The University of New Mexico
Board of Regents’ Meeting
June 11, 2013
Student Union Building, Ballroom C
Meeting Minutes

Members present: President Jack L. Fortner, J.E. Gene Gallegos, Bradley C. Hosmer, Conrad D. James, James H. Koch, Suzanne Quillen, Heidi Overton (Quorum).

Administration present: President Robert Frank, Provost Chouki Abdallah, Executive Vice President for Administration David Harris, Executive Vice-Chancellor Richard Larson (HSC), Vice President Josephine de Leon (Equity and Inclusion), Associate Director Tim Cass (Athletics), Sr. Executive Officer Ava Lovell (Finance and Administration), Vice President Eliseo Torres (Student Affairs), Interim Vice President Jewel Washington (Human Resources), University Counsel Elsa Cole.

Regents’ Advisors present: President Amy Neel (Faculty Senate), President Gene Henley (Staff Council), President Isaac Romero (ASUNM), President Priscila Poliana (GPSA).

Regent Fortner called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Confirmation of a Quorum; Adoption of the Agenda, Regent Fortner

Motion to approve the Agenda passed unanimously (1st Koch, 2nd Gallegos).

II. Approval of Summarized Minutes of the May 14, 2013 BOR meeting, Regent Fortner

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting passed unanimously (1st Gallegos, 2nd James).

III. President’s Administrative Report, President Robert Frank

President Frank stated that over the last few weeks the challenges highlighted in the newspapers have made it appear that the university has a crisis on campus. He does not believe UNM has a crisis; the Health Science Center has served New Mexico well for many decades as it continues to do today. We do have challenges for which there is no single answer, and he looks forward as President of the university to working with the Regents and Dr. Roth in having an open and honest dialogue to address these challenges. In the interim, the current structure in which we operate serves adequately and he looks forward to find a method to work through the challenges we face:

President Frank highlighted the accomplishments and prestigious awards earned by our outstanding faculty members. Four faculty members have received NSF CAREER Awards for early career development including Eva Chi; Chemical and Nuclear Engineering; Tom Hayes; Computer Science, Meeko Oishi; Electrical and Computer Engineering and Mark Stone; Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Four faculty were elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) including Vince Calhoun; Electrical and Computer Engineering, Don Natvig; Biology, Laurel Sillierud; Medicine and Bridget Wilson; Pathology.

Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Assistant Professor Sang Eon Han received a Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award from Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Majeed Hayat was elected a Fellow of the Optical Society of America. Historical Distinguished Professor Paul Hutton received the History Writing Award from the US Army Historical Foundation. Electrical and Computer Engineering Regents Professor Sanjay Krishna received the Young Scientist Award from the International Symposium of Compound Semiconductors. Civil Engineering Professor Bruce Thomson was named the 2013 New Mexico Public Sector Engineer of the Year.
These are a small number of the awards and recognitions earned by our faculty each year. President Frank looks forward to working with Provost Abdallah, Chancellor Roth and the Faculty Senate to identify our award-winning faculty, and to bringing updates to the Regents on a quarterly basis. These types of awards recognize the distinction of our faculty, and are very important to the distinction of the University of New Mexico.

Comments from Regents

Regent Koch expressed words of recognition and thanks, along with a plaque, presented to Ellen Wenzel, Special Assistant to the Board of Regents, for her excellent service to the Board during the past 10 years, as Ellen will retire at the end of June 2013. Regent Koch stated that 10 years ago when he became a member of the Regents they did not have an office; they worked out of the President’s Office. When the Regents decided they wanted to have an office they were very fortunate that somebody was available that had the expertise in dealing with universities, Presidents and the community. There was no search because the Regents felt they did not have to because Ellen Wenzel was the best person for the job.

Ms. Wenzel stated that she has enjoyed working for the Regents and thanked them for the award.

