

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO BOARD OF REGENTS'**  
**ACADEMIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:00 p.m., Scholes Hall, Roberts Room

**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

*A recorded version of this meeting is available upon [request](#)*

**Committee members present:** *Regent Bradley Hosmer, (Chair), Regent Suzanne Quillen, Regent Heidi Overton, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Chaouki Abdallah, Faculty Senate President Richard Holder, Staff Council President Gene Henley*

**Regents' Advisors present:** *Priscila Poliana, GPSA President, and Professor Melissa Bokovoy*

**I. Call to Order**

Regent Hosmer called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**II. Approval of Summarized Minutes from Previous Meeting:** *(October 3, 2013)*

**Motion for approval of the minutes as amended was made by Regent Suzanne Quillen seconded by Provost, Chaouki Abdallah. Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Reports/Comments:**

A. Provost's Administrative Report

*Chaouki Abdallah, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Update on Provost's work plan for ASAR Committee

2.2 Budget wedge into the future – ROM Resource Oriented Management will be discussed at the Dean's Retreat as well as at UNM 2020.

3.5 Tuition and fees policy committee is looking at 4 year plans and how to reallocate some of the fees. This committee will report when a plan is ready to present.

4.5 Establish a 5 – 10 year plan to increase internally funded research in order to support faculty in the humanities and junior faculty.

Two targets from UNM 2020

5.1 Assessment – this will be discussed more this year and a group is looking at how to measure the quality of UNM education. 4 year and 6 year graduation with 4 year being placed front and center.

Team from UNM was sent to HLC to help develop a plan. A quality initiative has begun and planning for the next visit is underway.

Update on Dean's Retreat:

Focus was on budget and how to move to the ROM budget. Outcome was that a quality metrics will be used and discussion of other methods used to allocate or reallocate funding in underway.

Update on College of Education:

Process of re-envisioning is taking place. The internal and statewide groups are meeting. The national group will meet in March and will be the final test in putting something in place. This is a research based project and the group is very diverse. Once the final outcome is determined, we will go back to the Kellogg Foundation to seek funds to implement the plan.

A national search firm will be sought to encourage candidates to fill the Dean of the College of Education position.

Education Advisory Board has been asked to research benefits plus salaries and how does it make UNM competitive or uncompetitive and how we compare in the market. Another research project is the quality of metrics.

#### IV. Approval Items:

- A. Approval of Posthumous Degree – Jessica S. Pabinquit  
*Bill Walters, Associate Professor; Department of Theatre and Dance*

**Motion for approval was made by President of Faculty Senate, Richard Holder, seconded by Regent Heidi Overton. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### V. Information Items:

- A. Research Enterprise Update (ASA&R Goal #4)  
*Michael Dougher, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs*

Focus has been on addressing internal procedures intended to

- Increase awareness of research accomplishments and initiatives by UNM faculty and research staff
- Create an efficient and effective main campus IRB process
- Consolidate and centralize our research compliance functions
- Improve sponsored projects services to faculty by restructuring the Office of Sponsored Projects (pre-award), especially with respect to contract arrangements with external agencies and industry
- Increase the transparency of the OVPR budget and work with the Faculty Senate, Associate Deans for Research, and Center Directors to forge an F & A distribution model that more fully incorporates deans and center directors in decision making

New Mexico Collaborative Research and Development Council has been formed with Senators Udall and Heinrich's offices, which focus on collaboration, testing and evaluation. This collaborative includes Holloman Air Force, Cannon Air Force Base, Air Force Research Laboratory, 96 Test Group, Sandia National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, White Sands Missile Range, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico Tech, New Mexico State and University of New Mexico. The

discussion will begin with the importance of collaboration, what make collaborations work and what will be done in the next year.

IRB process at HSC will remain the same, IRB process on main campus will be separated for those that do not require human research subjects.

B. Center for Teaching Excellence (ASA&R Goal #7)

*Virginia Scharff, Associate Provost for Faculty Development*

*Aeron Haynie, Associate Professor of English and Director for the Center for Teaching Excellence*

*Full presentation available upon request.*

The Center for Teaching Excellence:

- Focuses on student learning
- Is a community of teaching scholars
- Research on teaching
- Teaching excellence demonstrated through evidence of student learning

Services provided are:

- One-on-one consultations with instructors
- Classroom observations/mid semester evaluations
- Workshops on teaching topics
- Teaching Awards, Teaching Grants
- Library of teaching-related materials and books
- February Conference – “Success in the Classroom”

C. Update on Projects and Program Statistics, International Programs (ASA&R Goal #9.2)

*MaryAnne Saunders, Special Assistant to the President for Global Initiatives*

*Full presentation available upon request*

An update on International Programs was given by MaryAnne Saunders. This program’s goals are defined as “A commitment to integrate international, global and comparative perspectives throughout the teaching, research, and service missions of higher education.”

Results after one year include:

- Established an advisory board
- Increased the number of students studying abroad
- Opened a recruiting office in Beijing and plans on a potential office in Mexico
- Developed an effective protocol for dignitary visits now utilized by the university
- Global Education Office is being included in conversations regarding economic development of Albuquerque

D. Financial Aid Update ASA& R Goal #3)

*Terry Babbitt, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management  
Full presentation available upon request*

Associate Vice President Terry Babbitt gave an update on financial aid breaking data down by aid type, aid source, institutional aid and undergraduate scholarships. UNM made some gains in the recruitment of top students due to enhanced recruitment efforts with the Honors College and other Schools. Best scholarship practices provide an early commitment of funds to students based on their credentials at the time of application.

E. STEM Gateway and STEP UP Grants

*Tim Schroeder, Director for the STEM Gateway Program  
Carolina Aguirre, Director for the STEM UP CNM/UNM Cooperative*

Item deferred to the December 5, 2013 Academic/Student Affairs and Research Committee Meeting.

**VI. Faculty Presenter**

A. The Economics of Shale Gas, Hydraulic Fracturing and Helium

*Janie Chermak, Professor and Chair for the Department of Economics  
Presentation available upon request*

Professor Janie Chermak gave a presentation titled “The Economics of Shale Gas, Hydraulic Fracturing and Helium”.

**VII. Public Comment**

None

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Provost, Chaouki Abdallah, seconded by Regent Suzanne Quillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.**