Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico
April 17, 2018
Student Union Building (SUB) – Main Campus
Open Session - Ballroom C; Executive Session - Cherry Silver Room

Members present
Robert M. Doughty, President; Marron Lee, Vice President; Brad Hosmer; Garrett Adcock; Suzanne Quillian; Michael Brasher; Tom Clifford (joined telephonically)

Administration present
Garrett S. Stokes, President; Paul Roth, Chancellor for Health Sciences; Chaouki Abdallah, Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs; David Harris, EVP for Administration, COO, CFO; Elsa Cole, University Counsel; Ava Lovell, HSC Sr. Exec. Officer of Finance and Administration; Dana Allen, VP Alumni Relations; Walt Miller, AVP Student Life; Dorothy Anderson, VP HR; Elizabeth ‘Libby’ Washburn, President’s Chief of Staff; Liz Metzger, Controller; Michael Richards, Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs, UNM HSC; Lawrence Roybal, Interim VP for Equity and Inclusion; Eddie Nuñez, Athletics Director; Gabriel Lopez, VP for Research Cinnamon Blair, Chief University Marketing and Communications Officer; Duane Arruti, CIO

Regents’ Advisors present
Donna Smith, Retiree Association; Pamela Pyle, Faculty Senate; Abigail (Abi) Robertson, GPSA; Noah Brooks, ASUNM

Presenters in attendance
Jamie Koch, former UNM Regent; Christopher Calder, Chair of the Department of Neurology; Sarah Pirio Richardson, Associate Professor of Neurology, Principal Investigator, Movement Disorders Specialist; Amanda Delightisch, Associate Professor of Neurology, Movement Disorders Specialist; Mike Chicarelli, Interim CEO UNM Hospital; Jamie Silva-Steele, President and CEO, SRMC; Chris Vallejos, AVP, ISS; Lisa Marbury, Exec. Director, ISS; Norma Allen, Director for University Budget Operations; Nicole Dopson, Director of Financial Operations; Vahid Staples, Budget Officer

Others in attendance
Members of administration, faculty, staff, students, the media and others.

CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Regent President Rob Doughty called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM and confirmed a quorum with six members present in person, and Regent Tom Clifford joined the meeting telephonically.

The motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously (1st Lee; 2nd Brasher).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The motion to approve the minutes of the March 12 regular meeting and the March 22 Budget Summit passed by a unanimous vote (1st Lee; 2nd Brasher).

