

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Meeting
Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall
NMHU Main Campus
Las Vegas, NM 87701
April 25, 2011

1. Call to Order – Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for April 25, 2011
4. Approval of the Minutes from March 30, 2011
5. Consent Calendar – Action Item
 - a. Surplus Property Disposal
 - b. Quarterly Report
 - c. FY11 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR)
 - d. Interactive Cultural Technology Certificate Program
 - e. Substance Abuse Certificate Program
 - f. Geographic Information Systems Certificates and Minor
 - g. Distance Education Manual
6. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report
 - a. General Educational Requirements – Action Item
 - Art History Option in Humanities and Fine Arts
 - Statistics Option for Mathematics
 - b. Informational Items
7. Finance and Administration Committee Report
 - a. FY12 Budget – Action Item
 - b. Informational Items
8. Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Maurine Romine
9. Staff Advisory Senate Report – Ms. Maxine Salas
10. Student Senate Report – Mr. Randall Brown
11. Graduate Student Senate Report – Mr. Joannes Paules Yimbessalu
12. Persons Wishing to Address the Board
13. President's Report
14. 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; and (2) bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining; (3) threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privileges in which the University may become a participant. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(2)(5)&(7)
15. Adjournment

**New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
April 25, 2011**

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents met on April 25, 2011 at the Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall, on the New Mexico Highlands University main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez, Ms. Nancy Long, Mr. Jesus L. López, Mr. Frank Marchi, and Ms. Caitlin Syner.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. James Fries, President; Dr. Gilbert Rivera, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Mr. Lawrence Trujillo, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration, and Dr. Fidel Trujillo, Dean of Student Affairs.

Others Present: Dr. Maureen Romine, Faculty Senate Chair; Ms. Maxine Salas, Staff Advisory Senate President; Ms. Serena Allingham, ASNMHU Vice President; and Ms. Carolina Martínez, Executive 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 Rio Rancho Center, the NMHU Raton Site, and over the KEDP Radio Station.

Approval of Meeting Agenda for April 25, 2011

Regent Long moved to approve the April 25, 2011 agenda as presented. Regent Marchi seconded. Voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from March 30, 2011

Regent López moved to approve the minutes from March 30, 2011 as presented. Regent Long seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Calendar – Action Items

President Fries informed the Board that all of the consent calendar items were discussed and approved during the subcommittee meetings held earlier this morning.

- a. Surplus Property Disposal (**Attachment A**)
- b. Quarterly Report (**Attachment B**)
- c. FY11 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) (**Attachment C**)
- d. Interactive Cultural Technology Certificate Program (**Attachment D**)
- e. Substance Abuse Certificate Program (**Attachment E**)
- f. Geographic Information Systems Certificates and Minor (**Attachment F**)
- g. Distance Education Manual (**Attachment G**)

Regent Long moved to approve all of the consent calendar items as presented. Regent López seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

a. General Educational Requirements – Action Item

- **Art History Option in Humanities and Fine Arts**
- **Statistics Option for Mathematics**

Regent Long moved for approval of the General Educational Requirements Art History option in Humanities and Fine Arts and the Statistics option for Mathematics as presented (**Attachment H**). Regent López seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Informational Items

No informational items were discussed.

Finance and Administration Committee Report

a. FY12 Budget – Action Item

Regent López informed the Board that the Finance & Administration Committee reviewed the budget thoroughly during the subcommittee meeting earlier today and that the committee fully endorses and is recommending Board approval of the balanced budget. The budget includes a 2.2% overall reduction in state funding.

Regent López moved for approval of the FY12 Budget as presented (**Attachment I**) and with the authorization for President Fries to make minor technical changes to the budget as needed before the May 1, 2011 budget deadline. Regent Marchi seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Informational Items

No informational items were discussed.

Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Maureen Romine

Dr. Maureen Romine read her written report (**Attachment J**).

Dr. Romine added that one key item the Faculty Senate is working on is the athletic sanctioned absence policy.

Staff Advisory Senate Report – Ms. Maxine Salas

Ms. Salas informed the Board that the annual staff satisfaction survey was implemented and that the staff had a 57% completion rate. Currently the university employs 33 administrators; 142 professional staff; 93 clerical staff; 76 maintenance staff; and 44 technical staff. Ms. Salas reported that the third issue of *The Pony Express*, the staff newsletter, was available and disseminated copies to the Board (**Attachment K**). The Staff Senate will be scheduling a staff development week for late July.

Student Senate Report – Mr. Randall Brown

Ms. Serena Allingham, ASNMHU Vice President informed the Board that the ASNMHU held a luau for the campus community feeding over 300 students, faculty, and staff authentic Polynesian food that was prepared by a few NMHU students who are of Polynesian decent. The event included live Polynesian entertainment.

