

**New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Board of Regents Meeting
1:30 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2017
Fidel Center, Ballroom A
Socorro, New Mexico**

MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:37 p.m., with Regent Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, David Gonzales, Donald Monette and Emily Silva. University administrators, staff and guests who were also present included:

Stephen Wells	Michael Stanley	Valerie Del Curto
Lala Garcia	Tom Kieft	Valentina Avramidi
Douglas Wells	Alex Garcia	Yesenia Perez Gonzalez
Cleve McDaniel	Tony Ortiz	Sean Sandiford
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Reynaldo Maestas	Greg Strobel
Van Romero	Colleen Foster	Dillon Cvetic-Thomas
Robert Balch	Yvonne Manzano	Calla Lang
Nelia Dunbar	Charles Hendrickson	Matt Dougherty
Peter Mozley	Mark Adams	Valerie Kimble

1. **Proof of Meeting.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m., and turned to Regent Gonzales who introduced members of the SPE student chapter at New Mexico Tech for winning the outstanding student chapter award. Members stood for applause and were given a scholarship for their efforts. Ms. Garcia then reported that proper legal notice was given as required for today's meeting.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The Agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Gonzales. The Chair announced an Executive Session.
3. **Minutes.** Regent Monette moved to postpone approval of the minutes from the August meeting. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It was agreed that the minutes be reworked to conform to standards for other public meetings.
4. **Announcements.** *Enrollment Update/Graduate Enrollment.* Dr. Doug Wells, noting that Academic Affairs is working with Student and University Relations to boost undergraduate and graduate student enrollment, in a presentation outlined issues and efforts to reverse declining enrollment. Academic Affairs, which has not been actively engaged in past recruiting efforts, will now join the effort. Goal is to enroll 30 more transfer students and 30 more first-year freshmen vis a vis a two-plus-two or two-plus-three program. Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming added that several ideas presented by Dr. Wells are already in place, and that she looks forward to working on others.
Travel Policy. The University's Travel Policy is being revised for clarity and to add a section addressing travel other than under state or federal regulations; i.e., using donor or

alumni funds; also, to ensure that reimbursement numbers are consistent and reconcile with state and federal policies. Dr. McDaniel noted that other areas will be tightened up during the process.

Capital Projects Report. Site work has begun on the Data Center, and pending Board approval later in the meeting, equipment can be ordered to make the center operational, reported Dr. McDaniel. He explained how the University will cover higher-than-expected mechanical costs for the estimated \$9.16 million Jones Hall renovation; bids will determine the final cost. In addition, the conceptual design for the President's Residence has been approved by President Wells and the building committee.

Advancement Report. Ms. Foster cited several factors for the drop in the number of donations in 2017 with 245 compared with 356 for 2016. However, the office brought in \$210,000 last week, and she expressed confidence in meeting the \$2 million goal the President set for this fiscal year.

Debt Resolution with Air Force. Dr. McDaniel reported that the Dept. of the Air Force has accepted New Mexico Tech's proposed in-kind offer as resolution of an outstanding Research Park Corp. lease of ~\$200,000. No further action is necessary, and the matter is considered closed.

Faculty Senate. The Senate has completed two, two-hour meetings, including a report from the Benefits Committee and a visit from the superintendent for Socorro public schools. In response to a question, Dr. Kieft noted that the enrollment issue has not yet come before the Senate.

President's Report. President Wells announced a soft-opening for the Loma Theater on Oct. 28, followed by a grand opening and street party on Nov. 3. At his request, Dr. Balch, back from a tour of Iraq, reported on presentations he has and will be giving as an SPE Distinguished Lecturer, a career capstone. The President cited Faculty Senate and CUP opposition to modifying current Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). He also reported on recent 38-member Leadership Team strategy sessions, including strong student leadership, as leading to Strategic Plan 2.0, including a modified Vision Statement. At the request of the Chair, the President reported that his wife, Bethany, has resurrected the city's Beautification Committee, including discovering \$5,000 in untapped funds. Among goals is to reproduce a high school mural painted years ago on the exterior of the building currently housing the USPS and commercial businesses.

