

New Mexico Highlands University
Special Board of Regents Meeting
President's Conference Room
Rodgers Administration Building
NMHU Main Campus
Las Vegas, NM 87701
May 6, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for May 6, 2014
4. Approval of the Minutes of April 23, 2014
5. Trolley Renovation Project Floor Plans – Action Item
6. President's Report
7. Executive Session – (1) Limited personnel matters related to the hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment, resignation, of or investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual or public employee; (2) bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking body and the bargaining unit representing the employees; (3) threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privilege in which the University may become a participant; and (4) discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or public water rights. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(2)(5)(7)&(8).
8. Public Action as Necessary on Closed Session Discussions – Action Item
9. Adjournment

**New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
May 6, 2014**

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on May 6, 2014 in the President's Conference Room, Rodgers Administration Building on the New Mexico Highlands University main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez, Mr. Jesus L. López, Mr. Frank Marchi, and Mr. Michael Martinez

Board Members Absent: Ms. Nancy R. Long

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. James Fries, President; Mr. Max Baca, Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration; Dr. Teresita Aguilar, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Fidel Trujillo, Dean of Students.

Others Present: Mr. Joseph Dominguez, ASNMHU President; Ms. Carolina Martínez, Executive Administrative Assistant; and numerous other individuals in the audience including faculty and staff.

Approval of the May 6, 2014 meeting Agenda

President Fries recommended adding a Public Comment item between numbers 5 & 6 on the agenda. Regent López moved to amend the May 6, 2014 agenda as recommended by President Fries. Regent Marchi seconded. Voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

Regent López moved to approve the May 6, 2014 agenda as amended. Regent Marchi seconded. Voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from April 23, 2014

Regent López moved to approve the minutes from April 23, 2014 as presented. Regent Martinez seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

Trolley Renovation Project Floor Plans – Action Item

Mr. Mark Baker and Mr. Tomas Sanchez of Baker A+e provided a PowerPoint presentation (**Attachment A**) which included an overview of the proposed Trolley Building floor plans.

Regents present indicated they were satisfied with the proposed renovation plans for the Trolley Building. They thanked the Baker firm for accommodating the Regent's requests to be involved in the Trolley renovation plans.

Regent López moved to approve the Trolley Building renovation plans as presented. Regent Martinez seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No one came forward to address the Board.

President's Report

President Fries reported the following:

- Mr. Joseph Dominguez, ASNMHU President, was inducted during the ASNMHU Gala held on April 30th. Mr. Hector Balderas, New Mexico State Auditor and NMHU alum, was the keynote speaker at the event.
- The Historical Preservation Society held its' yearly convention on the NMHU campus. Regent Jesus López was impressive and engaging as the convention's opening speaker.
- Dr. Edward Martinez, ARMAS Director and Natural Sciences faculty, was named the USDA-US Department of Agriculture E. Kiki de la Garza Fellow. He will be participating in the program this summer.
- Three Athletic Director candidates will be interviewed on campus this week. President Fries thanked Dr. Trujillo for chairing the AD Search Committee.
- Carlotta Lockmiller, NMHU Foundation Board member, was on campus last week. She met with him, Dr. Aguilar, and Dr. Trujillo regarding the Foundation Board getting more involved with the university to raise money to expand Native American recruitment and counseling and to raise cultural awareness.
- The Higher Learning Commission has scheduled a site visit on September 28-29, 2015.
- NMHU Commencement Ceremonies:
 - The Registrar's Office identified 822 eligible graduates
 - The NMHU-Rio Rancho Commencement is scheduled for May 8, 2014. Ms. Monica Armenta, former KOB-TV anchor and Executive Director of the Communications Department at Albuquerque Public Schools will be the keynote speaker. Approximately 200 degrees will be awarded during the NMHU-RR Commencement ceremony.
 - 64 students from NMHU-Farmington will receive degrees in a joint commencement ceremony with San Juan College. UNM has 41 students graduating from UNM-SJC.
 - The main campus commencement is scheduled for May 10th at 2pm. Dr. Sylvester Perez will be the keynote. He is the Superintendent of San Antonio Public Schools, NMHU alum, NMHU Distinguished Alum, and is an H-Club inductee.
- He, Dr. Aguilar, and Mr. Baca met with Mr. Vincent Garcia, NMHU-Raton Center Director and various NMHU-Raton Center key stakeholders to discuss options to increase student enrollment at the center. A financial snapshot was provided (**Attachment A**).

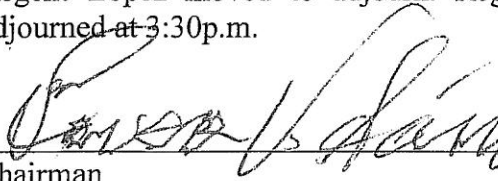
- The search process for new men's and women's head basketball coaches is underway.
- The Las Vegas Optic and Albuquerque Journal printed articles on the discontinuation of the NMHU Rodeo program.
- During this Board meeting a petition was received urging that the NMHU Childcare Center remain open. President Fries disseminated the petition to the Board (**Attachment B**). A discussion regarding the financial liability the daycare poses on the university was held.
- Legacy Day was held on April 26th in which Chairman Leveo Sanchez and his mother Victoria D. de Sanchez were recognized for their multiple contributions to this university, community, the country, and internationally. The film created by Mr. Tom McDonald and Ms. Arianna Andreatta, Media Arts Department student, was outstanding. The film highlighted what a phenomenal role model Mr. Sanchez is. The video should be seen by all students in small rural schools to show that someone who grows up in a rural community does not have limitations; they can be successful through the achievement of an education.

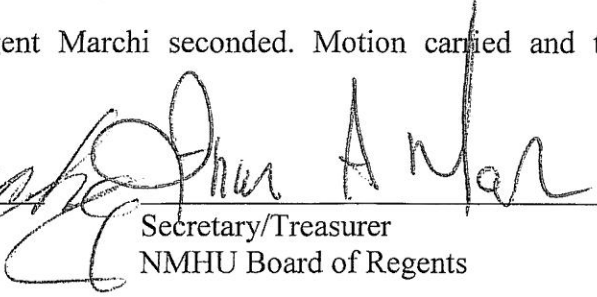
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Regent López moved to come out of executive session into open session. Regent Marchi seconded. Regent López stated for the record that only those items specified under the executive session item were discussed and no action was taken. Regents present 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 Martinez. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 3:29 p.m.

Adjournment

Regent López moved to adjourn. Regent Marchi seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.


Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents


Secretary/Treasurer
NMHU Board of Regents