PUBLIC COMMENT
Jason Hix, former Lobo Soccer player; Billy Thiebaut, Volcano Vista Soccer Coach, former Lobo Soccer player; Ernie C’de Baca, President & CEO, Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce; Víctor Rodríguez, former Lobo Soccer player; Javier Carrasco, former Lobo Soccer player; Greg Williams; Mike Gracza, former Lobo Soccer player; Brandon Moss, former Lobo Soccer player 2002-2005, former assistant coach for the men’s soccer team, 2011-2014; Robert C’de Baca, former soccer player; Justin Jells, former Lobo Soccer player, 1994-1997, All-American in 1997, former Pro-Soccer player; currently coaches soccer, Coach for ABQ Sols FC; Cody Hanna, former Lobo Soccer player, graduate 2005, Albuquerque Small Business owner; Paul Nelendres, UNM Alumni; Finnie Coleman, Chair of UNM Athletic Council and Assoc. Professor American Literary Studies; Jeremy Fishbein, UNM Men’s Soccer Coach; Rudy Chavez, Long-time Lobo fan; John García, former Cabinet Secretary of Economic Development for the State of New Mexico and former UNM Senior Officer of Economic Development; and Representative Antonio Maestas; spoke in favor of Lobo Soccer, the impact Lobo soccer has in the community and in the State of New Mexico, and the importance of Lobo Sports programs in general. The 30+ year men’s soccer program has produced several outstanding citizens who have impacted local quality of life, business, education, and youth programs. Former Lobo soccer players are educators, lawyers, business owners, and coaches on the local and national scale. Several indicated they had played professional soccer and returned to New Mexico due to the impact their efforts have on the community here. Javier Conesco, from Anthony, NM, spoke about his ability to attend college and ultimately achieve a PhD due to his scholarship through the UNM men’s soccer program. UNM Men’s Soccer Coach, Jeremy Fishbein, pointed out the true “trophy” is serving kids who go on to achieve their goals and become citizens, contributing excellence to the community, the State, and the world. Comments on the integrity of the soccer program, promoting values of serving common goals that...
include commitment to self-belief, discipline, social responsibility, teamwork, leadership, competitiveness and enthusiasm. The regents were to consider the unintended consequences of cutting sports programs, including cutting off a significant pipeline to attract and retain top quality students. Former players said they went to UNM in order to play Lobo soccer, rather than leaving the state to attend other prestigious schools. Professor Finny Coleman UNM’s sports programs attract diverse global students, contributing to the diversity that is UNM’s hidden strength. UNM should be investing in, rather than cutting, sports programs. UNM and the Athletics Department serve to recruit outside talent to New Mexico. The community should be more involved in fundraising and providing support for Athletics. There was suggestion for Athletics to develop a clear plan for reaching out to the community for support. University athletics in general are not profit-generating or self-sustaining departments without institutional support. Cutting teams may deter donors from giving. Coach Fishbein requested the Regents give newly appointed President Stokes and Athletic Director Nunez the chance to be transformational leaders and fix the financial issues the department faces without cutting teams. It was noted the legislature needs to work better with UNM, citing the $250 million Rail Runner and $230 million space port, both of which are not self-sustaining. John Garcia proposed a plan entitled, “Game On LOL (Love Our Lobos)” for a permanent fund established through two sources: 1) Dreamstyle Home Shows, and 2) an annual celebrity sports classic. He offered to share a one-page detailed handout of the proposal with Regents. State Representative Antonio Maestas commented that sports transcend politics, race, class and sex in a way no other activity does, and requested the Regents postpone the elimination of any particular program and include other stakeholders in solving these problems, particularly state leaders. Representative Maestas requested the regents and administration adopt an entrepreneurial perspective and leverage how existing facilities and contracts could be used to increase revenues. UNM could host 2-3 “soccer friendly” events per year for $1-2 million in revenues. With regards to the soccer program in particular, Representative Maestas requested regents consider the demographics of MLS players, of UNM men’s soccer team, and of the state. He expressed his hope that in the near future Aggie and Lobo athletics will be re prioritized at the state level, and he reiterated his request for the regents to postpone decisions as long as they can.

REGENT ADVISORS COMMENTS

Pamela Pyle, Faculty Senate President, spoke to the athletics’ deficit plan agenda item. Surprising to faculty this has not gotten closer scrutiny until now. There is concern the lack of an earlier response has jeopardized the general funds allocation from the State as suggested by HED Secretary Damron. Faculty are please that total forgiveness of the deficit is not part of the current discussions. Fiscal management and responsibility are fundamental aspects of maintaining the public trust. Ms. Pyle reminded there is need for funds across the campus and hopes this will be considered in wider discussions of university priorities. Athletics will have to face significant cuts in the upcoming years; it will not be easy. Academics has been making cuts for many years now, prioritizing to meet budgetary constraints. Ms. Pyle encouraged dialogue and transparency, going forward, with the broader interest of the University foremost in mind.

Noah Brooks, ASUNM President, spoke on the athletics budget item. Supporting athletics with the negative media coverage has been difficult. Students do not always support athletics, because they are here for an education. Students are not happy with the financial situation that athletics is in, but they understand and would like to support President Stokes' repayment plan proposal to allow athletics to move forward and to avoid sanctions from the State.

Abi Robertson, GPSA Acting President, echoed comments made by Noah Brooks and understands first-hand the impact sports has on a community. Not discounting the significance of athletics, but students have been upset with the athletic budget situation, because many have experienced cuts in their academics programs. In supporting this proposal, the hope is that there will be more oversight and attention to detail to promote better solutions for the future, strengthening athletics while also supporting the institution as a whole.

COMMENTS FROM REGENTS

Regent Michael Brasher thanked everyone for their comments and added that careful consideration will be given to each one.

THE PRESIDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

President Stokes reported she has spent the month continuing to get to know the UNM community through meetings and events with internal and external constituents and will soon conduct two campus listening sessions, on April 30 on Main Campus, and May 3, with the Health Sciences Center. President Stokes’ formal installation as President will take place at the May 12 commencement; however her focus remains on commencement as a tremendous celebration for students, families and the faculty who support them.

