

The University of New Mexico  
Board of Regents - Special Meeting  
UNM Board of Regents meet with UNM Taos Advisory Board  
October 19, 2013  
McCorkle Room, SSSC (South Campus)  
Meeting Minutes

Members present: **President Jack L. Fortner, Bradley C. Hosmer, Conrad D. James, Gene Gallegos (Quorum).**

Administration present: President Robert Frank, EVP David Harris, Legal Counsel Elsa Cole, Director Government Affairs Marc Saavedra.

UNM Taos Local Board members present: Board President David Chavez, Zach Cordova, Jason Silva.

UNM Taos Administration present: Executive Director Dr. Kate O'Neill, Operations Manager Mario Suazo.

I. Call to order, confirmation of a quorum and adoption of the agenda, Regent President Fortner

**Regent Fortner opened the meeting for discussion at 4:08 pm; at 4:32 pm a quorum was officially established and the agenda adopted.**

**Motion to adopt the Agenda passed unanimously (1<sup>st</sup> James, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hosmer).**

II. Discussion, UNM Taos Operating Agreement

Regent Fortner opened the discussion by saying he and President Frank both agree on the need for the Board of Regents to meet with the Branch Campuses, possibly on an annual basis, and the frequency of meetings should adhere to the operating agreements. Dr. Kate O'Neill agreed.

There was discussion about how often the Board of Regents should meet in Taos. Regent Fortner proposed to meet at least every 4 years so all Regents would have the opportunity to meet there at least once during their term. EVP David Harris added that the Harwood Museum and the D.H. Lawrence are in Taos, giving the University extensive interests there.

There was discussion about the administrative rate charged to the Branch Campuses. EVP David Harris commented explaining the rate is charged for the administrative support the branch campuses receive from main campus for such functions as Procurement, HR, Payroll and Accounting, Project Management support and Insurance coverage. The rate was originally set at 2.81% of branch campus budget and has not changed since the Taos branch opened. EVP Harris said President Frank last year asked for a review of the rate of which the results showed that a rate of 3.3% was still a bargain. President Frank said he believes the rate the University charges is disproportionately low for the amount of services the University provides to the branches but that the rate wasn't changed last year because the UNM Foundation imposed an additional rate last year. Dr. O'Neill requested that proposed changes to the rate be communicated to UNM Taos well before their budget process as the rate has a direct effect on the overall UNM Taos budget. UNM Taos Local Board President David Chavez said it is difficult to plan their budget when they do not know if there will be a rate increase. EVP Harris said proposed rate increases can be talked about a year in advance. Additionally, EVP

Harris commented on a proposal by UNM Taos to lock in the rate for 3 years, saying it is not realistic to lock in the rate because the University does not know what future administrative burdens will be.

Regent Fortner asked if meetings should occur every year or every other year. Dr. O'Neill mentioned it would depend on how often an administrative rate change would be discussed. David Chavez agreed that meetings should be annually if rate changes are proposed or discussed annually. President Frank said in his view it is the University's prerogative to review the rates annually or on a more frequent basis and the University has not thus far exerted that prerogative. Regent Gallegos said when discussing the rate, the budget should be considered, with specific look at how tuition revenues are spent and what happens to other sources of revenue. President Frank said the budget should probably be discussed at an annual meeting. Mario Suazo said the total dollars going to the University have almost doubled in the past couple of years because the UNM Taos budget has almost doubled in that amount of time.

There was discussion about other proposed changes to the operating agreement. Dr. O'Neill said a couple of items that appeared to be vestigial are proposed for removal. Regent Fortner referred to other parts of the agreement and asked if the proposed changes should go through the Academic and Student Affairs and Research (ASAR) Committee to which Regent Hosmer agreed. President Frank added, with regard to Policy 11 of the UNM Taos Operating Agreement referring to the development of the Taos Campus strategic plan, it should go to ASAR Committee every year to be incorporated into the full academic plan of the University for further presentation as needed, and it should be handled administratively by the Provost and the President.

There was discussion about the Taos Local Municipal School Board of Education on which the full UNM Taos Local Board are members as per the Operating Agreement. There was also discussion about Taos campus' solar energy grid, how it was originally funded and the current status.

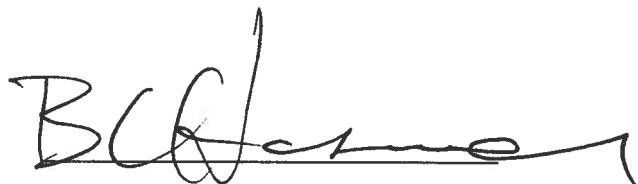
### III. Adjournment

**There being no further business, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously (1<sup>st</sup> Gallegos, 2<sup>nd</sup> James).**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.**



**Jack L. Fortner, President**



**Bradley C. Hosmer, Secretary/Treasurer**