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# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico January 9, 2015 Hodgin Hall, The Bobo Room

#### Members present

Jack L. Fortner, President; Bradley C. Hosmer, Secretary/Treasurer; Suzanne Quillen; Heidi Overton; James H. Koch; Matthew Chandler; Robert M. Doughty

#### Administration present

Robert G. Frank, President; David Harris, EVP of Administration, COO, CFO; Paul Roth, Chancellor for Health Sciences; Chaouki Abdallah, Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs; Elsa Cole, University Counsel; Dorothy Anderson, VP HR; Liz Metzger, University Controller; Helen Gonzales, Chief Compliance Officer; Eliseo Torres, VP Student Affairs; Ava Lovell, Sr. Exec. Officer of Finance and Administration, HSC

## Regents' Advisors present

Brian Colón, Alumni Association; Catherine Cullen, Parent Association; Pamela Pyle, Faculty Senate; Reneé Delgado-Riley, Staff Council; Texanna Martin, GPSA; Rachel Williams, ASUNM

#### Presenters in attendance

Pamina Deutsch, University Policy and Administrative Planning Director; Andrew Cullen, AVP, Planning, Budget and Analysis; Terry Babbitt, AVP Enrollment Management

#### Others in attendance

Members of the administration, faculty, staff, students, the media and others.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF PRIOR SPECIAL MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Regents met in closed session on January 9, 2015 from 7:52 to 9:12 AM in 'The Library' of Hodgin Hall for discussion purposes only of limited personnel matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1H(2) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978). Members present were Jack Fortner, Heidi Overton, Jamie Koch, Suzanne Quillen, Bradley Hosmer, Matt Chandler, and Rob Doughty. The matters discussed at the meeting were limited only to personnel matters as specified in the notice and agenda for the meeting.

# CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Regent President Fortner called the meeting to order at 9:27 AM. A quorum was confirmed. The agenda was approved (1st Koch, 2nd Hosmer). Regent President Fortner welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2015, and he recognized Regent Jamie Koch's reappointment to the Board and welcomed the two new Regents, Regent Matt Chandler and Regent Rob Doughty. Regent Fortner invited Brian Colón, President of the Alumni Association, to the podium to say a few words in light of the meeting held in Hodgin Hall, also known as the Alumni Center. Mr. Colón welcomed everyone to the Alumni Center. He gave a brief history of Hodgin Hall, the first building of the University that opened in 1892 with 108 students. Mr. Colón also welcomed the new Regents, Regent Doughty and Regent Chandler.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regent Fortner asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. The motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2014 regular meeting passed by unanimous vote (1st Koch, 2nd Quillen).

#### <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (there were no comments)

## PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

President Frank discussed budget issues, including the reduction in the oil price that will lead to reduced State revenues. The focus will be to protect UNM's budget in the days ahead. Two areas that UNM can control are enrollment and cost management. Regarding student enrollment, recruitment and retention are the big factors. Retaining students from year to year is more critical than recruiting new freshmen, and retention progress has been made. While recruiting is important, the pool of new freshmen, in NM and nationally, reached a plateau in 2012. This was after decades of growth. A continual decline in the population of 18 to 24 year olds is projected through 2018 and will not rebound to 2012 levels until 2022. Buildings on campus also

need maintenance. The University has a beautiful campus, but the quality and versatility of our buildings does not match schools with which we compete. UNM is a better research university than many of our competitors, but we are losing students to other universities that have better facilities. Amenities also play a key role when students choose. President Frank talked about the need for an improved recreation center (UNM Johnson Center).

Regarding strategic cost management, a Cost Discipline Group, made up of a wide range of staff and faculty is developing cost management strategies for implementation across five categories: 1) hire pause and/or retirement incentives, 2) review of benefit packages and programs, 3) shared service models, 4) instructional efficiencies, 5) department and program reviews.

Student Regent Overton commented there are many students who would choose UNM because of the visionary programs it offers on the academic side. Programs that have great faculty and that allow students to pursue their goals like the BA/MD program and programs the College of Education is offering. Amenities are a secondary factor for many students just as they were when she was choosing a university.

President Frank agreed and added that the Honors College is another example of a visionary program.

 Regent Quillen asked to see a review on the specific outcomes from the Cost Discipline Group. Specifically, the activities, the outcomes, and the metrics before the budget. Amy Wohlert said the initial proposals will be coming out later in January.

Regent Hosmer endorses the prior years' investments in strategic programs that are already showing successful outcomes. Regent Hosmer would like to see in the budget presentation options for enhancing those investments to further successful outcomes down the road. Certainly, in the area of enrollment and especially in the area of retention, investments need to be looked at in a longer-term view, measuring current trade-offs for longer-term benefits to the University.

Regent Fortner agreed with the prior comments and stated his interest in improving the recreation center and asked President Frank how the improvements could be funded. President Frank said various funding models are being studied and will be brought forward to the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Last August, UNM commissioned a climate report from Pilgrim and Associates. Jill Pilgrim and her firm are widely considered national experts in the area of sexual violence and misconduct. Jill Pilgrim and members of her team will be on campus on January 22 to present highlights of the report and facilitate a dialogue with the campus community.

