

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 3, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. SUB Ballroom A

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee members present: Regent Carolyn Abeita (President), Regent Emily “Cate” Wisdom; Regent Jack Fortner (via conference phone), Faculty Senate President Doug Fields; Staff Council President Elisha Allen; Deans’ Representative Finnie Coleman

Regents’ Advisors present: UNM Parent Association President Maria Probasco, ASUNM President Monika Roberts, GPSA Council Chair Danny Hernandez

Other Participants: Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Suzanne Ortega, Vice President for Student Affairs Eliseo “Cheo” Torres, Vice President for Research and Economic Development Julia Fulghum

I. Call to Order

Regent Abeita called the meeting to order at 9.05 a.m.

II Faculty Presentation

Dinesh Loomba, Associate Professor, Physics Astronomy Department

Professor Loomba gave a presentation regarding Observational and Experimental Cosmology.

Full audio presentation available by request

Regent Abeita thanked Professor Loomba for his presentation and mentioned that his presentation showcases and highlights the research aspect of the University. Furthermore research is an important component to the mission of the University and it is often overlooked and needs to be recognized.

II. Approval of Summarized Minutes from the previous meeting

(October 28, 2009)

Motion for approval was made by Regent Wisdom, seconded by Deans’ Representative Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports/Comments

A. Provost’s Administrative Report

Suzanne Ortega, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Provost Ortega thanked Professor Loomba for his presentation that connected research and instruction. Provost Ortega informed the committee that her report would highlight some of the energy and vitality that can be found across campus. These highlights include:

- The annual Kickoff Brunch for African American History Month, sponsored by the Africana Studies Department, featured Anna Deavere Smith, a McArthur Genius Grant recipient, as the keynote speaker.
- Man Ray Photography Exhibit opened this semester at the UNM Art Museum.
- The newly remodeled Mitchell Hall was officially opened.

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Provost Ortega informed the committee that regarding advising, searches are underway or completed for 7 new advisors. Additionally, in early March the newly renovated advising space in the Student Services building will be open after renovations. The new space will allow advising to co-locate its services which will make the advising process easier and more accessible for students.

Provost Ortega informed the committee that there has been a 6.5% enrollment increase for the Fall 2009. The Spring enrollment increase looks like it will be 8%. The University, with the help of the Regents', has secured the funds to help provide the additional support needed to meet the enrollment growth. Provost Ortega thanked the faculty who have expanded the enrollment caps in their classrooms to meet the demands of enrollment growth.

Provost Ortega informed the committee that through the end of 2009, 39 ARRA research awards were secured which totaled 16 million dollars. Additionally, during the first half of 2009, 108.8 million dollars of extramural funding was secured by the University's extraordinary faculty.

Provost Ortega informed that committee that Brian Sanderoff, who has been commissioned by the University to conduct a survey on shared governance, is in the process of getting feedback from all constituents. The strategy for the survey is, where possible, to follow accepted national definitions of shared governance and employ standardized instruments. Within the next three weeks the shared governance survey will be in the field and will stay in the field for two weeks. Mr. Sanderoff will convene a series of focus groups later this semester in order to have more pointed discussions regarding the specific actions that can be taken that will make a demonstrable impact on campus climate.

Provost Ortega informed the committee that there is a requirement in the faculty handbook that the University provide semester by semester reports of the many contributions that faculty members make to the University and students. There is a standard expectation that all faculty will meet 12 unit-load working responsibility, which includes instruction and administration. Ninety two percent of the University's faculty meet or exceed the unit-load responsibility. Additionally, the University is required to report on instructional workload. The faculty handbook asks that each faculty member teach 9 adjusted-hour workload. The University is working hard to develop a system to automatically create adjusted workloads, but it is not in place yet. Therefore the following report deals with classroom contact-hours. Currently 73% of faculty teach from 6 to 12 contact hours. Forty six percent of faculty teach 6 to 8 contact hours. Approximately 15% of faculty do not teach any classes but this number includes full-time administrators, faculty on leave or faculty who have negotiated a 1 semester teaching release. A final report will be available within the next 6 weeks.