Dr. Stokes will conduct a statewide listening tour, first visiting the Branch Campuses in Gallup, Los Alamos, Valencia and Taos. A broader tour will include Roswell, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Silver City, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Farmington, and other cities and towns with the goal to see as many people as possible. The President’s office will coordinate with alumni, the UBM Foundation, the UNM Government Relations office, branch campuses, and the regents for assistance in planning each of these trips. Dr. Stokes’ travel will begin in May and continue through August.
President Stokes then reported on a number of initiatives she has identified as important to campus: Regarding campus safety, there is ongoing work with UNM police and APD, faculty, staff and students, to determine which investments would be best to improve the reality and perceptions of safety on campus. She noted administration is studying peer institutions in similar urban areas to identify best practices and the most effective investments. The President’s Office will also provide an additional $10K to support Campus Safety Week.

Regarding student veterans, President Stokes has met with student veterans with a focus of not only recruiting veteran students, but also retention and support for their success. Despite the University’s investments to date, UNM is not ranked nationally as a veteran friendly campus, so research will be conducted to identify criteria required to be nationally recognized.

President Stokes noted UNM must make continued investments in research as a top-level research institution and noted ongoing work with the Office of the Vice President for Research and Provost to plan for investments to improve UNM’s research stature, in consultation with regents and others.

The President’s Office is also focused on campus culture. Thousands of students have participated in the mandatory intensive, interactive, in-person Gray Area training regarding sexual harassment and misconduct, and administration is now transitioning efforts to ensure that new students participate in this training. A campus climate survey is currently in process on Main Campus. The survey opened on March 26 and will close on May 14. Dr. Stokes noted she is anxious to see the results, because they will be highly informative in determining where UNM can best invest in improving the campus climate.

President Stokes highlighted some current notable activities, including UNM faculty and student participation in the 3rd annual NASA Swarmathon, a competition to program robots to collect resources from the surfaces of other planets. Melanie Moss, Associate Professor in Computer Science, started this program at UNM. President Stokes noted this is exactly the type of program UNM wants to be a part of, bringing research to life through hands-on problem solving and creativity. Also noted is the UNM Dermatology residency has earned national accreditation in just two years after losing it due to some critical faculty attrition. It is the only 3-year dermatology residency in New Mexico. Dr. Stokes commended Aimee Smidt, MD, for leading this effort. A final note was on Main Campus research to tackle next generation power devices, collaborating with Sandia National Laboratories to conduct fundamental research into producing compact and effective devices. This is an example of the type of collaborations and activities in which UNM must participate.

REGENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSENT DOCKET
Regent Doughty addressed the consent docket. There were no requests to remove any items for discussion. Regent Doughty asked for a motion to approve.

1. Academic/Student Affairs and Research Committee (ASAR) Consent Items, Regent Rob Doughty, Chair
   a. Program Deletions (4)
      AA Psychology (Gallup Branch Campus)
      AA Pre-Professional Elementary Education (Gallup Branch Campus)
      Certification Pre-Professional Health Sciences (Los Alamos Branch Campus)
      BS Anthropology Concentration: Ethnology/Linguistics (Main Campus)
   b. Certification Networking & Linux (Valencia Branch Campus)
   c. AAS Manufacturing & Industrial Technology (Valencia Branch Campus)
   d. Certification PC Operating Systems & Repair (Valencia Branch Campus)
   e. Certification in VMware (Valencia Branch Campus)
   f. AS Secondary Teacher Education (Gallup Branch Campus)
   g. AA Elementary Teacher Education (Gallup Branch Campus)
   h. Certification Community Health (Taos Branch Campus)
   i. Certification Robotics (Los Alamos Branch Campus)

2. Health Sciences Center Committee (HSC) Consent Items, Regent Marron Lee, Chair
   j. Approval of UNM Hospitals Disposition of Assets
   k. Approval of UNM Hospitals Parking Lot Number 6

3. Finance and Facilities Committee (F&F) Consent Items, Regent Marron Lee, Chair
   i. Approval of Disposition of Surplus Property for Main Campus for March 2018
The motion to approve the items on the consent docket passed unanimously (1st Lee; 2nd Hosmer).

