

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
BOARD OF REGENTS
Academic/Student Affairs and Research Committee
Thursday, January 29, 2009

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee members present: Regent Carolyn Abeita (Chair, filling in for Regent Sanchez), Regent Dahlia Dorman; Faculty Senate President Howard Snell; Staff Council President Loyola Chastain; Deans' Representative Finnie Coleman

Regents' Advisors present: GPSA President Christopher Ramirez; ASUNM President Ashley Fate, UNM Parents' Association President Maria Probasco

Other Participants: President David Schmidly, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Suzanne Ortega, Vice President for Student Affairs Eliseo "Cheo" Torres, Interim Vice President for Research and Development Julia Fulghum

I. Call to Order

Regent Abeita called the meeting to order at 9.03 a.m.

II. Approval of Summarized Minutes from the previous meeting

(October 21, 2008)

Regent Abeita noted that the time of the call to order needs to be corrected.

Minutes approved subject to call to order time correction. Motion for approval was made by Regent Dorman, seconded by Faculty Senate President Snell.

Motion passed unanimously

**The minutes were approved after the Provost's Administrative Report*

III. Reports/Comments

A. Provost's Administrative Report

Suzanne Ortega, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Provost Ortega recognized and thanked outgoing Dean of the College of Fine Arts, Christopher Mead for his service and dedication to the College of Fine Arts and the University as a whole. Provost Ortega also recognized and thanked Jim Linnell for accepting the position of Acting Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

Provost Ortega informed the committee that the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Site Visit is scheduled for April 6-8, 2009 and will be conducted by a 15-member team, representing a cross-section of public universities throughout the Midwest and southwest. The team will be interviewing key individuals and groups from across the entire university. Deans, directors, department chairs, managers, etc., should try to be available during those dates if possible. The University will be assembling a "resource room" consisting of all the material that the University anticipates might be requested by the Site Team. Electronic links will be provided for anything that is accessible on-line, but units may also be asked to provide hard copy in some cases. More information can be obtained from Nancy Middlebrook, UNM Director of Accreditation or UNM's accreditation website.

Provost Ortega informed the committee that there was a signing of an MOU by the

Division of Equity and Inclusion with the College of Arts & Sciences and UNM Rio Rancho Campus to formalize a partnership to bring a talented Native American faculty member in American Studies to UNM. Dr. Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert comes from the University of Illinois and will teach at the UNM Rio Rancho Campus as well as on main campus.

Provost Ortega informed the committee that the Division of Student Affairs has been actively working with Linda McCormick, Research Conservation Manager, in several recycling projects which will impact the residence halls, the SUB and many buildings throughout campus.

B. Advisors Report
ASUNM

Ashley Fate, ASUNM President

President Fate informed the committee that the ASUNM Legislative Branch passed Constitutional Amendment 1, which alters the ASUNM Constitution such that in order to be eligible to run for the office of ASUNM President or ASUNM Vice President, an undergraduate student must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. The amendment was approved in the ASUNM November election with 753 votes cast in favor, and 95 votes cast opposing the legislation. Thus 76% of the votes cast were in favor of the amendment.

President Fate informed the committee that during the Fall 2008 semester, the ASUNM Executive Branch's ASUNM Student Service Agencies were very successful in engaging students across campus. *The full report is available in the January 29, 2008 Board of Regents' Academic Student Affairs & Research committee book.*

President Fate informed the committee that the Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) conducted departmental hearings on January 15 -16, 2009. Overall, 22 departments requested funding for this year's process. Additionally, the board will host Town hall meetings in the Student Union Atrium on Monday, January 26, 2009 from 11 am – 1 pm and Thursday, January 29, 2009 from 4pm – 6pm. President Fate hopes that students who have been affected by the various departments will come and talk about their experiences with the board. Deliberations will be on January 31, 2009. ASUNM will submit recommendations to the President during the first week of February.

GPSA

Christopher Ramirez, GPSA President

President Ramirez informed the committee that graduate students are particularly concerned about funding for education, conference travel and research.

President Ramirez thanked the Provost Office for their assistance in the request for transferring funds which is an agenda item at this meeting.

President Ramirez informed the committee that GPSA subcommittees have been active in attempting to address many student life issues on campus including but not limited to;

childcare, student health and funding for assistance-ships.

President Ramirez informed the committee that the collaboration between GPSA and ASUNM has been very productive and has kept the focus on students as the University's top priority.

