

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Meeting
Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall
NMHU Main Campus
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701
March 14, 2008 at 9:00 am

1. Call to Order – Chairman Javier M. Gonzales
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for March 14, 2008
4. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2008
5. Matters from the Board
 - a) Election of Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer – Action Item
 - b) Board of Regents Subcommittee Appointments – Javier M. Gonzales
6. Consent Calendar – Action Items
 - a) Quarterly Financial Report
 - b) Disposition of Vehicle – 2004 GMC Yukon XL Denali
7. NMHU Center Updates
 - a) Farmington – Ms. Joan Lucero-Sisneros
 - b) Raton – Ms. Evonne Roybal-Tafoya
 - c) Rio Rancho – Mr. Lew Granados
 - d) Santa Fe – Dr. Steve Martinez
8. Academic Affairs Committee – Regent Javier Gonzales
9. Budget & Finance Committee – Regent Robert Benavides
 - a) Bond Purchase Agreement with NMFA – Action Item
 - b) Bond Sale Resolution: NMFA Series 2008 – Action Item
 - c) Optional Redemption Resolution: Series 1998 Bond – Action Item
 - d) Approval of FY07 Audit – Action Item
10. Buildings & Grounds Committee – Regent Sherry Salas
11. Student Affairs Committee – Regent Sherry Salas
 - a) New Student Orientation Fee – Action Item
 - b) Housing Application Fee – Action Item
12. Student Senate Report – Mr. Greg Rael

13. Association of Graduate Students Report – Mr. Jesse Lopez
14. Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Maureen Romine
15. Persons Wishing to Address the Board
16. President's Report – Dr. James Fries, President
 - a) FY09 Tuition and Fees Proposal – Action Item
 - b) FY09 Room and Board Rates Proposal – Action Item
 - c) Other
17. Executive Session – (1) Limited personnel matters related to the hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment, resignation, or investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against an employee; (2) bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining; (3) threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privilege in which the University may become a participant; and (4) real estate acquisition or disposal. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-(H)(2)(5)(7)&(8)
18. Comments by Regents
19. Adjournment

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Board of Regents Meeting
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The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents met in regular session on Friday, March 14, 2008 at the Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Gonzales called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Javier M. Gonzales, Mr. Robert Benavides, Ms. Nancy Long, Mr. Jesus López, and Ms. Sherry Salas

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. James Fries, President; Ms. Judy Cordova-Romero, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Gilbert Rivera, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Bill Taylor, Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration, and Ms. Rachel King, Legal Counsel

Others Present: Dr. Maureen Romine, Faculty Senate Chair; Mr. Greg Rael, Student Senate President; Mr. Jesse Lopez, Graduate Student Senate President; Ms. Carolina López, Board of Regents Administrative Assistant and numerous other individuals in the audience, including faculty, staff, students, community representatives, and media. The Board meeting was broadcast live via instructional television video to the NMHU Farmington, Santa Fe, Raton, and Rio Rancho Centers, and over the KEDP Radio Station

Chairman Gonzales welcomed newly appointed Board of Regents Mr. Jesus Lopez and Ms. Nancy Long to NMHU and stated that the new regents members were sworn in before the meeting.

Approval of Agenda for Meeting of March 14, 2008

Regent Salas moved to approve the March 14, 2008 agenda. Regent Benavides seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2008

Regent Salas moved to approve the January 18, 2008 minutes. Regent Benavides seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, and Regent Salas. Abstaining were: Regent Long and Regent Lopez. Motion passed.

Matters from the Board

Election of Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer – Action Item

Regent Lopez moved to elect Regent Long as Vice Chairman of the Board. Regent Salas seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Chairman Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López, and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Regent Long moved to elect Regent Salas as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. Regent Benavides seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Chairman Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López, and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Regents Subcommittee Appointments

Chairman Gonzales informed the Board that he would wait to appoint committee chairs until he has discussed the appointments with the Regents.