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER COMMITTEE
Movement Disorders Center (Information item)
Paul Roth introduced former Regent Koch to talk about a program he championed in the legislature this past session which resulted in Senate Memorial 4 and House Memorial 8. Those at the HSC embrace the initiative 100%. Former Regent Koch spoke about the concept, and faculty from the Department of Neurology spoke more about the content of the program.

Former Regent Koch said he found out last year that he has Parkinson’s. Afterwards, he researched numbers of people in the State with Parkinson’s and he joined the Parkinson’s Coalition. In New Mexico there are 250,000 persons with movement disorders, and 10,000 of these people have Parkinson’s. New Mexico has only 3 movement disorder neurologists specializing in Parkinson’s. 1 is at the VA and 2 are at UNM, and it takes 6 to 9 months to get an appointment for the initial evaluation. The Movement Disorder Center in Colorado sees over 10,000 patients per year, as does the Muhammad Ali Center in Phoenix. Mr. Koch sent an email to Regent Doughty on January 8, 2018, to make the Board of Regents aware that he and the Parkinson’s Coalition were going to the NM Legislature to request a memorial in the Senate and the House asking the “Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to establish a Movement Disorders Center to provide curriculum to train medical trainees in movement disorders and to provide treatment for those afflicted with movement disorders.” Normally this process would have started with the Board of Regents presenting this request to the legislature, and the board would not know what support it would have at that time. In this case, the University starts with full support for a Movement Disorders Center from the legislature. During the legislative session, emails in support of the center were sent to Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino from several persons with Parkinson’s. Separate emails were sent to each Senate and House committee member. Each Senator and Representative received a packet explaining the Movement Disorders Center. Both memorials passed unanimously within a little over a week with no dissent. The memorial went through 2 committees in the Senate and 1 in the House. On Parkinson’s Day the memorial was passed by both the Senate and the House. Former Regent Koch spoke about the prospects of State funding for the center and the great need for this center in New Mexico.

Chris Calder, Chair of the Department of Neurology, introduced the faculty in the department who treat movement disorder, Drs. Sarah Piro Richardson and Amanda Deligtisch. The HSC is extremely fortunate to have these two specialists. With the aging population, there is a nationwide shortage of movement disorder neurologists. Dr. Piro Richardson is a graduate of the UNM Medical School. She trained in Neurology at UC Irvine, then took on a movement disorders fellowship at UIHH. Dr. Deligtisch is a graduate of Columbia Medical School where she also did her residency, and a fellowship at Beth Israel. Dr.

Dr. Piro Richardson spoke more about movement disorders, treatment, and the needs for a movement disorders center, and referred to slides that were included in the eBook. Recognizing the growing need and limited access to specialty care for patients with movement disorders, the Senate Memorial 4 requested the UNM Board of Regents to: 1) devise a plan to create a movement disorders center that is staffed with movement disorder specialists; 2) house the movement disorder clinic that has physical access appropriate for movement disorder patients; and 3) to report the plan to the NM Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 1, 2018. Dr. Piro Richardson spoke about why movement disorders have become more of an issue, with raised awareness; she spoke about treatments and current movement disorders services at UNM Hospital and outlined a program structure, provider structure, and opportunities that would arise from having a movement disorders center.

Regent Brasher asked if there is affordable medicine to even assist patients who are going through this. Dr. Piro Richardson responded in the affirmative, there is an affordable and effective medicine, but one of the challenges is that over time, complications to that medicine can occur, necessitating other treatments. Regent Brasher thanked former Regent Koch and also Dr. Rcth. This is obviously a critical issue and there is tremendous need to address it.

Approval of UNM Hospitals Contracts with TriMedx and Cardinal Health
Mike Chicarelli presented the item. The first contract is with TriMedx. The request is for approval of an initial four year agreement, with option to renew additional six years with TriMedx to operate and manage UNM Hospitals’ Clinical Engineering Department and services. The UNMH Clinical Engineering Department is responsible for general equipment preventative maintenance of all biomedical equipment as well as servicing medical equipment for two distinct service lines: medical equipment and imaging equipment. The projected annual cost ranges from $4.451 million per year to $10 million, depending on the optimal combination of clinical engineering vendor and external service contract vendors. If UNMH does not change the percentage of clinical engineering contract to external service contract vendors, this contract price is a fixed rate for the first 3 years. After three years, UNMH will negotiate a capped increase.