President Ramirez informed the committee that GPSA is concerned about recommendations from the Legislative Finance Committee regarding the University's Special Programs. Furthermore many of these programs specifically serve students of color. GPSA Ramirez hopes that the University is on-board when the issue goes before the State Legislature and in finding alternate funding to support the University's Special Projects.

President Schmidly commented that the University is very concerned with the situation with its special projects. The University was asked to prioritize and prioritized at the very top those special projects that related to student success particularly to the University's students of color. Furthermore, the University has been trying to understand how these recommended cuts were made. The University believes that these recommendations involved a conversation between the Cabinet Secretary and the Director of the LFC. The University is going back to communicate the great importance that these programs have for its students.

Regent Abeita commented that when these programs are tied to soft money they are very vulnerable especially during a time of budget cuts. Furthermore Regent Abeita stated that these programs are long-standing and have a positive impact on the University and student success therefore to lose them would be devastating. Losing these programs would send the wrong message to the University community. Regent Abeita asked that the University Administration look at ways to fund these programs as regular programs so that they are stabilized. Regent Abeita noted that the New Mexico State Legislature look at these programs and their one line description and they do not fully get a complete picture of the impact of these programs to students and the University as a whole.

Parents Association

Maria Probasco, Parents Association President

President Probasco informed the committee that the Parent Association Board of Directors held its third and final meeting of the calendar year on Nov. 13 at University House. Highlights included:

- The Recruitment and Membership Committee presented plans for an ongoing educational workshop series for parents, approved to begin in January a series of workshops were scheduled through out and the first one for financial aid and scholarships in which 40 households were represented, will be presenting another session on financial aid because of demand
- A strategic planning session for the full board is set for February to be led by Carolyn Thompson, President's Schmidly's chief strategist. Board plans will be

designed to complement the president's strategy and goals to further the university's mission

- Freshman summer send off committee working with the Enrollment Office has made preliminary plans which are to visit Gallup, Farmington, Santa Fe, Clovis, Las Cruces, Roswell and Colorado Springs; partnering with Alumni Association and with Athletic Department in this effort
- Scheduled to speak at the Legislature 2/12/09 during Parent Involvement day.
- Working on Parent Day at the Pit scheduled for 2/20/09

IV. Action Items

A. **Approval of ASUNM Constitutional Amendment 2008 Fall Election**

Ashley Fate, President, ASUNM

President Fate informed the committee that Amendment 1 would change the ASUNM Constitution such that in order to be eligible to run for the offices of ASUNM President and Vice President, an undergraduate student must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. The Amendment passed with a vote of 753 for and 95 against (76% passed).

Motion for approval was made by Regent Dorman, seconded by Faculty President Snell

Motion passed unanimously

B. **Approval of Biomedical Sciences Certificate Program**

Debra Helitzer, Associate Dean, Biomedical Sciences

Associate Dean Helitzer informed the committee that establishment of a formal science teacher training program will enhance the professional development of biomedical sciences graduate trainees by preparing them to teach in their disciplines in venues that range from community colleges to research universities and industry. The proposed Certificate Program in Science Teaching will address:

- Local and national shortages in discipline-specific training and professional development in the art of teaching and communicating that enhances competitiveness of trainees for jobs in New Mexico and nationally
- Need for well trained and motivated teaching assistants in both the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program (BSGP) and School of Medicine (SOM) undergraduate medical curricula
- Need for increased educational scholarship in the sciences, and 4. Development of local and state networks of faculty and student education scholars

Associate Dean Helitzer informed the committee that this proposal was approved in its preliminary form by the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Steering Committee and the Office of Graduate Studies. The Department of Biomedical Sciences is now asking that the Board of Regents approve this formal proposal and the other sections of Form D.

Regent Abeita stated there are a lot of talented students and faculty that serve as mentors and therefore to be able to offer a certificate is just one way of advancing that cause.

Faculty Senate President Snell informed the committee that the Faculty Senate had approved the Biomedical Sciences Certificate Program and the two programs to follow on the agenda, unanimously.

