

**New Mexico Tech Board of Regents Meeting**  
**1:00 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2018**  
**Bureau of Geology and Mineral Museum, Room 253**  
**New Mexico Tech Campus**

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The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:00 p.m. with Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, David Gonzales, Donald Monette, and Emily Silva. Other university administrators, staff, and guests included the following:

Stephen Wells	Charles Hendrickson	Reynaldo Maestas
Nancy Wagoner	Lorie Liebrock	Alex Garcia
Cleve McDaniel	Peter Mozley	Kyle Stark
Doug Wells	Mark Adams	Sharon Sessions
Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming	Valentina Avramidi	Beth Kramer-Simpson
Van Romero	Colleen Foster	Aly El-Osery
Peter Anselmo	Valerie Del Curto	Sally Pias
Robert Balch	David Lepre	Rodolfo Tello-Aburto
Nelia Dunbar	George Veni	Valerie Kimble
Mike Stanley		

1. **Proof of Meeting.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and Ms. Wagoner reported that proper legal notice had been given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Regent Monette moved the agenda be approved as presented. Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Minutes.** Regent Armijo moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2018 regular Board meeting. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. **Announcements.**
  - a. *Graduation Ceremony.* President Wells reported on one of the largest graduating classes with 413 students and outlined the schedule for the May 12 commencement program. The Regents will assume a more participatory role, such as shaking hands with graduates as they walk across the podium. He also promised surprise special effects.
  - b. *Enrollment Update.* Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming called on Mr. Maestas, who announced a 13 percent increase in applications, an 18 percent increase in paid applications, and the tripling of applications for fall 2019. To date, the Office for Admission has received 150 RSVPs for summer orientation. Staff also attended over 25 out-of-state college fairs and handled 400 inquiries. In response to a Board question, Ms. Jaramillo-Fleming predicted sufficient beds will be available for fall since 60 seniors will be graduating and vacating rooms.
  - c. *President's Update.* The President reported on his recent trip to China and acknowledged Mr. Michael Vogel for helping to coordinate it, including a first-ever alumni reception in Beijing. Dr. Balch re-established his nine-year ties with Yangtze University and Northeast Petroleum Engineering. He noted that, although interest has slowed over time as the stream of potential graduate students has dried up, the Chinese students responded well to the recruitment video. The President expressed interest in establishing a summer cultural exchange program. President Wells reported that his meeting with an alumnus in Toronto was productive with a possible connection with Tech students through his company potentially through career fairs.

Given that no opposition was filed to the STE<sup>2</sup>M application, the President stated the next step is to use the STE<sup>2</sup>M trademark and file a report of usages.

Dr. Romero reported Mr. Juan Pineda, a recent addition to R&ED with Latin American relations experience, facilitated agreements with the Mexican NOAA office and the High-Altitude Water Cherenkov Gamma-Ray Observatory situated on the highest peak in Mexico. Other agreements with a high potential for graduate student recruitment are in the works. Dr. Romero noted offering in-state tuition to these students should be evaluated, as Tech is perfectly positioned to benefit from growth in the Mexican petroleum industry.

President Wells announced faculty retention is a serious issue as salaries are below state and national averages, and jobs for faculty spouses are difficult to find in such a small community. He suggested raising the issue at the June 29 retreat in Albuquerque.

The retreat will include a special tour of the Da Vinci exhibit at the NM Museum of Natural History and Science, as well as Tablao Flamenco dancing at Hotel Albuquerque. Those attending will receive information via email.