Regent Fortner reiterated President Frank’s comments regarding the article in the Albuquerque Journal about the Health Sciences Center. Dr. Roth is not going anywhere, President Frank and the University loves Dr. Roth so if that is one of your concerns, be done with that concern. President Frank is not going anywhere. When the Regents hired President Frank, we made much of his health care background, the UNM PhD; he taught public health in clinical psychology at the University of Florida and established a school of public health at Kent State. He has been a change agent with several bold moves, including the support of a plan to revamp the College of Education. Regent Fortner read from the editorial, “Dr. Paul Roth, who is also Dean of the School of Medicine, is another exceptional leader with an outstanding track record.” We are working with the governance structure as it is and as Regent Fortner was quoted in the ABQ Journal “what we had in 2010 works, what we have now works, and all of us believe that moving forward means continuing to looks to see if there is a better way of doing things”.

Public Comment, specific to agenda items (none)

INFORMATION ITEM:

IV. VEBA Update

Mike Duran gave the presentation. Regent James requested information concerning the VEBA. The first item being, what is the impact on current employees given the changes for the retirees? Essentially, if UNM had not implemented the experience rated premiums for the 725 pre-65 retirees, 5100 of the active employees would have seen an increase in their premiums of about 16% for Presbyterian and about 6-7% for Lovelace. Because UNM implemented the experience rated premiums Presbyterian members only saw a 9% increase versus a 16% increase, and Lovelace members saw a 0% increase. The second question was how many employees have opted out of VEBA? As of June 4, 410 employees have opted out of the VEBA. As of today, June 11, 465 employees have opted out of the VEBA. Previously the actuaries had estimated that about 1100 or 15% of the employees might opt out.

Regent Koch stated that he is familiar with VEBA as his agency insures San Juan Community College, which had a serious problem with retiree health and these rates are very good. Regent Koch reminded that the University is going to be looking at the potential of buying GAP coverage in January, which would mean that an individual would be able to make a monthly payment towards the deductible cost.
Mike Duran stated that they would be ready to present recommendations on GAP insurance to the Regents sometime around January. HR is beginning the process in August with RFPs and requests for information from different vendors.

- Regent Koch requested that an update be presented to the Regents in November so that the Regents, retirees and the community will have time to process the information and potential cost as January is the start date for GAP coverage.

President Frank asked if the number of people opting-out slowing down now and what he anticipates the final numbers to be.

Mike Duran stated that there might be a bigger jump in those opting-out between now and June 30 as many have been waiting until the end date, he estimates that it could be 600-700 opt-outs at the end of the opt-out period.

Regent James asked if the numbers are different from what the actuaries estimated, how does that impact the unfunded liability, the entire VEBA program, if only 600 or 700 people opt-out as opposed to the 1100 they estimated.

Mike Duran stated that it is actually a null effect whether it is 1100 or 600 because anyone who does sign up higher than what we expected are going to be contributing to the VEBA and prefunding the liability. If we have higher number than that, it is going to result in a lower unfunded liability, because they are not in post-retirement. It not a major net effect either way, depending on how that works.

Regent Fortner asked what employees have to do to opt back into the VEBA and asked if they could they recapture those years.

Mike Duran stated that the employee would be notified several times during the applicable enrollment period, spring 2019. Employees who opt back in are not allowed to recapture any lost VEBA service; they forfeit their 25 years of grandfathered service. When they opt back in, they start earning VEBA service credit from scratch. Based on the number of years of VEBA service credit, that will determine the subsidy level that you will get when you retire. If someone gets 10 years versus 25 years, the subsidy level is going to be less than if you had gotten the full 25 years of service.

- Regent Koch and Regent James would like some information on what the actuaries anticipate in 5 years when employees can opt back in in terms of the unfunded liability.

Regent Overton asked for clarification if there is any guarantee on the rates that people will pay on a year-to-year basis.