Motion for approval was made by Regent Dorman, seconded by Faculty Senate President Snell

Motion passed unanimously

C. Approval of Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Nikki Katalanos, Director, Physician Assistant Program

Director Katalanos informed the committee that a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies are needed for the following reasons:

- Address the critical need for primary health care providers in rural and/or underserved areas of New Mexico
- Consistent with the national trend for physician assistant programs
- Uniformly considered the terminal degree for a physician assistant
- Provides parity for the physician assistant in the job market
- Encourages academic advancement by graduates
- Increased the academic workforce in physician assistant education

Director Katalanos informed the committee that the Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies is supported and approved by the Executive Vice President and Dean of the School of Medicine, Paul Roth, MD, the Executive Dean of the School of Medicine, Jeffrey Griffith, PhD, the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, Ellen Crossgrove, MD, and the Chair of Family & Community Medicine, Arthur Kaufman, MD. Additionally, the School of Medicine Faculty, the School of Medicine Curriculum Committee, and the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences sub-committee have formally approved the proposal.

Regent Abeita commented about how this program is an example of how the University works as a community partner in this case in rural areas. This program is serving an important and crucial service to the community. Regent Abeita stressed that the University needs to support New Mexican students in these types of programs that make an impact that is so overwhelmingly positive.

Motion for approval was made by Faculty Senate President Howard Snell, seconded by Regent Dorman

Motion passed unanimously

D. Approval of Bachelors of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Film & Digital Media Arts

Jim Linnell, Acting Dean, College of Fine Arts

Acting Dean Linnell informed the committee that this program is a collaborative and interdisciplinary. The program is in response to the Governor's call for a media and film industry connected to education. The program focuses on Digital Media in a broad interdisciplinary context. The University is partnering with Image Works in their IPACS program. This program IFDM will have a new building at Mesa Del Sol where it will be

strategically situated to collaborate further with film & digital industry. It is important that we have a program that acknowledges the changes in society specifically when it regards Film & Digital Arts.

Regent Abeita stated that this program puts the University at the forefront of the film industry which is a great opportunity for New Mexico and creates economic development in the state. It also provides opportunities for native New Mexicans to have access to an industry that they normally would not have to. In that respect it is a very timely for this program to move forward.

Motion for approval was made by Faculty President Snell, seconded by Regent Dorman
Motion passed unanimously

E. Approval of transfer of distribution income from GPSA quasi endowment Specialized Travel Committee (STC) to GPSA quasi endowment Student Research Allocation Committee (SRAC)

Suzanne Ortega, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Provost Ortega informed the committee that the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) is requesting a transfer of \$10,641.95 from the GPSA Specialized Travel Committee (STC) to the GPSA Student Research Allocations Committee (SRAC). The SRAC grant funds graduate and professional student conference travel and research. The STC grant funds other travel not related to conferences including auditions, clinical, interviews and presentations. SRAC receives considerably more requests for funding, and in addition to the GPSA budgeted funds is off-set each year with funds from the GPSA surplus. The transfer would allow GPSA to meet the needs of graduate and professional students by moving necessary funds to SRAC while leaving enough remaining funds for STC. This would also leave enough surpluses for other future needs of GPSA.

The GPSA Council approved first the transfer of endowment spending balances and second the transfer of funds between the two GPSA research accounts at our December 2008 GPSA Council Meeting. Because the funds do originate from endowments established by the Provost's Office with student fees and state appropriations, the policy requires that any changes need to be approved by the Board of Regents.

President Snell stated that the transfer highlights the importance of research when it concerns graduate student retention and recruitment and garnering increased state funds by breaking out of the band. One of the most important things that the University needs to do is to increase graduate research funds available.

Regent Abeita stated that this is another opportunity for the University to look forward and look at ways of stabilizing some of these areas.

Motion for approval was made by Staff Council President Chastain, seconded by Regent Dorman

Motion passed unanimously

V. Information Items

A. Division of Equity & Inclusion Report

Josephine De Leon, Vice President, Equity & Inclusion

Vice President De Leon informed the committee that the work of the Division occurs as a University as a whole. The credit for the progress of the Division goes to the University partners such as the Ethnic Centers, the VP for Student Affairs and the Provost Office among others. The goals of the Diversity Plan are:

- Goal 1: Build success of undergraduate and graduate students
- Goal 2: Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented faculty and women
- Goal 3: Faculty Development
- Goal 4: Staff and Student Development
- Goal 5: Leadership and Management Development
- Goal 6: Promoting a Healthy Campus Climate
- Goal 7: Develop Marketing and Outreach
- Goal 8: Implementation and Continuous Quality Improvement

Vice President De Leon informed the committee that some strategies include:

