

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO BOARD OF REGENTS'**  
**ACADEMIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, August 1, 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, Regent Suzanne Quillen, Regent Heidi Overton, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Chaouki Abdallah, Faculty Senate President Richard Holder, and Staff Council President Gene Henley*

**Regents' Advisors present:** *GPSA President Priscila Poliana, ASUNM President Isaac Romero, and Parent Association Vice President Katherine Cullen and Professor Melissa Bokovoy*

**I. Call to Order**

Regent Hosmer called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**II. Approval of Summarized Minutes from Previous Meetings: (June 6, 2013)**

**Motion for approval and agenda change was made by Provost, Chaouki Abdallah, seconded by Regent Heidi Overton. Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Reports/Comments:**

Provost's Administrative Report

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

Faculty Hiring Plans – Fall 2014 semester

Hiring plans will be reviewed and approved and searches for faculty will begin this month for the 2014 fall semester.

Vice President for Research – a search will be restarted in August. This is a very important position as this position is responsible for 150 million in expenditures for research on Main Campus.

Dean of University Libraries position will be open as Dean Martha Bedard has accepted a position at the University of Connecticut.

Dean of College of Education will we started.

Legislative Finance Committee presentation was given by Provost with the topic of Student Success. LESC presentation will be given in August. Discussion will be a presentation regarding the College of Education and what the university is doing around the College.

Association for Public and Land Grant Universities – a group of public and land grant universities will need to come together because of the concern for:

- (1) distance learning,
- (2) what platform to utilize, the concern is that a private company such as a publisher and then that may become the standard, how is content delivered? What type of platform?
- (3) Data about student success.

#### Degree Map

Project to create Degree Plans have been worked on throughout the summer. This will allow students to explore classes they may be interested and what are required and how the classes will fit into their degree completion path. The process of entering data and checking and making sure all is correct is taking place. This project can be viewed on <http://degrees.unm.edu/>.

#### Career Services

Survey is conducted 6 months after graduation and how their degree has prepared them for employment. Report data is from 2011 graduates.

#### **IV. Approval Items:**

- A. Approval of C1231-New Phlebotomy Technician  
*John Austin, Director UNM Valencia*
- B. Approval of C1232-New Personal Care Attendant  
*John Austin, Director UNM Valencia*
- C. Approval of C1233-New Nursing Assistant  
*John Austin, Director UNM Valencia*
- D. Approval of C1234-New Emergency Medical Services EMT- Basic  
*John Austin, Director UNM Valencia*
- E. Approval of C1235-New Emergency Medical Services EMT- Intermediate  
*John Austin, Director UNM Valencia*

**Motion for approval to consolidate approval items as a group and approve all together was made by Regent Heidi Overton, seconded by Regent Suzanne Quillen. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **V. Information Items:**

##### Honors College Report

*Kate Krause, Dean Honors College*

ACT score of 29 or higher is automatically accepted. Recruitment for the college from last year included a brochure postcard mailing as well as personal outreach with current Honors students making personal phone calls and a personal letter from the dean to any student who scored a 29 or higher to invite them to apply for Honors College. As of the last orientation, 558 students have been admitted. This number is expected to increase to 600 once orientation and enrollment is completed.

Key Strategic Student Success Initiatives Updates  
*Terry Babbitt, Associate Vice President Enrollment Management*

15 credit hour tuition Plan

- Strategy: encourage movement from 12 to 15 credit hours
- 15 hour cost is cheaper than the 12 hour rate
- Hours 16 – 18 are the same cost as 15
- Emphasizes economic argument for 15 hours
- Increases credit hour totals and course fill rates
- Increase in part-time rate is a target of criticism
- Some students indicate they cannot take 15 hours
- Tuition rules and bursar functions are difficult

Microaid lending Project

What is Microaid?

It is a simple funding solutions for those who may not have access to traditional sources of financial capital. Typically, microaid has smaller amounts of funding; quicker and easier process; favorable terms; and is used in unconventional formats. College students and educational lending are ideal targets for microaid. At this time this is available for undergraduate students only.

UNM has partnered with NMEFCU to develop microaid opportunity for UNM students.

Key components include:

- Easy application and short turnaround
- Academic progress based forgiveness incentives
- Financial capability course required to obtain funding (4 session program coinciding with ½ terms – provided by NMEFCU)

Concept has gained national attention and exposure.

Public Strategies Group created a national competition call Catapult. This partnership has won this award with the submission of Microaid.

Early Start Program

Summer ESP is intended to give students who can benefit from more preparation an early start in college by requiring they start in the summer session before their initial Fall semester.

The target population for the beginning freshman class of 2014 is students who have an ACT score (or SAT equivalent) less than 17.

Experiences at other universities and UNM's data indicate ESP can help students create momentum early in college.

- 70 students voluntarily piloted in 2013
- Plan to require for <17 ACT for 2014
- Impacts 200 beginning freshmen

**VI. Public Comment**

None

**VII. Adjournment**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**