Mike Duran stated that there is a lot of flexibility built into the entire plan however, there is no way we can anticipate what the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is going to do to the health programs. With health trends as they are right now, it is looking like they are going to continue to grow, but that may change. Other options, such as the high deductible plan would be something that may control rates a bit better, but premiums could change, allocations could change, VEBA premium percentages could change. Mr. Duran does not expect that they will change; some of those things will change for a long period based actuarially. He believes the numbers are where they believe they are strong enough for a long period. Looking forward 20 years it is hard to say what is going to happen but premiums change every year regardless and we are doing what we can to control those premiums.

Regent Quillen asked if they are anticipating an exchange, when that is finally organized and offered, will UNM employees be eligible to access those, one of the insurance carriers here is part
of the exchange, Lovelace is not, will they be able to access the exchange with perhaps decrease in premiums.

Mike Duran stated that he does not know the complete answer to that, his understanding is that the exchanges are still in development as far as what the criteria would be to be able to access the exchanges. His understanding is that most anybody would be able to access the exchange if they want to. Thus, the premiums and benefits provided from the exchange are similar or better than what UNM is providing they would probably have an opportunity to do that but he does not believe all of the final criteria has been worked out yet it is still being developed currently. As soon as we have better information as to what the exchanges are going to look like and any other changes with the ACA are going to happen we’re going to definitely start looking at that and have our actuaries look at the impact to our health plan.

Regent James asked if the experience rated premium change that was made for the pre-65 retirees comport with the ACA. He knows there are some limitations in the ACA with regard to premium differentials for health insurance possibly only limited to tobacco use, age and other things, but does the experience rated premium change that we make, would that be consistent with the ACA?

Mike Duran stated that it is today, unless the ACA changes, we feel we are within guidelines and have done extensive research.

V. Regent Committee Reports (reports are included in BOR E-Book)
   Finance and Facilities Committee, Regent James H. Koch, Chair

   Consent Items:

   Motion to approve consent agenda items 1, 2, 3 & 4 passed unanimously (1st Koch, 2nd James).

   1. Monthly Consolidated Financial Reports
   2. Disposition of Surplus Property for Main Campus on list dated 5/17/2013
   4. Approval of Renewal of Maui HPCC Lease

   Action Item:

   5. Approval of Lease of Real Property-City of Albuquerque Fire Station No 3-141 Girard Blvd. NE

   Motion to approve the Lease of Real Property-City of Albuquerque Fire Station No 3-141 Girard Blvd. NE passed unanimously (1st Koch, 2nd Quillen).

   Tom Neale gave the presentation. Requesting Board of Regents approval to extend the lease of the City of Albuquerque Fire Station No. 3 that is at 141 Girard NE for an additional 20 years. It was originally constructed in 1971 on a little less than 1 acre; it is a 5,700-square-foot building critical to the life safety issues on campus. They have agreed at President Frank’s request to install a fence that would be compliant with other similar enclosures around the university and that would be processed through the University Architect for approval.

   6. Approval of:
      1) Architect Selection for Castetter Hall Phase 3.
Motion to approve the Architect Selection:
1) Castetter Hall Phase 3 (1st Koch, 2nd James)
2) Science and Mathematics Learning Center (SMLC) Phase 2 passed unanimously (1st James, 2nd Gallegos).

Andrew Cullen gave the presentation. There are two approvals; the first is approval of Architect selection for Castetter Hall Phase 3. The recommended firm is Fanning Bard Tatum (FTB) total project budget is $3,850,000 all state funding. The project will complete about 12,000 net square feet of existing shell space. This project was undertaken in 2009 at the time we were chasing construction costs but were unable to complete the project as originally planned so we followed through on Phase 2 and now we are going to follow through on Phase 3. Again, the recommended firm is Fanning Bard Tatum, it is a sole source procurement in accordance with Regents Policy 7.11 to follow through on the fact that Fanning Bard Tatum was the original Architect and we feel they are best suited to follow through on Phase 3.

The second approval is very similar, the same circumstances, chasing the construction costs of 2009. We were not able to finish the Science and Mathematics Learning Center as originally proposed this approval is to hire Van Gilbert and Associates to complete Phase 2. The total project budget is $5,000,000 in Severance Tax Bonds (STB) proceeds, sole source procurement, given that Van Gilbert Architects designed Phase 1 and we were pleased with their work.