Regent Lopez introduced his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Lopez and announced that she is a member of the West Las Vegas School Board.

Consent Calendar – Action Items

Chairman Gonzales provided an explanation of the consent calendar for the new Regents.

a) Quarterly Financial Report (Attachment A)

b) Disposition of Vehicle – 2004 GMC Yukon XL Denali (Attachment B)

Regent Lopez moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Regent Benavides seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

NMHU Center Updates

Farmington – Ms. Joan Lucero-Sisneros

Ms. Lucero-Sisneros was unavailable to report.

Raton – Ms. Evonne Roybal-Tafoya

- Ms. Roybal-Tafoya informed the Board that The Raton Center will be offering bachelors degrees in Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Multi-Cultural Education, and Business Administration. The Center will also offer a masters degree in Social Work and in Business Administration with the bachelors of Nursing being offering next spring.
- Ms. Roybal-Tafoya announced that there are 6 applicants for the Center Director position and the university plans to fill that position within the next few weeks.
- Ms. Roybal-Tafoya introduced Ms. Paula Cacciatore Support Coordinator at the Raton Center.
- President Fries informed the Board that Highlands has been offering programs in Raton over the last several years. Recently the Raton Learning Center was gifted to the university. Transfer of the title is in process. A \$200,000 appropriation will be given to Highlands. The appropriation will be used to meet ADA requirements.
- President Fries informed the committee that it was standing room only at the recent Ribbon Cutting ceremony held on April 1, 2008.

- President Fries reported that the McClovvia Foundation has been supportive of Highland's expansion and has provided a \$14,000 grant to assist with marketing in the area.
- The McCune foundation is providing a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of new computers and the Raton Ambassadors will provide a \$1,000 scholarship for a student enrolled at the center.

Rio Rancho – Mr. Lew Granados

- Mr. Lew Granados announced that Ms. Sylvia Martinez was retiring from the Advanced Placement program housed at the Rio Rancho Center. Ms. Martinez stated that it was an honor working for Highlands.
- Chairman Gonzales thanked Mr. Granados for his work at the Rio Rancho Center and requested that Mr. Granados establish a working relationship with the Rio Rancho Mayor.
- President Fries stated that Mayor Swisstack was mayor when Highlands was establishing a Center in Rio Rancho and has always been very supportive.

Santa Fe – Dr. Steve Martinez

- Dr. Steve Martinez informed the Board that the Santa Fe Center and Espanola Site were doing well in building relationships with the area school districts.
- Mr. Martinez informed the Board that the Santa Fe Center and Espanola Site acquired a Title II grant.
- Chairman Gonzales asked Dr. Martinez to work in establishing an RN to BSN program with the Santa Fe Community College similar to the program the main campus has established with Luna Community College. President Fries informed the Board that the BSN program is new and expansion efforts should follow the accreditation visit. Vice President Rivera announced that the BSN accreditation visit is scheduled for the fall of 2009.

Academic Affairs Committee – Regent Javier Gonzales

Regent Long stated that grade change issues are under discussion by faculty and students and that the reaction from students has not been favorable.

The Spanish Programs are under review and the university plans to improve coordination of the programs.

President Fries announced that Vice President Rivera was no longer interim; he has accepted the Vice President of Academic Affairs position.

President Fries also announced the Dr. Bill Taylor has accepted the Vice President of Finance and Administration position on an interim basis.

