

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO BOARD OF REGENTS'
ACADEMIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 1, 2014 1:00 p.m., Moot Courtroom, School of Law

SUMMARY OF MEETING

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

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

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

I. Call to Order

Regent Hosmer called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda and Summarized Minutes from Previous Meeting:
(April 3, 2014)

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Regent Suzanne Quillen, seconded by Regent Heidi Overton. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Special Recognition of Chief Kathy Guimond

Regent Hosmer recognizes the service of Police Chief Kathy Guimond as she will retire in June of this year.

IV. Reports/Comments:

- a. **Provost's Administrative Report**
Chaouki Abdallah, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Report on active searches:

Dean of Libraries

Candidate is from Utah State and is scheduled to begin in July 2014.

Anderson School of Management Dean

Interim Dean will be Professor Craig White, the chair of Accounting. A new search will commence next year.

College of Education

A final decision will be made shortly and the announcement will be made on the decision. Both faculty and campus community were engaged in this process.

Graduation rates continue to be monitored and we try to do a last push for students to graduate. We are working to increase the four, five and six year graduation rates. There are interventions in place to assist with this.

A four year budget plan is in formation on the Academic Affairs side.

Tuition and Fee committee will be making some policy recommendations which will come through the system. Work is being done on reducing the cost of books, with open source and eBooks.

b. Member and Advisor Comments

Staff Council President, Gene Henley reports that the new Staff Council President will be Renee Delgado Riley and this will be his last ASA & R meeting. The committee thanks President Henley for his service.

GPSA President Priscila Poliana reports that the association has passed a resolution to declare UNM as a start believing campus to provide an environment that supports victims. Another resolution that was passed is in support of the Board of Regents Budget Summit. Work continues on the collaborative working team for the SFRB process.

ASUNM President Isaac Romero reports that ASUNM has also passed a resolution to support victims and declares UNM a Start Believing Campus. He also thanks the Government Relations team for assisting in Legislative funding to improve the east basketball and volleyball courts, adding additional recycling bins, and more safety lighting. Both ASUNM and GPSA will be seeking support for improvements to the area around the Duck Pond. A foundation account has been established for this renovation project.

V. Approval Items:

A. Proposed AIMS Plan for UNM West

Motion: to support the expansion of the AIMS School through the use of space where available on UNM facilities in Rio Rancho with the qualification that the legal impediments are cleared as soon as practical.

Motion for approval was made by Regent Heidi Overton, seconded by Regent Suzanne Quillen. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Form C – New – National Security and Strategic Analysis Certificate

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

C. Approval of Form D – Masters in Public Policy, Departments of Economics,

Political Science and Sociology, and the School of Public Administration

Motion for approval was made by Staff Council President Gene Henley, seconded by Faculty Senate President Richard Holder. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approval of Form D – Graduate Certificate, Teaching English as a Second Language
Holbrook Mahn, Professor, Language Literacy and Sociocultural

Motion for approval was made by Provost Chaouki Abdallah, seconded by Faculty Senate President Richard Holder. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. GPSA Constitutional Amendments
- i. Combine Executive and Legislative Finance Committees
 - ii. Chief of Staff Position
 - iii. Approval of 9 credit hours of tuition and fees to Council Chair and Chief of Staff, and increase the tuition and fees allotted for the President from 9 credit hours up to 12 credit hours.

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

- F. Spring 2013 Degree Candidates

Motion for approval was made by Faculty Senate President Richard Holder, seconded by Provost Chaouki Abdallah. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Approval of Faculty Senate Policy Revision C280 – Leave Without Pay

Motion for approval was made by Faculty Senate President Richard Holder, seconded by Provost Chaouki Abdallah. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Information Items:

- A. The First MOOC Experience at UNM
We are one of the few non-AAU U.S. institutions that have partnered with Coursera.
Agreement between UNM and Coursera finalized in May 2013.
Agreement between UNM and UNM faculty finalized March 2014.
Ten UNM faculty/staff attended 2014 Coursera Partners Conference.

Web Application Architectures (undergraduate offering at UNM)

- This course had been taught online a number of times in the past.
- The course materials were mature – but a lot of effort was required to MOOCify them.
- Likely to be of interest to a worldwide audience – it's hot!

Timeline:

May 2013: Production of MOOC content

July 2013: First video production at NMEL
Aug–Dec 2013: UNM online offering using MOOC videos
Jan–Feb 2014: Creation of MOOC course on Coursera platform
Mar–May 2014: MOOC offering through Coursera

Next Steps:

- Offered again starting Aug 2014, coincident with UNM offering
Experiment: can we transition students to the UNM offering?
- Signature track – students pay and receive a credential upon completion.

An additional MOOC course will be offered by Vice President of Student Affairs, Eliseo Torres on Traditional Healing

B. UNM's Exploration of the Joint-University Opportunity in Western China

Background

Exploring Sino-Foreign University Cooperative Joint Venture in the Lanzhou New Area
Cooperative venture between UNM, a public Chinese University, and a Chinese private sector partner

Cooperative Joint Ventures require authorization by Provincial and National Governments
Full presentation is available upon [request](#)

C. Equity and Inclusion Action Plan

In the 2013 Spring Semester, the Division for Equity and Inclusion (DEI) consulted with Halualani and Associates for the deployment and analysis of a campus-wide survey to assess the impact of diversity, diversity in our learning environment and intergroup relations among our campus constituencies. The results of the survey highlighted four key ideals that coincide with the work of DEI since its inception. These goals are: 1) to ensure that communications and actions demonstrate a commitment to diversity as a strength and opportunity, 2) to create and scale-up efforts to build and reinforce a campus that is welcoming, where individuals feel that they are valued, and where there are learning opportunities to improve interactions across all types of diversity, and 3) to enhance academic programming and pedagogy that is inclusive and prepares students to work in a globally diverse society.

Full presentation is available upon [request](#)

D. Redesign of New Student Orientation

Changing how Students attend orientation

Combining College Enrichment Program and LobOrientation

- welcome approximately 300 students and 150 family members and friends each week for 12 weeks

Incorporating technology and interactive sessions using UNM's newly redesigned student-centered learning facility, CTLB, and more diverse spaces across campus.

Moving from 1 ½ days to 2 full days

- last half day being set up in a conference style format
- Students and parents get to select what sessions interest them

Faculty Involvement

New Student Orientation Family Connection Luncheon

- Weekly lunches with parents and family members
- Coffee Talk with Parents
- Weekly coffee with parents discussing academic expectations

College Mixer for First-Year Students

- Reception with first year students, families, and faculty during convocation Sunday

Freshman Convocation

ExceedU

Two days of freshman Welcome Days designed to open the doors of UNM to first year students early and help them prepare for the academic expectations of college.

- Sessions by faculty and staff from the Libraries, Career Services, English, Math, CAPS, and Honors
- Evening and weekend activities coordinated by Residence Life, Student Activities, Parents Association, and President's Office

VII. Faculty Presenter

Gabriel Sanchez, gave a presentation on the Latino Electorate Analysis

Full presentation is available upon [request](#)

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Staff Council President, Gene Henley, seconded by Faculty Senate President Richard Holder. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.