- Focus on Student-Focused Activities
- Creating Inclusive Excellence
- Emphasize Faculty-Focused Activities
- Faculty Recruitment and Retention
- Activities to Address Campus Climate
- Communication and Outreach Activities
- Implementation and Accountability

Vice President De Leon informed the committee that future initiatives of the Division include:

- Inventory of diversity initiatives on campus
- Identification of American Indian, Hispanic and American Indian Alumni
- Re-envisioning Summer Bridge Program and other summer support programs
- Campus Climate Survey
- Explore minority faculty recruitment and retention funding possibilities
- Explore funding opportunities for Ethnic Programs

Vice President De Leon informed the committee that there are multiple activities across the University and therefore she has begun to inventory and assess these initiatives.

Regent Abeita about stated that she is very happy to see the numbers and individuals that Vice President De Leon has identified. Regent Abeita has stated that it is important to also focus efforts on diversifying Branch Campus instructors as well.

Regent Dorman thanked Vice President De Leon for her presentation. Regent Dorman asked that Vice President report on the next phase regarding specific actions that will be

taken. Regent Dorman requested that the results of the consultant be reported on to the Board of Regents' Academic/Student Affairs & Research Committee.

Vice President responded that a nomination of El Centro De La Raza was submitted for a national award. El Centro De La Raza also held an immigration symposium unlike any other in the country. The award would be for \$50,000 which they will get over a three year period.

President Ramirez also commented that awarding a position to Lloyd Lee is a great accomplishment. Dr. Lee was a graduate student who started PMGC and that is a great example of growing our own. President Ramirez also thanked Vice President De Leon for her availability and visibility on campus.

President Fate thanked Vice President De Leon for her presentation and expressed the desire for ASUNM to work more closely with the Division for Equity & Inclusion.

Regent Abeita commented that it was important to recognize the work of the Ethnic Centers. It is important to recognize and make their stories more visible because they emphasize the importance of these programs to the success of the University.

President Chastain thanked Vice President De Leon for her presentation. President Chastain asked what goals were being created for staff.

Vice President De Leon responded that she has focused on students and faculty for these first seven months but that she is anxious to meet with President Chastain to create and explore possible goals as it regards to diversifying staff.

B. Performance Metrics

Suzanne Ortega, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic

Provost Ortega informed the committee that this is update is an abbreviated report on performance metrics and that in the next months she will bring back an example of the progress that has been made. Provost Ortega informed the committee that the President, along with the Regents, set Performance Metrics as one of his goals in order to develop a set of performance measures that could be useful in grounding and evaluating the University's progress towards meeting important goals. Academic Affairs is working hard to think about the creation of Performance Metrics as a multi-stage process that; needs to be agreed upon; needs to create appropriate umbrella indicators that point to important underlying processes, develops a convenient set of snap shots at the university that are developed by much more multi layered indicators at the college level. In some ways we took on the easiest indicators first that (which) is the question of how do you measure progress on access and enrollment goals. This afternoon, after feedback from the deans, I will be taking a new revised version for their consideration and we believe we are close to finalizing this dimension of performance metrics.

Dr. Phil Ganderton has agreed to pull together a group of Associate Deans and others to begin a trickier conversation about how you measure improvements in the magnitude of the research enterprise and more importantly in its quality. We are making progress and I think the first meeting has already been called. Dr. Ganderton is tremendously agile with numbers and measurements and I really appreciate his leadership. So we will come back to you but we are definitely making progress.

C. Branch Campus & Rio Rancho Update

Marc Nigliazzo, Vice President, Rio Rancho & Branch Campus Academic Affairs

Vice President Nigliazzo informed the committee that he has broken his report into two reports; Branch Campus Report and Rio Rancho Report.

Vice President Nigliazzo informed the committee that in combination, the branch campuses provide the University of New Mexico with exceptional capability for strengthening access to higher education. They are, as well, a potential source of enrollment growth in upper division programs whether offered on site at the branches through Extended University or by encouraging more students to transfer to the Main Campus. Furthermore, each branch has shown a willingness to reaffirm the significance of its relationship with the University, and each Executive Director is working diligently and creatively to grow his or her own campus while more closely coordinating branch activity with the Main Campus. Examples are abundant but are perhaps no more clearly evident than in the specific plans developed by each branch campus to address the potential shortfall in state funding both this year and next.