Regent Koch kept this as an action item because we have had concerns in the past from Architects that the university makes selections based on the lowest bid. These are two prime examples where the university is not doing that, but rather choosing the most qualified firm.

7. Approval of Resolution to Reallocate UNM 2007 Bond Proceeds

Regent Koch moved Action Item 7 to Executive Session.

8. Approval of Capital Outlay Submission to the Higher Education Department

Motion to approve the Capital Outlay Submission to the Higher Education Department passed unanimously (1st Koch, 2nd Quillen)

Marc Saavedra gave the presentation. Requesting full Board of Regents approval for the Capital Outlay Submission to the Higher Education Department. Mr. Saavedra presented the Board with a spreadsheet that contains changes per the F&F committee meeting on June 7. The discussion was to come up with a more realistic approach to how we request Capital Outlay projects at the Legislature. Mr. Saavedra stated that the total dollar amount requested was amended and is now $86 million, which is a more realistic dollar amount compared to the last amount, which was roughly $180 million, reduced it by roughly $50 million. The reason for the discussion is that the bond capacity in the past Legislative Session was reduced so there would be no increase in property tax. Therefore, we went from $180 million capacity for Higher Education to $119 million, and the University of New Mexico would like to get roughly 32% of that, which is $38 million. Thus, we believe this year we will start at a base with a capacity of $119 million and it may as much as $200 million, we will know that number in September but we believe that these amounts are tolerable in regards to the financial climate and the capacity of the General Obligation Bond.

Information Item:

9. Contract Information:
   1) Information Technologies-Advanced Presentation Systems
   2) Parking and Transportation-Cooperative Educational Services
Bruce Cherrin gave the presentation. There are two contract information items. The first item is for Advanced Presentation Systems, which is going to install a Learning Classroom Center in the Collaborative Teaching and Learning Building. The second item is for the purchase of two buses for Parking and Transportation.


Chris Vallejos gave the presentation. The Capital Projects Executive Summary is a positive report as of May 23, 2013. We have twelve major projects on the books, seven are in planning, four are in design and one is in construction that will be completed this month, which is our new Collaborative Teaching and Learning Lab. These projects are funded with General Obligation Bond (GOB) money allocated in 2012 and the Severance Tax Bonds (STB) in 2013.

11. UNM Debt Portfolio Overview & Bond Refunding Analysis

Andrew Cullen gave the presentation. Per Regent request, presenting information regarding our Debt Portfolio and Bond Refunding opportunities. UNM currently has approximately $575.7 million in outstanding debt. Maturities range from 2018, the earliest, to 2036, the latest. With the 2036 issue representing the final maturity date on the 2007 bonds, 30 year bonds. Overall, we have about 84% in fixed rate bonds, 3% in variable and 13% are variable rate SWAPS. A schedule looks at the overall sources and uses of our bond revenues and commitment to Debt Service. Mr. Cullen stated that at the end of this year, we are looking at approximately a $5.348 million reserve, which represents approximately 11.36% of the overall Debt Service obligation for this given year. It is a relatively modest reserve and it fluctuates from year to year as we move out through 2036. Mr. Cullen was also asked to look at was refunding opportunities. We are currently in the process of refunding the 2003 A, B & C bonds. We go the Higher Education Department (HED) for approval June 12 and the State Board of Finance (SBOF) for approval in July. The market is backed up a little bit even since this request to refund these bonds was brought before the Board 3 or 4 weeks ago, we have lost about a half-million dollars, the market has rallied, so for buyers that is a good thing, for sellers not so good. The other opportunity we have right now is the 2004 UNMH bonds, these are FHA backed and we will add about 60 days to the approval process because we have to get that FHA backing approval first. Then we will go through the Regents, HED and the SBOF, these are callable in July 1, 2014. With the direction we got from the F&F Committee June 7, we will begin that process of pulling together all the documents necessary to refund these 2004 bonds.

