

New Mexico Highlands University
Special Board of Regents Meeting
Student Union Building Governance Room
800 National Avenue, NMHU Main Campus
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701
August 22, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Leveo Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for August 22, 2017 – Action Item
4. Higher Learning Commission Update – Dr. Brandon Kempner
5. Football Field Renovation Update – Dr. Sam Minner
6. Executive Session – bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(5)
7. FY18 CBA Faculty Compensation – Action Item
8. CBA Article 14.4.3 Sabbatical Language Addition – Action Item
9. Adjournment

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Board of Regents Meeting
August 22, 2017**

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on August 22, 2017, in the Student Union Building Governance Room, 800 National Avenue on the New Mexico Highlands University main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Frank Marchi, Ms. LouElla Marr-Montoya, Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez, and Mr. John Ramon Vigil. Ms. Sandra Turner participated in the meeting via conference call.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Sam Minner, President; Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Edward Martinez, Interim Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management; Mr. Max Baca, Vice President for Finance & Administration; Ms. Theresa Law, JD/CFRE, Vice President for Advancement; and Dr. Kimberly Blea, Int. Dean of Students

Others Present: Dr. Brandon Kempner, Director of the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation; Dr. Ian Williamson, Faculty Senate Chair; Mr. Laird Thornton, Staff Advisory Senate President; Ms. Natasha Lujan, ASNMHU President; Ms. Carolina Martínez, Executive Administrative Assistant; and numerous individuals in the audience, including faculty, staff, students, and community members. The meeting was aired via Zoom and broadcast over the KEDP Radio Station.

Approval of the August 22, 2017 Meeting Agenda

Regent Vigil moved to approve the August 22, 2017 Board meeting agenda. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, Regent Vigil, and Chairman Sanchez.

Higher Learning Commission Update – Dr. Brandon Kempner

Dr. Kempner reported the following:

- Dr. Douglas Davenport, HU's HLC Consultant was on campus on July 31, 2017. He reviewed our Assurance Argument and made recommendations on how to prepare the campus for the HLC visit scheduled for November 6-8, 2017. Dr. Davenport is an HLC Peer Reviewer
- Dr. Anthea Sweeney, HLC Liaison was on campus during Faculty-Staff Development Week on August 12, 2017. She gave a presentation during a campus forum. Dr. Sweeney provided information regarding HLC visit, what being on probation means and the next steps following the November visit. Approximately 7-8 months after the November visit we will have to go back to the Institutional Actions Committee in Chicago. Then a decision on our probationary status will be made by the HLC Board in June
- We are wrapping up the Assurance Argument which is due to the HLC on September 11, 2017. It has been completely written and is posted online. There is an online form on the

link so people can submit comments. A global email regarding the comments form will be sent out to the campus community next week

- As part of our accreditation review process, we have to submit a Federal Compliance document. Dr. Carol Linder, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs has taken the lead on that project
- Dr. Kempner will provide a full final draft by September 1, 2017
- A Special Board of Regents meeting will be held on September 6, 2017 to review the full Assurance Argument
- Dr. Kempner requested a copy of the of the New Regents Training agenda hosted by the Governor's Office
- Dr. Kempner has already posted the Board of Regents AGB Training Agenda on HU's HLC webpage
- A Community Forum will be held on September 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Sean Weaver, Director of University Relations, will pushout that forum information
- The HLC Visit is scheduled for November 6-8, 2017
- It is likely one reviewer will be visiting the Albuquerque (morning) and Rio Rancho (afternoon) campuses on November 3, 2017
- We will be requesting a special one-hour board meeting where the Board members can meet with the HLC visiting team regarding the university's accreditation
- A Community Breakfast meeting with the HLC team will be scheduled during the visit
- A student survey will be open to students on September 5, 2017 information will go directly to the HLC visiting team

Football Field Renovation Update – Dr. Sam Minner

President Minner reported the following:

- On May 31, 2017, the Board of Regents approved, in a unanimous vote, a contract with a vendor to replace the turf on the football field
- June 9, 2017, the agreement was signed. At the time the administration knew that we would not be able to play some of our games on the field. Mr. Bob Clifford, Athletic Director, contacted Administration from West Las Vegas Schools who agreed to work with us for the use of their facilities
- July 10, 2017, removal of the turf began, the football team began practicing at WLV
- July 19, 2017, the university was informed that there would be additional dirt work, sand removal, and drainage repair at which point the university met with another company to do the dirt removal
- August 9, 2017, he, Mr. Baca, and Mrs. Baca presented the renovation project at a New Mexico Higher Education Department Hearing
- The weather has prevented the project from moving forward and on time
- Our football team will hold their games at WLV and our soccer team will hold their games in Taos who has the only FIFA approved soccer field

Mr. Adam Bustos provided information on the project bidding process.

Ms. Baca provided some site photos and provided information on obstacles encountered since the renovation began.

Executive Session – bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(5). Regent Vigil moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the items listed. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. A roll call was taken; voting in favor were: Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, Regent Vigil, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 3:06 p.m.

Regent Vigil moved to return to open session. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. Regent Vigil stated for the record that only the item specified under the executive session was discussed and no action was taken by the Board. Regents present confirmed. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of returning to open session were: Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, Regent Vigil, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously and the Board returned to open session at 4:05 p.m.

FY18 CBA Faculty Compensation – Action Item

Mr. Baca stated that administration is recommending, based upon ratification by both parties for the FY17-18 academic year that all members in the faculty collective bargaining unit shall receive a 1% increase to their base salary.

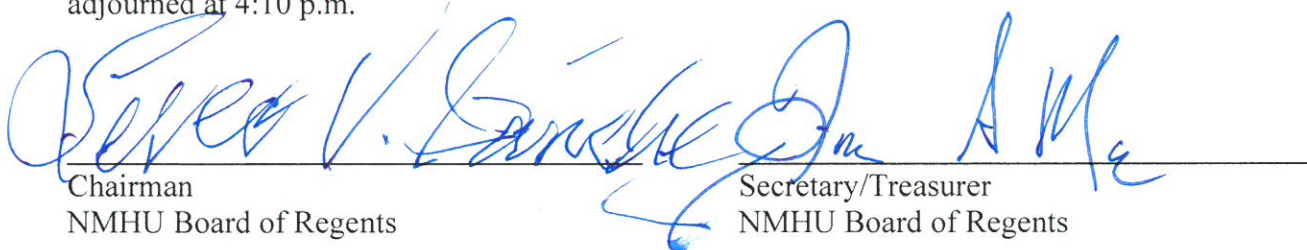
Regent Vigil moved to approve a FY18 CBA Faculty Compensation (**Attachment A**). Regent Marchi seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, Regent Vigil, and Chairman Sanchez.

CBA Article 14.4.3 Sabbatical Language Addition – Action Item

Regent Marr-Montoya moved to approve the CBA Article 14.4.3 Sabbatical Language Addition as presented (**Attachment B**). Regent Marchi seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, Regent Vigil, and Chairman Sanchez.

Adjournment

Regent Vigil moved to adjourn. Regent Turner seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter V. Sanchez". The signature is written over a horizontal line that spans the width of the page. Below the line, the text "Chairman NMHU Board of Regents" is printed on the left, and "Secretary/Treasurer NMHU Board of Regents" is printed on the right.

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