, speaking on behalf of the Foundation, updated Regents on plans to build a new home for the president, a process he pronounced as “quite challenging.” The next step is to survey the chosen site and have the University enter into a land lease with the Foundation at under a dollar annually. University and Facilities Management staff are working on the process, with input from President López and the incoming president and his wife. Once construction drawings are complete, the project will be let for bids. The project bears a preliminary estimate of \$1.3 million, which needs to be pared down somewhat, with a projected completion date of late 2017 or early 2018. Regent Monette, reporting on the Research Park Corp., said he would compile a list of proposed new members.
17. **NMT Website Policy.** The University has hired Mr. Lepre to provide web design and social media services, reported the President, adding that Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming also will work with an outside consultant to improve the University’s “horrible website.” The goal is to have a navigable website that presents a consistent view to the outside world. Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming has elicited feedback from faculty, students and staff prior to issuing an RFP for consultant services. As explained by Mr. Lepre, departments will work with a standard template, and training will be provided for maintenance and site management. The Institute also will increase its presence on social media, he said. Regent Monette moved to approve the new policy. Regent Armijo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

18. **Incoming President Wells Start Date.** The President recommended a June 30 start date for the incoming president, rather than July 1, to initiate insurance coverage. Regent Armijo so moved, followed by a second from Regent Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.
19. **New Business (including retreat dates).** Working with Ms. Garcia, Regents chose Sept. 8 – 10 as dates for their annual retreat and the first Board meeting of the academic year. The retreat will be held in Socorro.
20. **Board Member Comments.** The Chair asked for suggestions of topics for the retreat. Among suggestions was how intellectual property gets to market, and a progress on various components of the new Strategic Plan. Chair Peacock asked Regents to mail her their ideas.
21. **Executive Session Pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) & 10-15-1(I)(2), NMSA 1978 (To Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters including current and new President's contracts).** Regent Monette moved that the Board recess to meet in executive session. Regent Armijo seconded the motion. The meeting was recessed at 4:00 p.m. on a unanimous roll call vote recorded by Ms. Garcia.
22. **Action Following Executive Session.** The Board returned to its regular session at 4:15 p.m. Regent Armijo moved to approve a consulting agreement with President López to assist with the transition to a new administration. Regent Weiss seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
23. **Adjournment.** Regents unanimously adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m. on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Weiss.


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