Regent Abeita asked Provost Ortega to explain how the 12 unit load ties in

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with the adjusted workload hours. Additionally, Regent Abeita stated that adjusted workload seems difficult to quantify.

Provost Ortega stated that there is some overlap between unit-load and instruction load. Furthermore, Provost Ortega stated there is a formula that specifies how workload is adjusted and an approved policy that establishes the parameters for weighting the teaching load but the University has not built in a system for applying that weighting factor.

Regent Abeita asked how the faculty workload is measured when a faculty member is up for tenure.

Provost Ortega stated that in the workload policy there is not a number attached within the weighted system to community activities but there is a notion that extraordinary service such as community projects, should be factored into the total unit-load. There is currently not the same formula that drives teaching load that applies to residual expectations but it is recognized in University policies and in tenure and promotion documents. Tenure and promotion standards begin in academic units, are approved at college levels and are not approved at the Provost level.

GPSA Council Chair Hernandez asked who would be part of the focus groups as it regards to the shared governance survey effort.

Provost Ortega replied that the focus groups have not been decided upon and formalized.

B. Advisors Report

ASUNM

Monika Roberts, President, ASUNM

ASUNM President Roberts informed the committee that 15 undergraduate students lobbied the legislature during UNM Day at the state capitol. The students lobbied on behalf of 3 initiatives; Killing the Tuition Credit, Keeping Funding BA/MD Programs and GO Bonds for a new Chemistry and Biology building.

Some upcoming ASUNM events include:

- The ASUNM Outreach and Appointments committee will be holding a meet and greet on Feb 25th. This will provide an opportunity for Senators and Student Organizations to meet.
- The Student Fee review boards will be holding deliberations for 3 days in George Pearl Hall

GPSA

Danny Hernandez, GPSA Council Chair

GPSA Hernandez informed the committee that the GPSA has a paid lobby team in Santa Fe. One of the issues that the GPSA lobby team is pushing for is the passage of the Domestic Partnership Bill. At the last GPSA Council Meeting a Domestic Partnership Resolution was passed. An LGBTQ Resource Center resolution was passed which will give the go-ahead to GPSA's SFRB members to vote in favor of supporting the creation of an LGBTQ Resource Center. Other

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GPSA highlights include:

- The GRD Grants committee will be presenting at the Roundhouse to maintain or increase funding.
- GPSA members voted no-confidence in Athletics in favor of Academics.
 - 86% of those who voted with an opinion, voted that the SFRB should call for transparency of UNM Athletics and recommended that funding should be reallocated to UNM Academic programs that are consistent with the University's mission.

Regent Abeita stated that the Regents' are listening to the concerns of graduate students and the graduate students are a very important part of the University.

Parent Association

Maria Probasco, Parent Association President

Parent Association President Probasco informed the committee that under the leadership of Associate Vice President Miller, the Parent Association has retained some of its volunteers. Other highlights of Parent Association activities include;

- The By-Laws Committee continues to meet in their efforts to finalize aligning the Parent Association By-Laws with the Strategic Planning Initiatives. The goal is to have this document finalized before the new board takes over in the spring.
- The Parent Association is in the planning phase of their 2nd Annual Parent Day at the Pit and Silent Auction event scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2009. Parents are busy meeting and organizing the event and also gathering fabulous items for the silent auction. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to the Parent Association's Scholarship Program.
- The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on March 4th. At this meeting the 2nd Board Election will be held.