Chairman Gonzales called on meeting attendees for introductions on behalf of the new regents. Those in attendance were: Mr. Max Baca, Director of Information Technology Services; Mr. Lawrence Trujillo, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration; Dr. Linda LaGrange, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Ms. Thomasinia Ortiz-Gallegos, Director of Student Support Services; Ms. Geri Chavez, Director of Purchasing; Dr. Roy Lujan, Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences; Dr. Orit Tamir, Behavioral Sciences and Faculty Senate Executive member; Dr. Kathy Jenkins, Interim Dean of the School of Education; Mr. Sean Weaver, Director of University Relations; Mr. Gil Gonzalez, Director of Recruitment; Ms. Marisol Greene, Director of Facilities and Capital Projects; Mr. Jesus Baquera, Interim Comptroller; Ms. Travis Serna, student and HPLS Club member; Mr. Andrew Marquez, student and Student Senate member; Ms. Nicole Parra-Perez, ASNMHU President Pro-Tem

Budget and Finance Committee – Regent Robert Benavides

Regent Benavides called on Mr. Paul Cassidy, RCB Capital Marketing to present the Bond Purchase Agreement with NMFA as an action item.

Bond Purchase Agreement with NMFA – Action Item (Attachment C)

Mr. Cassidy stated that the New Mexico Finance Authority has presented a bond purchase agreement to the university and presented the agreement (Attachment D).

President Fries informed the Board that revenues from existing and new student housing will be used to cover both the projected debt service and the operating costs.

Regent Lopez asked if the closing date of April 7, 2008 was firm. Mr. Cassidy stated that the closing date would not change.

Chairman Gonzales asked if Highlands needed final approval from the Board of Finance. Mr. Cassidy informed the Board the financing has been approved by the Higher Education Department and by the State Board of Finance. Approval of the project plan from the State Board of Finance is needed.

Mr. Cassidy stated that the bond council is recommending approval of the bond purchase agreement.

Mr. Duane Browne, as an attorney with the Modrell Sperling who serves as university bond council informed the Board that approval of the bond purchase agreement memorializes the formal agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Chairman Gonzales asked if construction and design documents would be done soon. President Fries informed the Board that the architects are on schedule. President Fries informed the Board that Highlands, the architects and the Department of Energy and Minerals met to discuss LEED Silver Certification and the costs associated with the certification. President Fries stated that the building would meet LEED Silver Certification. The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009.

President Fries reported that substantial utility site work would take place prior to construction.

AGS President Lopez asked if the students are paying for current debt and if they would be paying for the new debt. President Fries informed the Board that the student room rates are currently paying a significant portion of the current debt service and students living in the residence halls will be paying for the new debt.

Regent Benavides moved to approve the Bond Purchase Agreement with New Mexico Finance Authority as presented. Regent Long seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Bond Sale Resolution: NMFA Series 2008 – Action Item (Attachment E)

Mr. Browne stated that Mr. Cassidy had provided an overview of the Bond Sale Resolution: NMFA Series 2008 and the Optional Redemption Resolution: Series 1998 Bonds.

Mr. Browne informed the Board that the Bond Sale Resolution memorializes in resolution form the exact amount of the bond.

Regent Lopez moved to approve the Bond Sale Resolution: NMFA Series 2008, #7 as presented. Regent Benavides seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Optional Redemption Resolution: Series 1998 Bond – Action Item (Attachment F)

Mr. Browne reported that the Optional Redemption Resolution formally calls out two of Highland's current bonds for redemption.

Regent Long moved to approve the Optional Redemption Resolution: NMFA Series 1998 Bond, #8 as presented. Regent Salas seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of FY07 Audit – Action Item (Attachment G)

Regent Benavides informed the Board that the State Auditor released the FY07 Audit. Regent Benavides called on President Fries to present.

President Fries reported that the FY07 is now a public document. President Fries informed the Board that Highlands had a clean audit with no material findings; there were a few minor routine findings.

Regent Long asked if the university planned to correct the findings. President Fries stated that the audit report includes an administrative response indicating the university's plans to address the findings.

Regent Lopez commended the administration for a clean and unqualified audit.

President Fries complimented all of the employees in the Business Office and Purchasing Office for their day-to-day operations that resulted in such a clean audit report.