The motion to approve the TriMedx contract passed unanimously (1st Brasher; 2nd Adcock).
Mr. Chcarelli presented the next approval item, the contract with Cardinal Health 10B, LLC. This is a consignment agreement for Specialty Pharmaceutical Distribution for UNMH. UNMH will purchase Specialty Products from Cardinal Health to include life-critical medications and specialty products. This agreement provides pricing for the Specialty Products to provide specialty treatment for the UNMH patient population. The projected annual cost of the contract is $1.5 million per year.

The motion to approve the Cardinal Health contract passed unanimously (1st Brasher; 2nd Quillen).

Approval of the Nominations to the UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center, Inc., Board of Directors: Donnie Leonard, Matthew Wilks, Maxine Velezquez
Jaimie Silva-Steele presented the item. She introduced Donnie Leonard, who has been a Sandoval Regional Medical board member since 2014. Also requested for approval, the reappointment of Maxine Velezquez, who has been on the board since 2014, and the approval of a new positional director, Dr. Matthew Wilks, who is the current sitting Chief-of-Staff since January.

Donnie Leonard is well-known in the community, a business owner and leader. He has served as a county commissioner and on multiple boards in multiple capacities, advancing great, important efforts within the community. Mr. Leonard said he was pleased his name was being brought forward for reappointment to the SRMC board. He has been involved in the SRMC since its infancy, as a county commissioner, and after his tenure as county commissioner, serving on the board. Sandoval County has needed a facility for a long time. It has been an issue since the mid-90’s. The facility is a large and important part of Sandoval County. Regent Lee thanked Mr. Leonard for his service and his time for the community. Regent Lee recommended there be a separate vote for Mr. Leonard, because Student Regent Adcock would recuse himself from voting on one of the other nominees.

The motion to approve the nomination of Donnie Leonard to the SRMC board passed unanimously (1st Lee; 2nd Brasher). [Regent Doughty was not in the room for the vote]

The motion to approve the nominations of Matthew Wilks and Maxine Velezquez to the UNM SRMC board passed with a vote of 5-0-0 (1st Lee; 2nd Brasher); Regents Brasher, Lee, Quillen, Hosmer and Clifford voted for; Student Regent recused himself from the vote. [Regent Doughty was not in the room for the vote]

ACADEMIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE
Enrollment Update (information item)
Provost Abdallah presented the item for Terry Babbitt who could not be at the meeting. The materials including graphs were included in the eBook. The Enrollment Management Division not only looks back at enrollment data, but also forward to make enrollment projections in the future. During the recession, enrollment numbers spiked and subsequently trended downwards to levels not as low as prior to the recession. The graph shows also NM unemployment figures at three points which indicate enrollment could be correlated with unemployment rate. The recession corresponded to higher unemployment, enrollment improved, but many people also left the State. This is one thing that has impacted subsequent lower enrollment numbers. This past spring, there was a larger drop in headcount than normal from fall to spring semester, and the University is still trying to explain. The reduced Lottery Scholarship support can be attributed to an enrollment reduction in 200-300 students. Another effect could be students in the State are taking lower division courses at other institutions to save money or stay closer to home, courses students may be planning to transfer to UNM later. UNM was a leader in supporting the transferability of courses within the State’s Higher Education system. To attract students, the University will look at trying to compete in the area of quality, and there is effort underway to revisit the general education core. Dr. Abdallah spoke about other ways the University is addressing the enrollment issue, including student retention and offering online courses and programs.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Construction Approval for UNM Valencia Branch Campus Solar Power System Phase
Chris Vallejos presented the item. Alice Letteneey and Rick Goshorn were also present to address any questions. This is request for capital project construction approval for UNM Valencia Campus Solar Power System Phase 2. Total project budget $440K; $60K to be funded from PPD Utilities capital reserves; $380K funded by UNM Valencia from local general obligation bonds. The first phase was completed last year at $520K, it created 127 KW. This second project will be estimated 380 KW per year of renewable energy, which equates to approximately 20% of the total annual purchased electricity for the campus and approximately $17K per year savings in utilities expenditures.

