

**New Mexico Highlands University**  
Board of Regents Special Meeting  
Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall  
NMHU Main Campus  
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701  
May 7, 2009 at 1:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for May 7, 2009
4. 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)
5. Approval of Amendments to Articles 12, 23, 25, and 29 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement – Action Item
6. Selection of an Auditor for the FY09 Audit – Action Item
7. Research Park Corporation
  - a. MOU between NMHU and “Highlands Isotope Corporation” (HIC) – Action Item
  - b. Board of Directors Appointment for HIC – Action Item
8. Disposition of Surplus Property (Vehicles) – Action Item
9. President’s Report
10. Adjournment

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The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents met for a special session on Friday, May 7, 2009 at the Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Gonzales called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez, Mr. Jesus L. Lopez, and Mr. Gregory A. Rael. Board Member Ms. Nancy R. Long participated in the meeting via conference call as stated for the record by Regent López. Board Members Absent: Mr. Pete Aguilar

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, Vice President for Finance & Administration, and Ms. Rachel King, Legal Counsel

Others Present: Dr. Maureen Romine, Faculty Senate Chair; Mr. Wade López, Student Senate President; Georgianne Brown, 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 to the NMHU Farmington, Santa Fe, and Rio Rancho Centers, and over the KEDP Radio Station

**Approval of Agenda for Meeting of May 7, 2009**

Regent Rael moved to approve the May 7, 2009 agenda. Regent López seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent Lopez and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 López moved to enter into executive session. Regent Rael seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of the motion were: Regent Sanchez, yes; Regent Long, yes; Regent Lopez, yes; and Regent Rael, yes. Motion carried and the Board went into executive session at 1:15 pm.

Regent López moved to come out of executive session into open session. Regent Rael seconded the motion. For the record, Vice Chair López 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 Sanchez, yes; Regent Long, yes; Regent Lopez, yes; and Regent Rael, yes. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 1:55 pm.

Lt. Governor Diane Denish visited the Board Meeting and informed the Board and those present of the Federal Stimulus Program and how it will benefit New Mexico.

**Approval of Amendments to Articles 12, 23, 25, and 29 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement – Action Item**

President Fries presented Articles 12, 23, 25, and 29 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (**Attachment A**).

Regent López moved to approve the Articles 12, 23, 25, and 29 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to incorporate all changes as presented by the NMHU administration team and ratified by the tenure/tenure track faculty. Regent Long seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Selection of an Auditor for the FY09 Audit – Action Item (Attachment B)**

President Fries informed the Board that after the review of bids from seven different audit firms and at the recommendation of Nr. Nesbitt Hagood, NMHU Comptroller the administration is recommending that the Moss Adams Firm perform the university's' FY09.

Regent Rael moved to approve the Moss Adams Firm for the FY09 Audit as presented Regent Long seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent Lopez and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**Research Park Corporation**

President Fries informed the Board that there is a market for materials patented by the University and produced in HU labs and that through the development of a corporation HU can make those materials available to the public. President Fries informed the Board the Sutin, Thayer and Browne, NMHU Legal Counsel has reviewed the following documents.

**a. MOU between NMHU and “Highlands Isotope Corporation” (HIC) – Action Item**

Regent Rael moved to approve the MOU between NMHU and “Highlands Isotope Corporation” (HIC) as presented and with the authorization to the administration to modify the MOU to the extent of replacing one board member with someone from the private sector (**Attachment C**). Regent López seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent Lopez and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Board of Directors Appointment for HIC – Action Item**

President Fries recommended that the following be appointed to the HIC Board of Directors:

Dr. Rudy Martinez  
Dr. Merritt Helvenston  
Dr. William Taylor,  
Dr. Linda LaGrange  
Dr. James Fries

Regent Rael moved to approve the appointment of the Board of Directors t of HIC (**Attachment D**) as presented. Regent López seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent Lopez and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**Disposition of Surplus Property (Vehicles) – Action Item (Attachment E)**

Regent López moved to approve the Disposal of Surplus Property (vehicles) as presented. Regent Rael seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent Lopez and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report – President James Fries**

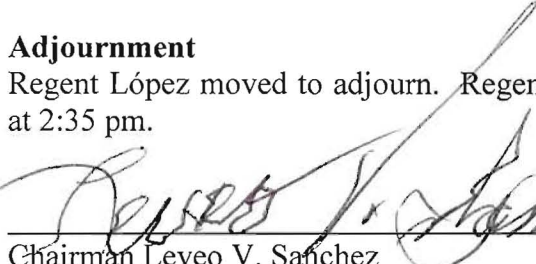
President Fries reported the following:

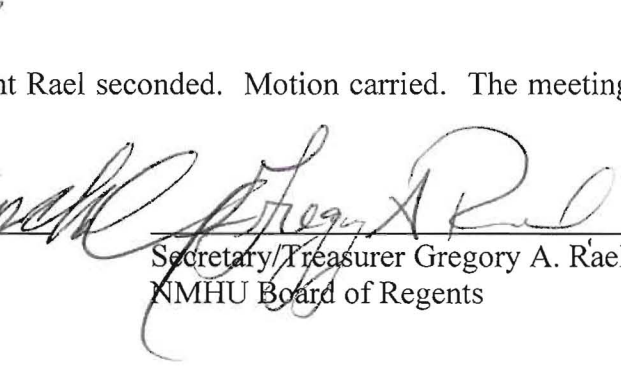
- Highlands is awarding 689 degrees in total, 71% to women and 49.6% will be at the Master's level.
- The School of Education is awarding 235 degrees with the School of Social Work awarding 205.
- The Felix Martinez Project will be presented to the Board of Finance next week.

President Fries commended the Facilities Department for preparing the university for the many visitors expected to attend the commencement ceremony.

**Adjournment**

Regent López moved to adjourn. Regent Rael seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

  
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Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez  
NMHU Board of Regents

  
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Secretary/Treasurer Gregory A. Rael  
NMHU Board of Regents