Regent Fortner asked when you say “callable” you mean that is the date we can refund or refinance.

Mr. Cullen affirmed Regent Fortner’s question, it is a 10-year call, very typical with all of our bonds, so as an investor you are buying that bond with idea that you are going to have it for at least 10 years at that locked in rate. They were issued in 2004, they are callable 10 years later, 2014, and given the interest rate environment, it does make economic sense to go ahead and refund these bonds when they are callable.

President Frank asked if refund means sell.

Mr. Cullen stated affirmed President Frank’s question, refund means resell them, take them back into the market and have investors re-purchase the bonds.

Mr. Cullen stated that the final issue for consideration is the 2005 bonds. These have a 10-year call date, thus are callable in 2015. Because of the negative arbitrage, which is the cost to refund them prior to the call date, it bites into the overall savings to the extent that we are not recommending moving forward on refunding these bonds until we get closer to the call date.
Health Sciences Board, Regent Suzanne Quillen, Chair

Action Items:

1. Request Capital Project Approval-UNMH Main-Safety-Pharmacy Order & Picking Area

Motion to approve the Request for Capital Project Approval- UNMH Main-Safety-Pharmacy Order & Picking Area passed unanimously (1st Quillen, 2nd Koch).

Steve McKernan gave the presentation. The item is for approval of renovations in the old part of the hospital, the Pharmacy drop-off and pick-up area, total cost is $655,000.


Motion to approve the Request for Approval for UNMH Contracts with Covidien, Healthcare Laundry, Inc., United Parcel Service, City of Albuquerque, and Ricoh USA, Inc. passed unanimously (1st Quillen, 2nd Fortner).

Steve McKernan gave the presentation. Request for approval of several contracts including: Covidien, Healthcare Laundry Inc., United Parcel Services, City of Albuquerque water and sewer services, and Ricoh USA, Inc. Many of these contracts are auto-renewable every 1 to 3 years. The contracts have been either bid, are under Novation Contracts, or are government to government as the water and sewer contract is.

Regent Koch asked if UNMH own the linens or rents them.

Steve McKernan stated that UNMH owns the linens but contracts a laundry service that then does all the services for cleaning. There is only one big enough in Albuquerque to do that, also when linens become worn they discard them and we replace it.

Academic/Student Affairs & Research Committee, Regent Bradley Hosmer, Chair

Information Items:

1. MOOC Update

Regent Hosmer stated that many have noticed a disquieting initiative moving through the academic world in the form of Massively Online Open Courses (MOOC), courses of study at the university level typically provided by an instructor of great talent, through electronic means and they are free. This initiative appears to undermine the classic business model of the university, and Regent Hosmer has asked the Provost to inform the public on what is going on at UNM regarding that initiative. We are trying to stay ahead of this tidal wave, put it to good use and take advantage of it rather than let it jeopardize an excellent university.

Provost Abdallah stated that as Regent Hosmer indicated, the movement into these MOOCs started about 2 or 3 years ago in its current reincarnation; however, this is an old movement. At one time, we used to send our courses via video tape and we used to charge for them. Many may recall CBS in the morning, which had courses that were available free on television. These types of initiatives have come in waves over the years due to funding issues, as they were free courses.

The latest version was created by professors at Stanford, who put one open course online and expected 1000 people to register, but around 150,000 registered. Maybe a few thousand completed the course and even fewer passed however, the movement or the idea caught on with many universities and even major companies trying to make it work commercially. And there are other outfits that are not-for-profit that are trying to figure out the business model to basically produce or provide courses not free but at a lower cost.
Provost Abdallah stated that, as Regent Hosmer indicated, this could disturb our model, and what we are interested in is figuring out at the University of New Mexico if it makes sense to have some of our students take these courses and them bring them into the university to get credit. Today this is possible for our students by learning the materials and taking a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and testing out of a course with college credit, just not factored into their GPA. The nature of MOOCs is different because they can take courses from instructors from other universities.