Ms. Allingham reported that she and Dr. Trujillo attended the HACU National Conference where topics of discussion included Title V Grant reductions which would affect services for NMHU's Educational Outreach Department and the ARMAS Program. Another topic of discussion was reductions to the Federal Pell Grant, roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of NMHU students received the Pell Grant.

Ms. Allingham informed the Board that the ASNMHU elections are scheduled for the last week of April. The ASNMHU has made changes to their constitution including raising the current GPA requirement and reducing the pay for some of the executive committee members.

Graduate Student Senate Report – Mr. Joannes Paules Yimbessalu

Mr. Yimbessalu presented his written report (**Attachment L**).

Person's Wishing to Address the Board

Several people in the audience came forward in support of Dr. Thomas Corbin and requested that the university offer him a new contract. Rachel King, NMHU Legal Counsel informed the Board that they could listen to the audiences' concerns but could not comment because the issue was a personnel matter.

Deacon Bill McKay read a letter from Pastor Patricia Halverson in support of Dr. Corbin's employment contract. Paul Martínez, ASNMHU Senator, and NMHU students Larry Tweet, Steven Fernandez, Greg Baker Jr., and Joseph Salazar also expressed their concerns regarding Dr. Corbin's employment at NMHU.

President's Report

President Fries informed the Board of the following:

- Hector Hernandez, NMHU alum, NAIA National Wrestling Champion, and head of the secret service for U.S. Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton will be the 2011 Commencement Speaker.
- NMHU will award over 700 graduate and undergraduate diplomas this year.
- NMHU held a Research Day where faculty and students exhibited their work.
- Dr. David Lobdell had an art sculpture selected for display at the Beltane Fire Festival in Edinburgh Scotland.
- Dr. Michael Petronis, Dr. Jennifer Lindline, and Dr. Edward Martínez received an NFS Grant to study the paleontology climate at the Las Vegas Wildlife Refuge.

- The new student union building, the Felix Martinez Building, the Lora Shields Building, and the Natatorium have potential to reach LEED Gold Certification.
- Catchment systems that can hold up to 305,000 gallons have been installed throughout the campus.
- The NMHU Recycling Center has been very successful; however the university is hopeful that the city and county will establish recycling centers for the community soon to reduce the demand on the NMHU Recycling Center.
- Mr. Max Baca is working to host a recycling day for electronic equipment.
- Ms. Lita Bernal, Las Vegas Fire Marshall has been evaluating the fire systems throughout campus to ensure that NMHU maintains the fire and safety codes.
- 30 Coachella Valley High School students were bused from California to NMHU to visit the campus. All 30 students registered for the fall semester.
- The City of Las Vegas has scheduled two public meetings to discuss the Gateway Project and National and University Avenues. The meetings will be held May 3, 2011 and May 10, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the City Chambers.
- THE HVAC system at the Rio Rancho Center is not working but the university is working to get the system repaired before the summer semester begins.
- The Higher Education Funding Formula will begin to use outcome measures in addition to input measures. A revised formula must be completed by October 15th. Mr. Trujillo is on the Funding Formula Committee.
- Over 80 people applied for the Vice President of Academic Affairs position. The search and screen committee has narrowed the search down to five finalists who will be on campus for an interview during the next two weeks.

President Fries thanked Vice President Rivera for his many great contributions to the university and also for serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs two times during his administrative career.

Dr. Romine thanked Vice President Rivera for bringing stability to NMHU, on behalf of the Faculty Senate

Vice President Rivera thanked the faculty and administration for making it easy for him to return to NMHU for five months which turned into a five year stretch.

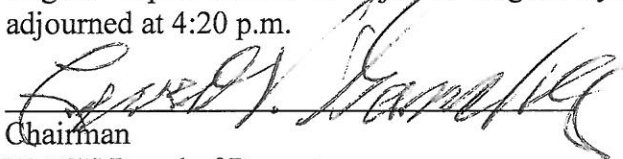
Regent López thanked Vice President Rivera for serving the university.

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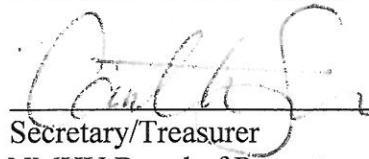
Regent López moved to come out of executive session into open session. Regent Long seconded. Regent López stated for the record that only those items specified under the executive session item were discussed and that no action was taken. Regents present confirmed. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of coming out of executive session into regular session were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 4:17 p.m.

Adjournment

Regent López moved to adjourn. Regent Syner seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


Chairman

NMHU Board of Regents


Secretary/Treasurer

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