Vice President Nigliazzo informed the committee that simultaneously, each campus has developed its own strategy for growth and the expansion of services within its defined region of the state. Those strategies are paying dividends, with each branch campus enjoying significant growth in Spring 2009 credit hour production as compared to Spring 2008: Gallup, +4.04%; Los Alamos, +5.43%; Taos, +23.14%; Valencia, +4.87%. *The full Branch Campus Report is available in the January 29, 2009 Board of Regents' Academic/Student Affairs & Research Committee Agenda book*

Vice President Nigliazzo informed the committee that the development of UNM-West on a new campus site at the Rio Rancho City Center is being driven in part by a vibrant and rapidly growing community, eager to assure the opportunity for higher education for all its citizens, knowing well that educational attainment is the best way to assure community prosperity. The community has backed its desire with local tax support for both UNM and CNM to exist in partnership. The integration of educational and community development promises to become a powerful catalyst to grow the Rio Rancho City Center, stimulating new partnerships and future development.

Vice President Nigliazzo informed the committee that the University of New Mexico, has been presented with an exceptional opportunity to broaden access to higher education while stimulating progress toward the baccalaureate and beyond. Using the base of instructional delivery established by Extended University in Rio Rancho in the late 1980's, the University may now build upon that base, providing a well-planned foundation for a new campus that may someday exceed 12,000 students. And it may do so in spite of difficult financial times because it projects the development of the new campus to be substantially self-supporting during its implementation, with the construction of its first building privately funded and to be eventually purchased with the support of a tax imposed by the citizens of Rio Rancho upon themselves. Furthermore, the new campus will not duplicate schools, colleges, or departments on the Main Campus, but will invite them to explore the potential for their own growth by offering courses and programs on the "west side." The new campus will, in addition, seek to provide incentive for departments to explore educational delivery at UNM-West,

securing ample time for the University community to determine the future character of this new instructional site. That character may eventually become multi-institutional, as the partnership with CNM is strengthened and new partnerships are sought with the UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center that will coexist on the new campus site, and with institutions such as New Mexico State University that may eventually choose to share space on the new campus.

Vice President Nigliazzo informed the committee that course and program growth have begun to accelerate, stimulating promising growth in enrollment. Funding sources have been identified and aligned that will assure adequate support for the opening and the preliminary operation of the Phase I building. However, the future of UNM-West will be ultimately determined by the willingness of the State Legislature to approve the new campus for formula and eventually capital funding. With that approval, UNM-West will not only address the needs of its rapidly growing “west side” constituency, but it will position itself over time to dramatically extend the University’s ability to address educational, social, cultural, and economic need throughout the region and the state.

Regent Abeita commented that she is pleased to hear the successes of the Branch Campuses along with the further development of the Rio Rancho campus.

President Snell asked whether with the enrollment growth might lead some of the Branch Campuses to break out of the enrollment band.

Vice President Nigliazzo responded that it is a real possibility and that there are many opportunities for partnerships at the Taos campus and perhaps the other campuses as well.

President Snell commented that there is considerable support and curiosity regarding the University’s possible acquisition of the College Of Santa Fe.

D. Scholarly Productivity & Research

Julia Fulghum, Vice President, Research & Economic Development

Vice President Fulghum informed the committee that she has continued to reorganize the office and the Units reporting to it. A few examples include:

- The hiring of a grants writer in collaboration with OGS whose priorities will be increasing the number of graduate fellowships that the University is applying for and receiving. The institution is currently underfunded in that respect
- Two staff members have been assigned to work with the College of Arts & Sciences, Education and Fine Arts to help faculty identify funding opportunities, prepare proposals and interface with Sponsored Project office
- Receiving advice from Executive Research Advising Committee that will provide additional faculty input in helping the office develop a new budget

Vice President Fulghum informed the committee that here have been several large grants that have been funded by EPSCOR. New Mexico’s National Science Foundation EPSCOR proposal which is multi institutional led by Bill Mischner at UNM was awarded 15 million dollars. The project also has the goal to make climate change relevant to citizens of New Mexico. A \$750,000 grant which focuses on alternative energy was also funded by EPSCOR.

Vice President Fulghum informed the committee that a 20 million dollar grant was also awarded through the National Science Foundation whose details will be announced soon.

Vice President Fulghum informed the committee that the office of Research & Economic Development has partnered with many University entities in collaborative efforts that will lead to new opportunities for faculty research funding. These collaborations also include working with Richard Larson to initiate collaborative efforts with North Campus.