Regent Abeita thanked the Parent Association for their efforts and contributions to the University.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of Revisions to UNM Admission Standards

Terry Babbitt, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management

Full Slide-Presentation available in the February 3rd, Board of Regents'

Academic/Student Affairs and Research Committee agenda book, available upon request

Associate Vice President Babbitt informed the committee that he is pleased to be representing a multi-year body of work which included dozens of collaborators both within and outside the University community. Collaborators include student groups, university leadership, Faculty Senate, New Mexico School Districts, and community groups, to mention but a few. Different proposals have been vetted while trying to help students prepare more while not encroaching on one of the University's core value of access. Additionally a compendium of discussion participants and actions from stakeholders regarding the proposal include:

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- Tribal leadership
- All Indian Pueblo Council (endorsed proposal Sept. 25, 2008)
- Select rural schools and officials
- Community organizations
- Hispanic Round Table Education Committee and full Round Table
- Albuquerque Partnership
- Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
- State Legislature
 - Legislative Education Study Committee

Associate Vice President Babbitt informed the committee that some of the issues this proposal attempts to address are retention and graduation issues which are affected by the core curriculum that students take in High School. Research shows that test-scores have many deficiencies and therefore this proposal focuses on high school achievement. Additionally, recent legislation passed in New Mexico has increased the requirements for graduation from high school. Feedback from the Public Education Department indicates that an increase in the number of college preparatory units required by UNM complements this change in state law. UNM solicited public feedback through statewide advertising campaigns and a dedicated website where details of the proposal, written community comment, and responses were published. The comment period was advertised as being open for 48 days but is really open continuously. The written community feedback results indicate a nearly 60% supportive position compared to 9% who opposed the proposed modifications. The implementation would be gradual rather than sudden beginning with the graduates of 2011. Within the last 2 months the University of Maryland and the Pennsylvania State University system has instituted similar admissions requirements changes.

Regent Abeita stated that according to the presentation the earliest implementation date would be Fall 2011 and therefore high school juniors would not be able to pick up the extra required course.

Associate Vice President Babbitt responded that the communication plan would start to juniors as soon as the proposal is approved. Ninety percent of juniors currently have the additional required social science credit. Additionally the proposal calls for additional admission opportunities for students that might otherwise be would excluded.

Regent Abeita thanked Associate Vice President Babbitt for communicating this proposal to the rural schools that might face challenging budget issues.

Additionally, Regent Abeita stated that if the bar is set higher as it regards standards, then students will achieve higher and be better prepared for college. Regent Abeita also stated that she is pleased that within the proposal there exists alternative methods of admissions into the University.

Parent Association President Probasco stated that she is pleased that the University is raising admission standards but is concerned about the de-emphasis on standardized testing.

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Associate Vice President Babbitt stated that test scores are still an important component of the formula for admission.

GPSA President Hernandez stated that physical education and health education should be considered in the proposal. Additionally, GPSA President Hernandez expressed his concern that the University might lose many minority New Mexican students.

Associate Vice President Babbitt stated that there is not an exact equal impact on minority groups. Students that the University might potentially lose due to the proposal, would be offset by increases in recruitment. Regarding physical education requirements, students' physical activities are considered in the admissions formula.

Deans' Representative Coleman thanked Associate Vice President Babbitt for his effort at communicating his plan to all constituents. Deans' Representative Coleman called for an equally robust graduation rate increase plan. Additionally Deans' Representative Coleman stated that he would like to see the 4 year and 10 year graduation rate broken down by race.

Motion for approval was made by Staff Council President Allen, seconded by Regent Wisdom. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Revision of Policy C70-Confidentiality of Faculty records

Doug Fields, President, Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate President Fields informed the committee that policy C70 is one of the policies that the Regents were looking at in regards to open records issues. The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, and the Policy Committee together with the help of University Counsel have reworked this policy to fall into line with state and federal statutes.

Motion for approval was made by Deans' Representative Coleman, seconded by Regent Wisdom. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the University of New Mexico & the Maxwell Museum Association

K. Lee Peifer, Interim University Counsel

Amy Hathaway, Unit Administrator, Maxwell Museum

Interim University Counsel Peifer informed the committee that in recommendation 6 of Internal Audit Report 2008-13 (May 30,2008), the Director of the Maxwell Museum was asked to work with the University Counsel on an agreement between the University and the MMA that fully complies with the requirements of the State of New Mexico statute pertaining to the University's affiliated organizations, NMSA 1978, § 6-5A-1. Citing to the statute, the Regents' Policy on University Affiliated Organizations, Policy 7.17, also requires the University to enter into a written agreement with each of its affiliated organizations "specifying the organization's purposes and relationship with the University."