Regent Benavides moved to approve the FY07 Audit as presented. Regent Salas seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Regent Sherry Salas

Regent Salas informed the Board that the university through Mr. Max Baca hosted the Cyber Infrastructure Conference on March 10-11, 2008. Regent Salas called on Mr. Baca to present.

Mr. Baca informed the Board that several faculty members attended the conference.

Mr. Baca explained that Cyber Infrastructure is a term used to describe the next generation of the internet.

Regent Salas reported that LEED Silver Certification; the LED Sign location; effluent water; and back-up water supplies for the golf course were discussed during the last Buildings & Ground meeting.

Student Affairs Committee – Regent Sherry Salas

Regents Salas commended Vice President Cordova and her staff for coordinating a STARS Dinner as part of a recruitment effort. Attendees will be students from area schools who are in the top 10% of their class and their parents.

New Student Orientation Fee – Action Item (Attachment H)

Regent Salas reported on a plan to implement a \$30 orientation fee in an effort to have students commit to attending the orientation session they enroll for. The fee would be deducted from the student's balance when they register for classes.

Regent Lopez moved to approve the New Student Orientation Fee as presented. Regent Salas seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Housing Application Fee – Action Item (Attachment I)

Regent Salas informed the Board that the fee is needed in order to encourage students to commit to living in student housing or to cancel their housing applications. Currently, some who students submitted housing applications do not move in or notify the Housing Office that they do not plan to move in. This leads the Housing Office to believe they need more rooms than they have resulting in the rental of hotel rooms for student housing overflow. As the Housing Office determines the number of "no-shows", students are placed in the residence halls.

Regent Salas reported that the university is proposing that the housing application fee be raised from \$ 100.00 to \$200.00 with \$150.00 going towards their housing charges if they do move in or cancel properly.

AGS President Lopez asked if the increase would affect current residents. Vice President Cordova responded that the fee would affect fall 2008 applicants.

Regent Salas moved to approve the Housing Application Fee as presented. Regent Benavides seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

ASNMHU Student Senate Report – Mr. Greg Rael

President Rael presented the written Student Senate Report (Attachment J).

ASNMHU President Rael thanked Michael Sallee, Vice President Cordova, and Regent Salas for helping him transition into the ASNMHU President role.

ASNMHU President Rael stated that he believed that tuition and fees would be raised for residents only. Regent Salas indicated that she had the same impression.

Chairman Gonzales asked that ASNMHU President Rael convey the Board's best wishes to former President Michael Sallee.

AGS Senate Report – Mr. Jesse Lopez

AGS President Lopez thanked President Sallee for his services as ASNMHU President.

AGS President Lopez thanked Vice President Cordova, Regent Salas, President Fries, and Dr. Linda LaGrange for their assistance with the establishment of the Graduate Student Senate.

AGS President Lopez informed the Board that two graduate students from each department comprise the AGS. The AGS plans to focus on issues such as graduate assistantships and money for research.

AGS President Lopez and ASNMHU President Rael handed out a memo (Attachment K) with student concerns discussed at the first joint student senate meeting was on March 10, 2008. The three key issues discussed were the carrying of firearms by campus police proposal, the tuition increase proposal, and the grade change proposal.

A long discussion regarding the campus police carrying firearms; police jurisdiction; and emergency response protocol; university police certifications, salaries, and retirement; was held.

Both Chairman Gonzales and President Fries thanked Campus Police Chief Scott Scarborough for his efforts to improve the Campus Police Department.

Chairman Gonzales asked President Fries to provide a recommendation regarding the Campus Police officers carrying firearms on campus at the next Board meeting.

AGS President Lopez reported that students voted against the grade change proposal at the joint meeting.

Chairman Gonzales asked how the grade change was initiated. Vice President Rivera informed the Board that the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee recommended the change.

Chairman Gonzales recommended that a grade change proposal be presented to the Board for adoption when it is finalized.

Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Maureen Romine

Dr. Maureen Romine presented her written report (Attachment L).