Right now UNM is testing two models, one of them is with a company called Udacity. Udacity is one of two commercial providers, a platform a technology company that will post and host a course online free, but does not generate the course. Through the Udacity agreement, the student cannot be registered at the University of New Mexico but would be an outside student or a high school student. However, they can take this course and transfer it in using a test that is administered either by a third party or by the University of New Mexico.

At the same time that we were working with Udacity, another major company, Coursera, approached us about becoming part of a public university initiative along with 10 other universities to do something more comprehensive. Under Coursera, our faculty can put on courses online, which other universities or students can take for credit. Our students could take our courses from somewhere else online for credit, subject to our rules and regulations and then we still have opened the model of free MOOCs meaning anyone could take it and then we can decide if they want to do it or not.

When we started talking about this a year and a half ago, the Faculty Senate had a couple of meetings to discuss this issue, and produced a resolution supporting the experimentation into MOOCs. We are at a stage right now where we are going to convene internal groups to discuss how to begin the process, what courses to offer and the business model. Once a faculty member puts a course online with Coursera and 10,000 students in NM take that course, Coursera will then collect a nominal fee around $25 to $50, which will no longer make the course free. The funds collected will then be divided between Coursera, UNM and the faculty member.

These are discussions we are starting right now, as well as whether questions will arise with academic freedom issues, meaning academic freedom in the content of the course. Ultimately, it is up to the Department and faculty member to accept or not accept a course offered by somebody else. MOOCs are being both vilified and sold as the answer to the costs in higher education. Provost Abdallah believes that they are neither, but could become a learning tool as our online education has become. Universities all around the country are having similar conversations around MOOCs. As the way of providing education matures and as this new medium develops, we will have decided on its use, we will have profited from it, or at least we would know where the disruption is going to be coming from.

Regent Hosmer would like to point out that once again, this puts UNM in a position of being an early adapter in the academic university community and that is something to be proud of.

Regent Koch asked if we are charging for these courses using these services, why are these courses free of charge?

Provost Abdallah stated that the University does charge if somebody wants to get credit. We do have our Extended University (EU), which offers online courses for credit at UNM. The difference here is that our online focus is on the state of New Mexico because of resources and our way of being able to advertise it. What this opens up is the possibility to have one of our faculty put on a course in something that UNM is known for, or that particular department is known for, and get students registered all around the world for credit or not for credit.

Provost Abdallah stated that we already have a couple of courses out there free of charge for anybody to take. They do not get credit at the University of New Mexico, but we do have courses
right now, a few on iTunes university, that someone could take as many other universities do, such as MIT and Stanford. Given the vast array of information on the internet right now, however what the university is providing is not just the information but also the guidance. Provost Abdallah believes that this also makes a faculty member more valuable. The university is not just putting out information in book format, these free courses are almost like a talking textbook with guidance in order to make sure that learning takes place, which could happen online or in a classroom. The university charges per course for college credit and to get the stamp of approval that someone has passed a course at the University of New Mexico. MOOCs present a very different model, which is disturbing faculty members and administration. With these free online courses, someone now could take a course or many courses from a well-known private or public university free of charge, and then test out of the courses rather than having to pay a lot more money.

2. SART Report

- Regent Hosmer deferred Information Item 2, SART Report, until the August meeting, which will allow for Chief of Police, Kathy Guimond to gather further information for the report.

Regent Hosmer provided substitute information, the Student Affairs Current Initiatives to Increase Safety at UNM. This initiative, started roughly a year ago, is a cross-campus safety committee initiative that had led to a series of actions and far sighted work. The list includes recent safety concerns and episodes, and the efforts are good, well organized, coordinated across campus and the university has every reason to hope that they will be effective. Regent Hosmer asked EVP David Harris if there would be a system of any kind that will help the university follow these initiatives and the results to bring period reports to the Board.