Motion for approval was made by Regent Wisdom, seconded by Faculty Senate President Fields. Motion passed unanimously.

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D. Approval of ASUNM Constitutional Amendment Fall 2009 Election

Monika Roberts, President, ASUNM

ASUNM President Roberts informed the committee that Amendment 1 would allow the ASUNM President to reappoint students to the position of Associate Justice on the ASUNM Student Court even if they have already served as Associate Justices in prior years.

Faculty Senate President Fields stated that he is concerned about the lack of participation in ASUNM as it pertains to a true representation of the student body. ASUNM President Roberts informed the committee that every effort is being made to garner more student participation.

Provost Ortega stated that lack of participation in general is not exclusive to the student population.

Deans' Representative Coleman stated that different methods should be tried that allow for greater participation of non-traditional students as well.

Motion for approval was made by Regent Wisdom, seconded by Faculty Senate President Fields. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of UNM Taos Operating Agreement

Richard Holder, Deputy Provost

Dennis Cruz, Campus Resource Director, UNM Taos

Deputy Provost Holder informed the committee that this agreement between the Board of Regents and the UNM Taos Local Board is founded on the recognition of the need and opportunity for the parties to partner together to provide quality educational services through a cooperative, coordinated effort. Additionally the Executive Directors report directly to the President but he has re-delegated many of the responsibilities of working with the Branches to the Provost.

Faculty Senate President Fields stated that he is concerned because it creates more direct reports to the President and that it will take power away from the Provost.

Provost Ortega stated that previously Vice President Ngliazzo was in charge of the Branch Campuses but since his retirement a layer of administration in between the Branches Campuses and the Provost Office has been removed.

Regent Abeita stated that the Provost will still be responsible for all academic matters related to the Branch Campuses.

Motion for approval was made by Regent Wisdom, seconded by Deans' Representative Coleman. Motion passed with one abstention.

F. Approval of UNM Gallup Operating Agreement

Richard Holder, Deputy Provost

Sylvia Rodriguez Andrew, Executive Director, UNM Gallup

Deputy Provost Holder informed the committee that this agreement between the Board of Regents and the UNM Gallup Advisory Board is founded on the recognition of the need and opportunity for the parties to partner together to provide quality educational services through a cooperative, coordinated effort.

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Furthermore, the fundamental principles of each Branch Campus agreement remain the same.

Motion for approval was made by Regent Wisdom, seconded by Deans' Representative Coleman. Motion passed with one abstention.

G. Approval of UNM Valencia Operating Agreement

Richard Holder, Deputy Provost

Alice Letteney, Executive Director, UNM Valencia

Deputy Provost Holder informed the committee that this agreement between the Board of Regents and the UNM Valencia Local Board is founded on the recognition of the need and opportunity for the parties to partner together to provide quality educational services through a cooperative, coordinated effort. Furthermore this agreement is also fundamentally the same as the other agreements between the Branch Campuses and the University.

Motion for approval was made by Regent Wisdom, seconded by Deans' Representative Coleman. Motion passed with one abstention.

V. Information Items

A. University Branding Campaign Update

Cinnamon Blair, Director, Communications & Marketing

The multi-media presentation is available upon request

Director Blair informed the committee that the Marketing/Strategic Branding Taskforce has been working for over two years both within and outside the University community. The Marketing/Strategic Branding Taskforce created surveys, hosted focus groups, college advisors (both out of state and in-state), conducting ethnographic research, and interviewed students, among other things, in order to gain information about how the University is perceived. Director Blair demonstrated web and multi-media functioning available on the Communications and Marketing Website that focus on the Branding Campaign.

Regent Abeita thanked Director Blair and the Communications and Marketing/Strategic Branding Taskforce for their efforts.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VII. Adjournment

**Motion for approval was made by Regent Wisdom, seconded by Deans' Representative Coleman. Motion passed with one abstention.
Regent Wisdom adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.**