Dr. Romine reported that an on-line survey regarding the grade change proposal was being conducted and that the Faculty Senate is gathering information. They will make their recommendation after the data is processed.

Dr. Romine informed the Board that the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee was charged with addressing the security and safety issues on campus. The recommendation of the Faculty Senate opposed the carrying of firearms by Campus Police.

Dr. Romine thanked Vice President Rivera for bringing stability to Highlands.

Chairman Gonzales thanked Dr. Romine for her approach in service as a conduit between the Board and Faculty and for providing stability amongst the faculty members.

Persons Wishing to Address the Board

Chairman Gonzales asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Mr. Anthony Jaramillo, student, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the student meal plan and meal charges.

Mr. Andrew Marquez, student, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the student meal plan and the quality/quantity of food.

Mr. Travis Serna, student, informed the Board that the HU Celebration Run was scheduled for April 12, 2008. He invited the Board to participate and asked for a donation to help offset event costs.

President's Report – Dr. James Fries, President

a) FY09 Tuition and Fees Proposal – Action Item

President Fries provided an overview of the revised FY09 Tuition and Fees Proposal (Attachment M).

President Fries reported to the Board that Highlands has the lowest tuition and fees of all the other four-year universities in New Mexico. President Fries informed the Board that tuition and fees for resident undergraduate students are approximately \$600 to \$700 lower than those at Eastern and Western Universities.

President Fries informed the Board that the Higher Education Department uses a funding formula to compute the amount of tuition credit each university will receive for instruction

and instructional support areas. The formula is based on the number of credit hours each student takes and that the calculations are based on numbers from two years prior to the year being calculated.

President Fries informed the Board that with the proposed increase the university would be able to establish an equivalent rate per credit hour for students on the main campus and centers.

President Fries reported that the legislature adopted a 2% tuition credit this session, which means that if the university does not increase tuition rates by 2% the level available funding that supports salaries and other corroborating expenses would decrease.

President Fries stated that in an effort to achieve equivalent cost per credit hour the university is proposing that the main campus undergraduate resident rates increase from \$104.85 for tuition and fees to \$112.00 and center undergraduate resident rates from \$110.00 to \$112.00. At the graduate level, main campus resident rates would move from \$110.10 to \$120.00 and graduate off-campus rates not change.

Chairman Gonzales restated the administrations recommendation to increase resident student tuition and fees by 6.82% for main campus undergraduate students, 9% for main campus graduate students, 1.82% for off-campus undergraduate students, no increase for off-campus graduate students. The administration is also proposing a tuition and fees increase of 6.82% for non-resident and international undergraduate and graduate students. President Fries indicated that the statement was correct.

AGS President Lopez acknowledged the need for a tuition increase but stated that he was concerned with the increase for graduate students who are not on a graduate assistantship.

AGS President Lopez requested that fees for international students be increased by half the amount this year and increase by the second half next year.

ASNMHU President Rael stated that undergraduate students are concerned with the amount of increases and if increases would occur yearly.

Regent Long asked if Highland's tuition and fees would remain the lowest in the state with the proposed increase. President Fries responded yes.

Regent Lopez commented that he appreciated the statement made by both Student Senate Presidents but he assures that President Fries and Chairman Gonzales have done everything possible to keep tuition and fees low.

Chairman Gonzales stated that the increases were necessary in order to maintain the quality of education at Highlands.

Regent Lopez moved to adopt the FY09 Tuition and Fees Proposal as presented. Regent Long seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent

Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

b) FY09 Room and Board Rates Proposal – Action Item (Attachment N)

President Fries reported that the administrative proposal is based on the Consumer Price Index, prices for food and beverages will increase by 4.8% over the next 12 months. The administration is proposing a board rate increase of 5% to cover the increase requested by ABL Food Service Enterprise.

President Fries informed the Board that the administration is recommending a 10% room rate increase to properly position rates relative to anticipated rates for the new residence hall.