The motion to approve the UNM Valencia Branch Campus Solar Power System Phase 2 construction project passed with a unanimous vote (1st Doughty; 2nd Hosmer).
Approval of FY18 Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) for Main Campus Athletics Exhibit 21 and FY19 Main Campus Athletics Exhibit 11 Budget Proposal including overall elimination of deficit and satisfying the NH Higher Education Department (HED) Enhanced Fiscal Oversight Program

President Stokes opened the presentation by reaffirming her strong belief in Athletics as part of the breadth of offerings a major University should provide, noting sports as a gateway for many students and a powerful avenue for support from alumni, community members, and faculty, students and staff. The Athletics budget has been a defining challenge in recent years and the inability to resolve its issues has led to HED scrutiny in the form of enhanced fiscal watch, as well as a widespread loss of trust in UNM and Athletics leadership. At the recent budget summit, the regents charged the administration with the task of balancing the Athletic FY19 budget and developing a detailed plan to reduce a multi-year deficit. President Stokes and other university leaders assessed the efficacy of various scenarios to create a thoughtful and realistic plan, addressing both deficit reduction and a responsible budget, which was presented at the April Regents Finance & Facilities Committee meeting. That presentation generated a detailed dive into historical and current Athletics budgets, and data was supplied before the meeting to the Regents through a number of supporting documents.

The proposed plan allows Athletics to eliminate the recurring deficit and pay back a substantial amount of the existing deficit. The proposal includes major cuts to operations, most of which cannot occur before FY20. President Stokes has requested Athletics Director Eddie Nunez, in consultation with others, to use a process with clearly defined criteria, including Title IX considerations, to make a decision by July 1 about which sports programs UNM can realistically support. Student athletes should be given a year’s notice if their sport is up for elimination. She clarified that no program decisions have been made, and that administration will engage the community in this process.

The proposal includes a request for funding derived from the Mesa del Sol land sale in 2006, funding under the discretion of the Regents that has been used previously to support UNM’s branding initiative and renovations for baseball. The $100K reduction in requested Mesa del Sol funds reflects the postponement of several key hires.

President Stokes noted that students should expect a high-quality experience at UNM, and stretching budgets too thin with too many obligations risks UNM’s commitment. She added that cutting programs, whether sports or academic, ranks among the hardest tasks; these decisions will affect people. It is not practical at this time to expect Athletics to be fully self-sustaining without University support. Operating with financial integrity is the first step to earning the trust of internal and external constituents, and by demonstrating a willingness to make tough decisions with transparency, empathy and clear criteria, UNM’s Athletics Department can win the hearts and minds of faculty, staff, students and the community in a way that will benefit its financial picture in the years to come. Dr. Stokes noted the proposal team was in attendance to stand for questions.

President Doughty inquired about the hire date for a Lobo Club executive director. President Stokes responded administration is developing a proposal for the structure of Lobo Clubs, but regardless of the path forward, the intention is to have a director in place by July 1.

Regent Lee commented that in light of public comments on behalf of all athletics at UNM, the Lobo Club should be a critical part of Athletics restructuring and key to engaging the community in supporting UNM Athletics. President Stokes agreed.

President Doughty inquired about his previous request for a line-by-line breakdown of expenses by sport. CFO Robertson replied that the included FY17 information was the only audited information available. He noted that a full, 77 page detailed report of the FY17 information was available for review as well beyond the one-page summary provided to the regents. President Doughty indicated he has requested a detailed line by line analysis of expenditures and revenues for each sport for FY18, and inquired again if it was available. CFO Robertson noted the requested FY17 & FY18 information will be available in the next month. Regent Doughty reiterated that he would like to see information monthly in the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Regent Clifford thanked President Stokes for providing new information and detail on the Athletics budget, and echoed President Doughty’s request for more information. He noted the NCAA report includes footnotes with a list of included items, and that is the information the Board would like to see itemized.

President Doughty inquired about FY17 grant and aid fundraising, noting Lobo Club fundraising dropped significantly between FY17 and FY18. Director Nunez responded the FY17 figures include two major items in respect to naming rights and the average is closer to the $6-7 million range.

Regent Lee inquired whether the Dreamstyle gift was accounted for through Learfield Media or through the UNM Foundation. Larry Ryan, Vice President of University Development, explained the Foundation reports private gifts to the institution. Within Learfield contracts, Lobo Club or other donations get audited out and moved to Main Campus (or other appropriate) accounts. The Dreamstyle sponsorship agreement includes a large gift to name the football stadium and
basketball arena. Those payments will be made to Lobo Sports Properties/Learfield with the exception of the first payment of $1 million last spring, which was made to the Foundation. Subsequently, gifts will be made directly to the Athletics Department from Learfield accounts.