# **COMMENTS FROM REGENTS**

Regent Koch congratulated the Governor on appointments of new Regents, Regent Robert Doughty and Regent Matthew Chandler. Regent Koch recognized Gene Gallegos as an outstanding Regent and his years of service to the University and commended him for his recent resignation so his replacement can start right away.

Regent President Fortner announced appointments and nominations to committees and boards. Regent Fortner appointed Regent Chandler to Finance & Facilities Committee as Vice Chair and to the Audit and Compliance Committee. Regent Fortner nominated Regent Chandler to the Lobo Energy, Inc. Board of Directors. Regent Fortner appointed Regent Doughty to the Health Sciences Center Board of Directors and to the Finance and Facilities Committee. Regent Fortner nominated Regent Doughty to the STC Board of Directors. Regent Fortner appointed Regent Hosmer to Chair the Audit and Compliance Committee. Regent Fortner said Regent Koch will remain Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGENT ORIENTATION**

Regent Fortner said the Regents Office organized initial orientation materials for new Regents Chandler and Doughty. Made available to the new Regents were the following: Regents' Policy Manual; Meeting Minutes from prior full year of Board of Regents meetings, Regents' Sub Committee meetings and HSC Board of Directors meetings; Regents' Sub Committee and HSC Board organization chart; and University Organization Charts. There was discussion about follow-up orientation sessions in the weeks ahead.

# ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF REGENTS' POLICY 4.7 "TUITION AND FEES" AND REGENTS' POLICY 5.18 "ENDOWED FACULTY CHAIRS"

Pamina Deutsch presented the policies for approval. Regent Koch said the revisions to Regents' Policy 4.7 were only minor changes from those which were approved at the December meeting. Leading up to the December meeting, Regents Gallegos and Hosmer had worked on the revisions to 4.7 and Regent Koch had given his input which was also incorporated.

The motion to approve the Regents' Policy 4.7 passed by a unanimous vote (1st Koch; 2nd Hosmer). The motion to approve the Regents' Policy 5.18 passed by a unanimous vote (1st Koch; 2nd Hosmer).

#### **INFORMATION ITEM: BUDGET DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Andrew Cullen and Terry Babbitt presented budget issues and slides. There was discussion about recruiting and enrollment. Currently, there is a projected revenue shortfall of \$3.4 million due to estimated enrollment declines. Regent Hosmer asked if improvement in the job market could negatively impact enrollment. Mr. Cullen replied that it could. There was discussion about oil prices and formula funding estimates as revenue drivers, and health care benefits costs, utilities, and state worker's compensation adjustments as expenditure drivers.

#### **COMMENTS FROM ADVISORS**

<u>Brian Colon, President, Alumni Association,</u> welcomed Regents Chandler and Doughty and provided an update on the Alumni Association activities.

<u>Pamela Pyle, President, Faculty Senate,</u> welcomed the new Regents and gave an update on Faculty Senate. President Pyle encouraged the new regents to adopt a college by joining one of the colleges for a half-day or full-day; the college would put together an agenda including a tour to facilitate the Regent learning more about that college.

Reneé Delgado-Riley, President, Staff Council, welcomed the new Regents and provided an update on Staff Council. Written reports were included in the agenda book.

<u>Texanna Martin, President, GPSA</u>, welcomed the new Regents and provided an update on activities of the GPSA. A written report was included in the agenda book.

Rachel Williams, President, ASUNM, welcomed the new Regents and provided an update on the activities of ASUNM.

<u>Catherine Cullen, President, Parent Association</u>, welcomed the new Regents and provided a brief update on the association's activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT (there were no comments)

# VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEETING AND PROCEED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Fortner asked for a motion to close the meeting and go into executive session to discuss the agenda items listed on the executive session agenda.

The motion to close the meeting and proceed in Executive Session passed unanimously ( $1^{st}$  Koch;  $2^{nd}$  Quillen). The meeting closed at 10:58 am.

Executive Session-luncheon in The President's Board Room of Hodgin Hall

- 1. Discussion and determination where appropriate of threatened or pending litigation pursuant to Section 10-15-1.H(7), NMSA (1978)
- 2. Discussion and determination where appropriate of limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1.H(2), NMSA (1978)

#### **VOTE TO OPEN THE MEETING**

The vote to open the meeting and certification that only those matters described in the executive session agenda were discussed in closed session and no final action was necessary on any matters, passed by unanimous vote (1st Quillen; 2nd Hosmer).

# **VOTE TO ADJOURN**

Regent Fortner asked for a motion to adjourn; Regent Overton motioned; Regent Koch seconded; all were in favor; the motioned passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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Approved:

Attest:

Jack L. Fortner, President

Bradley C. Hosmer, Secretary/Treasurer