Chairman Gonzales informed the Board that during the Budget & Finance Committee meeting, students raised concerns regarding the quality of food and the inability to use meal cards in the Cantina. Vice President Cordova reported that since the Budget & Finance Committee meeting students can now use their meal cards in the Cantina and one swipe can now purchase a full meal.

Regent Long moved to table the FY09 Board Rate Proposal. Regent Lopez seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

Regent Long moved to approve the FY09 Room Rate Proposal as presented. Regent Salas seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Gonzales, Regent Benavides, Regent Long, Regent López and Regent Salas. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Other

President Fries announced the following:

- Ms. Rachel King, NMHU Legal Council was named a shareholder at Sutin, Thayer & Brown
- Students are taking midterm exams with week and will be on Spring Break next week
- Dr. Charles Swim has accepted the Dean position in the School of Business on an interim basis
- Vice President Rivera and others are working on the reorganization of the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Education
- The General Obligation Bond was approved and signed and will be subject to voter approval by voters this fall, if approved over \$9 million for infrastructure needs and \$1.8 million to continue the remodeling of the Lora Shields Science Building

- Highlands received a \$100,000 grant initiated by the New Mexico Hispanic Medical Association to establish a pre-med pilot program at Highlands
- An RPF for phase one of the new student center will go out soon.
- The university had a retention rate of 62% from the fall to the spring semester for students not eligible for the Student Support Services program, compared to 82% for those in the program. The university is reviewing the SSS program to determine if methods can be used to increase the retention rates of all students.
- Total number of applications for the fall is 1885 versus 1318 this same time last year
- The Rehabilitation Education program at Highlands applied for accreditation, a site visit was performed, and evaluators are recommending that the program receive full accreditation skipping candidacy status.
- Students from 20 different countries attend NMHU

Chairman Gonzales asked that the Comments by the Regents agenda item fall before the Executive Session on future Board meeting agendas.

Regent Salas reported that two NMHU wrestlers qualified for the national championship and she wished them luck.

Regent Lopez stated that he enjoyed his first meeting as an NMHU regent member. He stated that he enjoyed the meeting because of the manner and decorum in which Chairman Gonzales conducted the meeting. Regent Lopez stated that he loves NMHU because it is his alma mater.

Chairman Gonzales stated that he was glad the university was moving forward and that the Regents could focus on policy rather than administrative affairs. Chairman Gonzales added that he was looking forward to working with the new Board.

Regent Long thanked everyone for welcoming her to the university and she thanked Chairman Gonzales and President Fries for providing her with a university status update.

Executive Session – (1) Limited personnel matters related to the hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment, resignation, or investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against an employee; (2) bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining; (3) threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privilege in which the University may become a participant; and (4) real estate disposal. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H) (2)(5)(7)&(8). Regent Salas moved to adjourn to executive session Regent Benavides seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of the motion were: Regent Gonzales, yes; Regent Benavides; yes, Regent Long, yes; Regent López, yes; and Regent Salas, yes. Motion carried and the Board went into executive session at 1:00 pm.

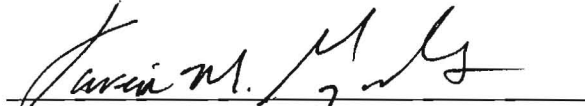
Regent Benavides moved to come out of executive session into open session. Regent Long seconded the motion. For the record, Chairman Gonzales stated that only those items cited in the motion were discussed in executive session and no action was taken. Regents present confirmed the statement. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of the motion were: Regent Gonzales, yes; Regent Benavides; yes, Regent Long, yes; Regent López, yes; and Regent Salas, yes. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 2:42 pm.

Comments by the Regents

No further comments were made.

Adjournment

Regent Long moved to adjourn the meeting. Regent Benavides seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.



Chairman Javier Gonzales
NMHU Board of Regents



Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Salas
NMHU Board of Regents