5. **Public Comment.** SGS Vice-President Standiford requested permission to be a part of the Agenda for Board meetings. He later clarified the reason he and other SGA officers/members wanted to address the board as having to do with SGA promotional items for 49ers the University deemed inappropriate. After some discussion, it was determined that the issue was not a Board matter, and that the student government group should work with the administration on future events materials.

6. **Financial Analysis for August 2017.** Dr. McDaniel provided data for the monthly report as reflected in his written financial summary to Regents. Most significant was a decrease of ~ \$677k from last year due to decreased enrollment. Total I&G revenue decreased, transfers were straightforward and all divisions are below the expenditure level for August. Regent Monette moved to approve the report. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
7. **Higher Education Quarterly Certification.** Regents unanimously approved a request from Dr. McDaniel to approve as per HED regulations a Quarterly Financial Actions Report and a Quarterly Financial Certification Report under a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Monette.
8. **Unrestricted Fund Purchase Notification.** As referred to earlier by Dr. McDaniel as necessary to operate the new Data Center, Regents unanimously approved his purchase request under a motion by Regent Gonzales and a second from Regent Armijo.
9. **Restricted Fund Purchase Notification.** Information included in Regents' packets.
10. **Research and Public Service Projects (RPSP).** As introduced by President Wells, the university's RPSPs have been ranked, with no program increase requests this year, noting discussion on whether they should be rolled into I&G or to remain as-is. He requested Board approval to submit the report to HED as required, which Regents unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Armijo and second from Regent Monette.
11. **Program Requirements Change for Master of Engineering Program in Mechanical Engineering.** As explained by VP Wells, the request reflects efforts to expand the University's professional development options by offering an online MS program to better serve industry, with no additional resources required. Regent Armijo moved to approve the request. Regent Monette seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
12. **Name Change for PhD in Mathematics.** VP Wells requested and the Board unanimously approved a name change for the doctoral program in Mathematics to make it consistent with other PhD programs on campus, under a motion by Regent Gonzales and a second from Regent Silva.
13. **Degree Conferrals for August 2017.** Information included in Regents' packets.
14. **Security Management Group Resolution for EMRTC.** Dr. Romero explained that in signing the resolution identifying key security personnel at EMRTC, Regents need not

undergo the security clearance process as individuals. The resolution was unanimously approved on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Monette.

15. Property Resolutions 171013-01, 171013-02, 171013-03 and 171013-04. Regents unanimously approved the four property resolutions on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Gonzales.

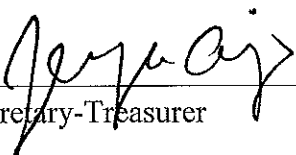
16. Energy Audit. The University committee has chosen AMERESCO as the firm to conduct its energy audit as the result of a competitive process, at a cost about half of that from a company selected prior to his arrival, reported Dr. McDaniel. A non-binding contract was signed prior to discovery that the company Yearout was chosen without competitive options. A complete business plan will be brought forward later for approval.


17. Individual board Member Comments. Regent Monette thanked Dr. McDaniel and Mr. Hendrickson for their assistance. Chair Peacock cited the good number of students on a recent geologic field trip she joined.

18. New Business. It was decided that the next Board meeting will take place on Dec. 6 at the Playas Research and Training Center, including a mid-morning tour and training demonstration followed by lunch and the meeting. President Wells, expressing his pride in Tech students and citing the earlier SGA discussion, noted that it might be appropriate to invite both the SGA and GSA to be on future Agendas under Announcements.

19. Executive Session Pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) & 10-15-1(I)(2), NMSA 1978 (To Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters). Under a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Garcia, Regents at 3:38 p.m. unanimously voted to adjourn their regular meeting and meet in Executive Session on a motion by Regent Monette and a second from Regent Gonzales. The Board reconvened at 4:37 p.m. with Chair Peacock entertaining a motion with the dismissal of appeal by the hearing officer of appeal filed by Dr. Rezgui. Regent Monette so moved. Following a second from Regent Gonzales, the motion passed unanimously.

20. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.


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President