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**Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Regents of
The University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University
December 16, 2015
Tow Diehm Athletic Facility
University of New Mexico**

UNM Members present

Robert M. Doughty, Vice President; Bradley C. Hosmer, Secretary Treasurer; James (Jamie) H. Koch; Suzanne Quillen (telephonically); Marron Lee; Ryan Berryman

UNM Members absent

Jack L. Fortner, President

NMSU Members present

Mike Cheney, Chair; Debra Hicks, Vice chair; Amanda López Askin, Secretary Treasurer; Jerean Hutchinson; Kari Mitchell (telephonically)

UNM Administration present

Robert G. Frank, President; Chaouki Abdallah, Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs

NMSU Administration present

Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor; Dan Howard, Executive Vice President and Provost

Presenters in attendance

Representative Bill McCamley, NM House of Representatives; Greg Heileman, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (UNM); Dustin Chavez, ASNMSU President; Jenna Hagenruber, ASUNM President

CALL TO ORDER

NMSU Regent Chair Mike Cheney called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS

The attendees in the room introduced themselves, including UNM Regent Quillen and NMSU Regent Mitchell, both of whom attended the meeting via FaceTime.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Cheney asked for a motion to approve the agenda with one modification, switch agenda items 6 and 7 to allow Representative McCamley's presentation to occur before the Issues in Higher Education agenda item.

The motion to approve the agenda as modified pass unanimously (1st Doughty; 2nd Askin).

COMMENTS

President Bob Frank welcomed the NMSU attendees to UNM. President Carruthers thanked Regent Jamie Koch for his public service to the State throughout the many years he has known him. President Carruthers thanked President Frank for his collegiality and for the support he gave to NMSU in its efforts to gain membership for Olympic sports in the Mountain West Conference. President Carruthers recognized Provost Howard and Provost Abdallah for their collaborative work and leadership in academic matters in the State of New Mexico.

PRESENTATION: "Job Creation Performance Metrics for University Economic Development Organizations"

Representative McCamley addressed the issue of economic growth within the State to foster job creation so more students who graduate from institutions of higher education will be able to find jobs in New Mexico. The economic situation in New Mexico has a 6.8% unemployment rate, compared to a 5% national rate. The State is behind in wages, which is not fostering economic growth, and the State's biggest export is talent. Rep. McCamley encouraged greater involvement in promoting economic development to alleviate frustrations by residents or graduates who want to stay in New Mexico but are unable to do so due to the lack of jobs. Rep. McCamley serves on the Jobs Council and presented a document from that committee, the

New Mexico Job Creation Assessment, Bernalillo County Job Creation Potential report of 2014. Rep. McCamley discussed Jobs Council proposals that address economic development and encouraged greater use of performance metrics, such as jobs creation, for universities that have economic development division. He also presented a draft house bill relating to higher education, requiring reporting by certain educational institutions regarding economic-development-related programs, requiring reporting by the higher education department and asked for feedback. There was further discussion.

ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Provosts Howard and Abdallah presented the item. Provost Abdallah said the universities have been collaborating on many areas in higher education, focusing on the initiatives the Governor launched pertaining to articulation and transfer. The three areas the universities are focusing on to support the initiatives introduced by the Governor and The Secretary of Higher Education, Barbara Damron, are: 1) meta-majors, 2) articulation, and 3) general education. Dual credit is another area of focus. Provost Howard discussed general education issues and efforts underway to address a revamp of the curriculum. The primary concern with the general education curriculum is its focus on content knowledge rather than transferrable skills in demand in the market place. Provost Abdallah reported that Secretary Damron expressed support to address a revamp of the general education curriculum and concurred holding a general education summit in January. All 32 institutions of higher education will be invited. Provost Howard spoke about meta-majors and the issues surrounding dual credit. Greg Heileman gave a demo of software UNM has developed to facilitate articulation, meta-majors, and general education. Regent Mitchell applauded UNM for the software and requested Dr. Heileman give a demo at NMSU. There was further discussion.

Regent Koch left the meeting at 5:10 PM.

UPDATE ON LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP DISCUSSIONS

Student Regent Berryman introduced the item and the student leader presenters. Jenna Hagenruber gave a brief summary of the outcomes of the Lottery Summit which took place at UNM on October 2 where all four-year NM institutions were invited along with NM State Representatives and Senators. There was discussion about the Lottery Scholarship. Lottery sales plateaued at \$40 million for the Lottery Scholarship fund. The Liquor Excise tax contributing \$19 million to the fund is planned for sunset in FY17, and if there is no extension, the fund will see a 30% reduction. Student leaders are planning to request a 4-year extension to buy time to find a solvent solution. There was further discussion about proposed changes to the Lottery Scholarship, for example allowing for a gap year, a year to delay entry to an institution of higher education. Dustin Chavez spoke about the Undergraduate Council of University Presidents (UCUP).

COMMENTS

There were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cheney adjourned the meeting at 5:44 pm.

Approved:


 Jack L. Fortner, President

Attest:


 Bradley C. Hosmer, Secretary/Treasurer