Regent Lee inquired who the final signatory on that gift was. Mr. Ryan noted the gift was through Learfield and Mr. Chavez. Jalen Dominguez was involved and that the Foundation received approvals for the naming, but he was unsure who the signers of the contract were.

President Doughty inquired about the analysis of the moving the Pit debt to Main Campus. Vahid Staples, Budget Officer, responded the total amount of the Athletics commitment for the remainder averages $1.7 million per year, from FY-19 through FY36, for a total of $31 million. The total of the UNM portfolio at the end of the term is about $4.8 million, so there is not enough in the portfolio to cover the debt service without another source of revenue.

Regent Quillen commented that although the regents could continue to request more information, her review of previous years indicates this kind of information has been collected before with the same outcomes. She noted she appreciated the new information provided by administration and suggested developing metrics for success in Athletics going forward. Director Nunez agreed.

Regent Lee concurred with Regent Quillen and noted she had once suggested a subcommittee for Athletics, both for financial review and for planning purposes. She inquired if Director Nunez was committed to monthly reporting at F&F in lieu of a separate subcommittee and he affirmed this commitment.

Regent Hosmer expressed appreciation for the enormous amount of data in a compressed time. He noted that while tracking dollars in and out is critical; however, the public comments given earlier displayed that accounting for the overall benefits of Athletics to the University and to individuals is left out of financial reporting. He encouraged that any plan proposals provide opportunity to understand other aspects, including a full accounting of cost and benefits of athletic operations. Regent Hosmer also endorsed the idea of developing metrics. He then moved approval.

Regent Brasher inquired about the debt service for the Pit, if the revenue stream was primarily from the sale of suites and inquired if revenues would get to the level of covering the annual debt service. CFO Robertson affirmed that club level and concession suite sales were the primary source of revenue. Regent Brasher noted there had been issues with suite payment and inquired if administration had been aggressive in resolving these issues. Director Nunez confirmed they had, explaining the Lobo Club has implemented a new procedure with contracts and payment. Current accounts are over 90% paid, with the remainder in process. Director Nunez explained that revenue increases were dependent on athletic performance and also new tax changes. He felt that positive momentum will help UNM generate more revenues.

Regent Brasher inquired about grants and the arrangement with Learfield. CFO Robertson explained that businesses provide a percentage toward scholarship and a percentage toward sponsorship. The contracted designated amounts go to the Lobo Club and Learfield, separately. Regent Brasher noted reviewing the Learfield agreement is important to the process. Director Nunez concurred. Regent Lee noted that all contracts should be reviewed in this process to ensure they are in the best interest of UNM.

Regent Lee commented Athletics needs a more comprehensive plan in place to enhance fan experience. Director Nunez agreed, noting complexity in that any investment in the fan experience requires the dedication of finances and staff resources in an environment of depleted staff and difficult finances.

EVP Harris explained the hiring situation, or “semi-freeze,” where UNM is analyzing vacant positions carefully and slowing replacement in an effort to save money. UNM has eliminated at least 1,000 positions throughout the institution since the recession as an alternative to layoffs.

Regent Quillen noted when Athletics was in the same position five years ago, students came en masse to show support for Athletics, and she wondered why there was not the same support currently. Director Nunez noted that decline in support for university athletics is a national trend. He intends to discuss with student athletes how the department may provide better opportunities for students to attend games.

Regent Adcock expressed disappointment at the prospect of cutting any programs, noting he is a former student athlete and understands the value of athletics. He inquired if cutting programs was always an option and if the group examined other options for cost containment. Director Nunez responded cutting sports is one component when looking at the totality of the budget, and he views the process as an opportunity to determine how to be more efficient. Regent Adcock requested that as they proceed, the group keep in mind that student athletes are students first and may not get these opportunities elsewhere. Director Nunez agreed.
Regent Lee expressed appreciation for the work involved in the proposal and the additional information that was provided.

