

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
President's Conference Room
Rodger's Administration Building
NMHU Main Campus
Las Vegas, NM 87701
September 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for September 3, 2010
4. Approval of the Minutes for July 26, 2010
5. 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 privileges in which the University may become a participant; and (4) real estate acquisition or disposal. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(2)(5)(7)&(8)
6. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Action Item
7. President's Report – Dr. James Fries
8. Adjournment

**New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Meeting
September 3, 2010**

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on September 3, 2010 in the President's Conference Room in the Rodger's Administration Building on the New Mexico Highlands University main campus. Acting Chair Pete Aguilar called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Pete Aguilar and Mr. Gregory A. Rael. Via teleconference: Ms. Nancy R. Long and Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez. Not present: Mr. Jesus L. López

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Jim Fries, President; Dr. William Taylor, Vice President of Finance and Administration.

Others Present: Dr. Maureen Romine, Faculty Senate Chair; Dr. Kathy Jenkins, President, NMHU Faculty Association; Mr. Lawrence Trujillo, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration; and Ms. Darlene R. Tapia, Coordinator for Fiscal Affairs; and numerous other individuals in the audience, including faculty, staff, students, community and media.

Approval of Agenda for Meeting of September 3, 2010

Regent Rael moved to approve the agenda. Regent Sanchez seconded. Voting in favor were: Chairman Aguilar, Regent Sanchez, Regent Rael and Regent Long. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for July 26, 2010

Regent Rael moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2010. Regent Long seconded. Voting in favor were: Chairman Aguilar, Regent Sanchez, Regent Rael and Regent Long. Motion passed.

Executive Session - to discuss: (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 of disposal. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(2)(5)(7)&(8). Regent Sanchez moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the items listed. Regent Rael seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and voting in favor were: Chairman Aguilar, Regent Sanchez, Regent Rael and Regent Long. Motion carried and the Board went into executive session at 3:10 p.m.

Regent Rael moved to come out of executive session into open session and stated that only those items specified under the executive session item were discussed and that no action was taken. Regents present confirmed. Regent Long seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of coming out of executive session into regular session were: Chairman Aguilar, Regent

Sanchez, Regent Rael and Regent Long. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 3:30 p.m.

Collective Bargaining Agreement – Action Item

Regent Rael moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented (**Attachment A**). Regent Long seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Chairman Aguilar, Regent Sanchez, Regent Rael and Regent Long. Motion passed.

President Fries thanked the Board of Regents for their approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and further stated that the bargaining process was exceptionally collaborative. President Fries expressed his appreciation to Dr. Kathy Jenkins and other members of the faculty bargaining team as well as the members of the administrative team for a very professional and productive process.

Chairman Aguilar congratulated all for their hard work and indicated that the agreement was going to work well for everyone concerned.

Regent Long thanked everyone for their hard work.


President's Report


President Fries reported:

- Enrollment in the second week of classes indicates that we are up by 3%.
- Parking on campus is not as confusing as expected.
- The Felix Martinez one-stop shop seems to have worked extremely well. The only concern is that the Cashier's office was not relocated which did create some inconvenience for some students, but we are looking into that.
- Follett Books presented materials on establishing a virtual Bookstore at our Rio Rancho Center. The university is planning on moving forward with a virtual bookstore. It allows an array of services that are currently not available such as the rental of textbooks.
- Media reports indicate that Governor Richardson has endorsed the concept of establishing advisory committees as part of the process for vetting future nominees to Board of Regents at the research universities.

Adjournment

Regent Sanchez moved to adjourn. Regent Rael seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.


Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez
NMHU Board of Regents


Secretary/Treasurer Gregory A. Rael
NMHU Board of Regents