EVP Harris stated that Chief Guimond and her staff have been working on more a sophisticated tracking mechanism that will provide information on a more current basis. The university has put a lot of focus this year on campus security, and after recent events, has ramped up the presence of the contract security service thinking that would be more nimble than recruiting permanent officers would. In august and going forward, there will be far better information available to present to the Board.

Audit Committee, Regent Gene Gallegos, Chair (none)

Comments from Regents’ Advisors (reports received are included in BOR E-Book)

Faculty Senate, President Amy Neel Dr. Neel stated this is her last meeting of the year and she has enjoyed working with the Regents. She introduced the new Faculty Senate President Richard Holder, which will be representing UNM faculty beginning next month. Ms. Neel thanked President Frank for recognizing the faculty accomplishments as UNM has an amazing faculty.

Faculty are concerned regarding the ABQ Journal article on governance issues at UNM and wants to affirm that UNM has one faculty, one Faculty Senate and more than one third of faculty senators are from the HSC. An HSC council was established that works on HSC issues and reports to the Faculty Senate. Our policy committee has been working on collaborating more effectively with the HSC on policies, such as parental leave and career paths for lecturers. Our curriculum committees have worked with the HSC to improve the approval process for HSC courses, and most importantly collaborate on research projects and our education efforts on the two campuses. The Faculty Senate believe that the best way to accomplish UNMs mission, to create and disseminate knowledge to educate undergraduate, graduate and professional students for success in life and to provide quality public service in a variety of areas is act collectively as one Flagship University. Regent Fortner stated that Amy Neel has done a very good job and has enjoyed working with her.

Staff Council, President Gene Henley Mr. Henley stated that this is his first meeting and he is honored to represent staff at UNM. He looks forward to working with the Regents this next year
with communication, collaboration and cooperation. July is staff appreciation month and a chance to celebrate what staff does at this university and what they represent to the university as a whole.

GPSA, President Priscila Poliana Ms. Poliana introduced herself to the Board, she received her BA in Economics here at UNM. She is from Brazil and had the opportunity to experience the educational system in three different countries, Brazil, Mexico and France. Attending UNM was a different experience because it is very community oriented. She is very proud of how far UNM has come as an institution, and she is excited about the future of the university, creating a vast international campus, introducing massive online course and furthering the mission as an R1 research institution. If UNM wants to continue on that path we need to create the appropriate conditions to attract the best minds at the state, national and international level, and in that capacity she is looking forward to a successful year of collaboration with the Board.

ASUNM, President Isaac Romero Mr. Romero introduced himself and provided ASUNM updates. They have begun the hiring process for ASUNM student employees. ASUNM facilitates various events on campus, such as the burning of the Aggie. They provide opportunities to 43 students to gain leadership experience in funded positions. Student Orientations have begun, bringing in around 250 freshman students to campus every week during the summer. Working with freshman was great experience for him to help improve the first year student experience. He looks forward to working with the Board this year.


VI. Public Comment (none)

VII. Vote to close the meeting and to proceed into Executive Session

Motion to proceed into Executive Session passed unanimously at 10:06 a.m. (1st Fortner, 2nd Koch).

VIII. Executive Session 10:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

A. Discussion and determination where appropriate of limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1.H (2) NMSA (1978).

B. Discussion and determination where appropriate of threatened or pending litigation pursuant to Section 10-15-1.H (7) NMSA (1978).

IX. Vote to re-open the meeting.

Motion to return to open session passed at 11:25 a.m. (1st Koch, 2nd Fortner).

C. Certification that only the matters described in Agenda Item VIII were discussed in Executive Session and, if necessary, final action with regard to those matters will be taken in Open Session.

Motion to certify final action of executive session item to be taken in open session, passed unanimously. (1st Fortner, 2nd Koch).

- Motion to approve the Resolution to Reallocate UNM 2007 Bond Proceeds passed unanimously. (1st Koch, 2nd Fortner).

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 11:29 a.m. (1st James, 2nd Hosmer)

Jack L. Fortner, President
Bradley C. Hosmer, Secretary/Treasurer