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Meeting Minutes
UNM Health Sciences Center Committee
October 13, 2020

UNM Health Sciences Center Committee (the “HSCC”) members present:

Rob Schwartz
Doug Brown
Melissa Henry

Regent Schwartz called the meeting of the HSC Committee to order at 8:37 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. Doug Brown joined the meeting at 8:45 am.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 HSC Committee meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-0.

Comments from Regents

Regent Schwartz welcomed Dr. Doug Ziedonis to the meeting and asked President Stokes to provide further introduction of Dr. Doug Ziedonis, the incoming EVP for Health Sciences as of December 1, 2020. Dr. Ziedonis also gave remarks.

Chancellor’s Administrative Report

Dr. Richards welcomed Dr. Ziedonis and remarked on his upcoming arrival at UNM. He reported that Health Sciences Center researchers received a record \$206 million in extramural funding for the fiscal year ending June 30, a 6 percent growth over last year reflecting overall funding increases in 15 of the past 16 years. Dr. Richards thanked Dr. Larson for his work.

He also congratulated Dr. Willman and her team on submitting its application for a five-year renewal of its \$12.8 million P30 Cancer Center Support Grant from the National Cancer Institute. He reflected on the overall impact of this designation on the state.

UNM recently received a \$3.1 million grant from the National Institute on Aging to launch an exploratory Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center and Dr. Richards congratulated Dr. Gary Rosenberg and his team at the UNM Center for Memory & Aging for their success in obtaining this grant.

He noted that the College of Pharmacy has received a five-year \$11.5 million to establish the UNM Center for Metals in Biology and Medicine, which will research metals – as contaminants,

medicines or nutrients. The grant will fund research into the legacy of mining in New Mexico communities, as well as the nutritional benefits and potential harms of metals in the diet.

He noted that the HSC administration has high hopes for passage of the General Obligation bond on the November ballot, as the funds it provides will enable the construction of the new building for the Colleges of Nursing and Population Health. This new facility will allow increases in enrollment, further opportunities in clinical care, and expand research capabilities. Dr. Richards thanked Deans Christine Kasper and Tracie Collins and their teams for their efforts to make this plan a reality.

Joanna Fair updated the Regents on a recent ACGME site visit and report. Institutional status results are due from ACGME in January.

HSC Financial Update

Ms. Ava Lovell presented highlights from the HSC monthly financial report through August 31, 2020, including stronger than budgeted revenues driven by focused operational improvements, high volumes and stronger Medicaid reimbursements. All entities showed a positive net margin. Discussion included COVID revenue impact and reimbursements.

Ms. Lovell also presented annual information on Health Science Center reserves. Discussion included the possibility of contributing more on capital projects under consideration for legislative appropriations.

UNM Health System Update

Dr. Richards reported new information on New Mexico COVID case counts, spread rates, hospitalizations and deaths, and state and HSC response planning.

Dr. Mike Richards presented the Health System Activity Report for . He noted that Rahini McKee as the new Quality and Safety Officer..

Public Comment

No public comment.

Action Items

1. Amy Levi requested approval of the UNM Health Sciences Center Spring 2020 Graduates.
A motion was made to approve. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Information Items

1. Jamie Silva- Steele and Scot Sauder presented information on the UNM SRMC Mortgage Modification.

2. Kate Becker presented the UNMH Board of Trustees Bernalillo County Commission Members.

Executive Session

A motion was made for the HSC Committee to convene in executive session for the reasons specified in the published agenda. The motion was seconded. Regent Brown, Regent Schwartz and Regent Henry voted to proceed in closed session.

Following the executive session, a motion was made to reconvene in open session and a certification that only those matters described in agenda item X were discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes:



Robert Schwartz (May 3, 2021 08:58 PDT)

Rob Schwartz, Chair, HSC Committee

May 3, 2021

Date