Regent Abeita stated that she is very pleased to hear about the collaborative efforts which enhance the ability to capitalize on the resources that the University currently has. Regent Abeita commended Vice President Fulghum on accepting the job and leading the Office of Research & Economic Development to the successes that it has had.

E. Enrollment Update

Carmen Brown, Vice President, Enrollment Management

Vice President Brown informed the committee that there are several highlights to point out in her report:

- There was an increase in new student applications with an overall growth of total undergraduate applications of 13%
- The increase in total undergraduate admits was 8%
- The increase in total undergraduate enrolled was 5%
- There was an increase in total graduate applications of 24%
- The increase in total undergraduate admits was 13%
- The increase in total undergraduate enrolled was 11%

Vice President Brown informed the committee that she would like to thank the Provost for her efforts. There have been several initiatives employed as far as recruitment strategies and communication plans that have made the increases possible. The transfer recruitment team is out in the community on a weekly basis. There has been an increased effort to bring back students and the increase in readmits reflects that effort. The University has undergone a tremendous amount of effort in regards to increasing headcounts. As reported earlier, the Branch Campuses have also showed a marked improvement in enrollment.

Vice President Brown informed the committee that she is cautiously optimistic that the University could break the enrollment band this year and that Enrollment Management is doing everything that it could to make that happen.

Vice President Brown informed the committee that there has been an increase in National Merit Scholar Applicants. The University has succeeded in attracting both New Mexican residents and residents from other parts of the country.

Regent Dorman asked if Enrollment Management knew the amount National Scholar students that accepted.

Vice President Brown responded that students aren't required to commit until after May

1st.

Regent Dorman asked whether there is any overlap with Enrollment Management and the Parents' Association exists in regards to transfer student recruitment.

Vice President Brown responded that there is a great relationship between the Parents' Association and the Enrollment Management. They are currently drafting a letter in collaboration to Parents.

President Probasco stated that she and Vice President Brown have worked hard to simplify many aspects of the recruitment process.

President Ramirez asked whether there are projections for Fall 2009.

Vice President Brown responded that projections are not available as of yet. The increases are the collaborative efforts of the Provost and the Deans. The census date will provide many of the numbers and projections that are being requested.

President Ramirez asked if it is possible to get breakdown of Spring Enrollment by Race and Ethnicity.

Vice President Brown stated that she will provide the breakdown in front of the full board during the next meeting.

Vice President Brown informed the committee that there has been an increased effort in reaching out to the Pueblos in regards to the proposed change in admission requirements. Many meetings have taken place and will be taking place soon.

Regent Abeita stated that she appreciates the effort and there also should be an effort to contact some of the smaller communities in rural areas. Any kind of outreach and direct contact is appreciated by such efforts. Furthermore the enrollment numbers are great and she attributes it to the constant contact and effort by the Enrollment Management Division.

President Probasco indicated an interest in traveling to rural areas with Enrollment Management.

F. Talk News Radio Update

Phillip Gonzales, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Associate Dean informed the committee that there is a pilot phase internship for undergraduates with Talk Radio News Service (TRNS). They are headquartered in Washington D.C. TRNS distributes news reports to other agencies and on their own website. College interns are the primary labor force for TRNS. They receive training in ten professional modules which cluster around journalism and news reporting but that would benefit any student. Students are working on the front lines of many important events. TRNS created a relationship with one university to be the sole provider of interns. Because of the efforts of President Schmidly the program was able to attract several applicants for this endeavor. 5 applicants were chosen for the program; Michael Rule, Political Science; Susia Von Soul, Political Science; Coffee Brown, Political Science; Christina Lovato, Communication and Journalism, and Candice Torres, Political Science. There will be a special effort to include students from underrepresented populations. There is an effort to obtain funding for future intern programs.

Regent Abeita stated that the program is a great opportunity for students to obtain valuable and necessary experience in the field.

G. Regent Professors & Lecturers Update

Richard Holder, Deputy Provost, Academic Affairs

Deputy Provost Holder informed the committee that this program began in 1990 when the Regents decided to use some of the income from the Regents Endowment to help support research and teaching of the best faculty members. Through 2007 192 faculty members have been named Regents Professors or Lecturers. There are 6 new Regent Professors and 8 new Regent Lecturers for this year.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Adjournment

Regent Abeita adjourned the meeting at 11: 43 am