

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Meeting
President's Conference Room
NMHU Main Campus
Las Vegas, NM 87701
February 13, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Executive Session – Threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privilege in which the University may become a participant. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H) (7)
5. Scope of Work Change for the NMDOT Cooperative Agreement FY12 – Action Item
6. Student Center Construction – Action Item
7. President's Report
8. Adjournment

**New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
February 13, 2012**

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on February 13, 2012 in the President's Conference Room in the Rodger's Administration Building on the New Mexico Highlands University main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez, Mr. Jesus L. López, Mr. Frank Marchi, and Ms. Caitlin Syner. Ms. Nancy R. Long participated in the meeting via conference call.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. James Fries, President; Ms. Rachel King, NMHU Legal Counsel, Ms. Mariposa Padilla-Sivage, NMHU Legal Counsel; and Mr. Stevan Looney, NMHU Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Ms. Marisol Greene, Facilities Director; Mr. Max Baca, ITS Director; Mr. Michael Saavedra, Purchasing Department Senior Buyer; Mr. Sean Weaver, University Relations Director, and Ms. Carolina Martínez, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Meeting Agenda for February 13, 2012

Regent Marchi moved to approve the February 13, 2012 agenda. Regent Syner seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regents Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privilege in which the University may become a participant. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, 10-15-1 (H)(7). Regent López moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the item listed. Regent Marchi seconded. A roll call was taken and voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long; Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion carried and the Board went into executive session at 10:32 a.m.

Regent Long exited the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Regent López moved return to regular session. Regent Marchi seconded. Regent López stated for the record that only the item specified under executive session was 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 López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 12:32 p.m.

Regent Syner exited the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Scope of Work Change for the NMDOT Cooperative Agreement FY12

Regent López moved to approve the Scope of Work Change for the NMDOT Cooperative Agreement for FY12. Regent Marchi seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent López, and Regents Marchi. Motion passed.

Student Center Construction – Action Item

President Fries recommended that the Board not take action on the Student Center Construction at this time. No action was taken.

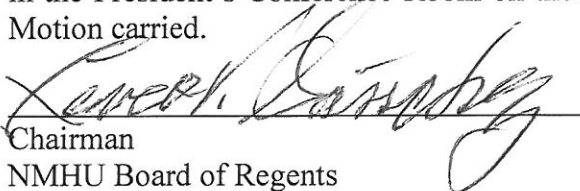
President's Report

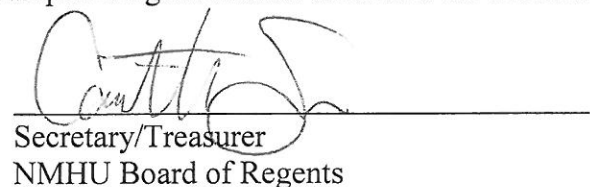
President Fries informed the Board of the following:

- The legislative session ends on Thursday, February 16, 2012. It is likely there will be increased funding for higher education. Nursing Programs throughout New Mexico are to receive \$1 million, which will be under the control of the Higher Education Department to allocate. There was an increase to the \$1 million of \$250,000. The NMHU Nursing Program is hopeful that its budget will not be reduced from \$172, 000 to \$10,000 in FY13.
- House Bill #2 has moved to the Senate with various amendments.
- The increased funding request for the Forest and Watershed Institute does not look promising.
- The funding allocation for the Ben Lujan Institute will be \$200,000.
- Trolley Building renovation funding of \$8 million has been included in the GO Bond.
- The New Mexico Finance Authority Credit Committee has approved the refinancing proposal of NMHU's 2008 Bonds. A second committee at the NMFA will be reviewing the proposal.

Adjournment

At 12:34 p.m. Regent López moved to continue the meeting on February 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room on the main campus. Regent Marchi seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents


Secretary/Treasurer
NMHU Board of Regents