The motion to approve the FY18 Budget Adjustment Request for Main Campus Athletics and the FY19 Budget proposal including overall elimination of deficit to satisfy the NM HED Enhanced Fiscal Oversight program, passed with a vote of 6-1-0; Regents Brasher, Doughty, Hosmer, Lee, Clifford, Quillen voted for; Student Regent Adcock voted against (1st Hosmer; 2nd Quillen).

Monthly Consolidated Financial Report through February 28, 2018 (information item)
Liz Metzger presented the item. The information was included in the agenda eBook. This report is month eight into the fiscal year. Spring tuition is reflected; no other budget adjustments were necessary. Summer tuition revenue of $3 million is budgeted, and any significant changes from that will be reported.

UNM Foundation, Inc. UNM Regents’ Advisor Report
This item was not presented.

• Regent Clifford disconnected from the phone and did not rejoin the meeting.

• Regent Quillen requested a report from the Foundation on the Regent Endowment Fund. Regent Doughty agreed and requested the Foundation report at the next month’s Board of Regents on the Winrock, Regents, and Sandia Endowment Funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Glenda Lewis, PhD candidate in Language, Literacy, and Socio-Cultural Studies, also a project assistant with the Project New Mexico Graduates of Color (PNMGC) introduced PNMGC colleagues, Mark Narvaez, Project Graduate Assistant and a Masters student in Counselor Education, and Theresa Napete, a Masters student in Special Education. Ms. Lewis thanked Chaouki Abdallah for supporting PNMGC while Interim President last year, through the Presidential initiative, restoring the SFRB funding cuts. PNMGC originated at UNM during the 2002-2003 school year by a group of graduate students who were first generation attending college and who felt a void in the graduate education. They started a student-led peer-mentoring organization to provide emotional, social and cultural support to each other. The mission and vision has continued. This past Spring had much activity, including workshops, social-dialogue sessions, Black History Month read-in, and an immigration colloquium featuring UNM Law School faculty community advocates and international graduate students who got involved to address the stresses of the DACA situation. On May 3 the PNMGC Faculty of Color Awards will be presented, in partnership with the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Lewis invited President Stokes and the board to attend the awards event.

Mark Narvaez, 3rd year graduate student in the College of Education, pursuing his Master’s Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and Graduate Assistant with PNMGC, had the pleasure with colleagues to represent UNM at the Western Association for Graduate Schools Regional Conference in Las Vegas, NV, to present the PNMGC model that has been contributing to the campus for 17 years. Much interest was given to PNMGC’s mentoring model, its centerpiece program which focuses not only on academic mentoring but also psycho-social mentoring. For funding beyond this fiscal year, PNMGC will continue to look for other funding avenues and will apply again next year for funding through the SFRB.

ADVISORS’ REPORTS
Danalle Callan, Staff Council President, reported on the recent Staff Council precinct elections held in March. All of the 30 vacant or seats up for re-election were filled with good voter participation. The transition to the new council will take place in May, including election of the Executive Council. Ms. Callan reported on the recent Staff as Students registration event

VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEETING AND PROCEED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
The motion to close the meeting and proceed in closed session passed unanimously (1st Lee; 2nd Brasher). The meeting closed at 12:05 PM; members proceeded to the Cherry Silver room on third floor of the SUB; Regents present during closed session: Garrett Adcock, Michael Brasher, Rob Doughty, Brad Hosmer, Marnon Lee, and Suzanne Quillen attended closed session along with University Counsel and other administrators.

1. Discussion and determination where appropriate of limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(2), NMSA (1978)
2. Discussion and determination where appropriate of threatened or pending litigation permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(7), NMSA (1978)

VOTE TO RE-OPEN THE MEETING AND CERTIFICATION THAT ONLY THOSE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA WERE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION, AND IF NECESSARY, FINAL ACTION WITH REGARD TO THOSE MATTERS WILL BE TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION

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The vote to re-open passed unanimously (1st Lee; 2nd Brasher); the meeting opened at 1:58 PM; the doors to the Cherry Silver room were opened.

Regent Doughty certified that only those matters described in the closed session agenda were discussed in closed session and there were no items upon which the board needed to take action in open session.

**ADJOURN**

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. (1st Lee; 2nd Hosmer).
The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

Approved:  

Attest:

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Robert M. Doughty III, President  
Tom Clifford, Secretary/Treasurer

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Minutes originated by Mallory Reviere and Emily Morelli; finalized by Mallory Reviere