- d. *Advancement Update.* Ms. Foster reported fundraising totaled \$2.37M, which surpassed the \$2 million fiscal year goal. Another \$950k has been pledged for the university house and president's residence, including \$450k from alumnus Dr. and Mrs. Raul Deju, and \$500k from Holm III and Cuatro Bursum. "Frank's Place," a 50/50 funding match between Tech and the family of alumnus Frank Greiner, will provide landscaping and seating areas near Workman Center, with a dedication ceremony this summer. Ms. Foster referred to her outstanding team, noting the addition of Ms. Rachel Montoya as Alumni Relations Manager. The office is awaiting word on a grant from the Starr Foundation.
  - e. *Faculty Senate Update.* Dr. Kieft reported the Faculty Senate approved the list of May 2018 graduates and has nominated and selected students for commencement awards.
  - f. *Capital Projects Status Update.* Tech received two bids for Jones Hall renovation, both higher than estimates provided, according to Dr. McDaniel. Negotiated costs through a contractor-at-risk RFP process may be an option. Ninety-one percent of estimated costs for the proposed president's residence have been committed, with amortization of plans and additional fundraising ahead. A portion of the \$1.5M loan from NMTRPC will be repaid with donations, details to be determined. Anticipated shovel-in-the-ground start time will be no later than April 2019.
  - g. *SGA Update.* None.
  - h. *GSA Report.* Mr. Stark announced the election of new officers, with three returning and three new. GSA will continue to focus on events and student travel grants.
5. **Public Comment.** NCKRI Director Dr. Veni reported on the progress of the Carlsbad facility, including a \$500k annual increase in federal appropriations, which allows NCKRI to leverage additional funds. He distributed copies of the facility's annual report, featuring a Tech student on the back cover.
  6. **Sabbatical Leave.** Dr. Doug Wells announced approval of sabbatical leave for Dr. Hamid Rahnema, Petroleum Engineering, for fall 2018.
  7. **Academic Tenure and Promotion Introductions.** The Regents recognized and applauded the following faculty who formally attained academic tenure and promotion on April 12: Dr. Kramer-Simpson, Dr. Pias, Dr. Tello-Aburto, Dr. El-Osery, Dr. Sessions, and Dr. Rosario Durao (who was in class and unable to attend).


8. **March 2018 Degree Completions for April 2018 Conferrals.** Four degrees were conferred.
9. **Approval of May 2018 Graduates.** Dr. Doug Wells, in presenting the list of May 2018 graduates, noted the Faculty Senate approved the list of 413 graduating students. Regent Gonzales moved to approve the list of graduates. Regent Armijo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
10. **Regents' Resolution**
  - (A) **Formally adopt NMT logo.**
  - (B) **Charge President and Administration with developing appropriate policies and procedures related, for example, to use, format, mascot, colors, etc. for all uses including student organizations, functions, club sports, etc.** President Wells explained the resolution allows NMT to codify and formally accept the logo featuring "M" Mountain, to clear up confusion about the school's mascot and colors, and to enable the University to develop e-sports. Mr. Lepre noted an entity defines itself to the outside world with a brand, adding that the logo with the mountain, rust stripe, and four points are similar to the web policy previously approved by the Regents. Regent Armijo moved to approve the resolution, followed by a second from Regent Monette. The motion passed unanimously.
11. **Consideration of Electronic Board Materials.** President Wells reiterated his goal, announced at the last Board meeting, to manage all meeting materials with a software package such as Board PAC™, which keeps a running record of proceedings, including agenda, minutes, and notes. An abbreviated demonstration may be shown to Regents at the retreat.
12. **Revised Policy Development, Amendment, and Rescindment Policy.** Regent Monette moved to adopt the April 25, 2018 version of the "policy on policies"; the last revision was presented April 12, 2018. The President noted he will discuss with the Chair any items that should be brought to the attention of the full Board. Regent Monette moved to adopt the April 25, 2018 version of the policy. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
13. **Financial Analysis for March 2018.** Dr. McDaniel reported that with 75 percent of the fiscal year lapsed, total I&G revenue decreased over this time last year, while most transfers are at or near the 75 percent mark. Instruction expenditures remain lower than last year. Under RPSP, funds were approved to cover salaries at ICASA. As a cost center, EMRTC reduced its deficit fund balance with a one-time transfer from its profit-and-loss fund. Performing Arts remains positive. Regent Monette moved to accept the financial analysis for March 2018. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
14. **5-Year Facilities Plan Priority List.** Dr. McDaniel reported the first priority is adding Workman Center to the list of buildings slated for roof replacement (along with Gold, Kelly, and NRAO). The second priority is a campus-wide master key system upgrade; and the third is expansion of a fiber optic cable infrastructure. The list must be submitted to HED and BEF before June 1, 2018. Mr. Garcia noted during discussion that typically, the first priority will be approved, but never all three. Chair Peacock suggested exploring alternatives to an expensive proposed keycard system, yet still having the ability to lockdown sections of campus or individual rooms. Regent Armijo moved to approve the priority list as presented. Regent Monette seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
15. **Unrestricted Fund Purchase.**

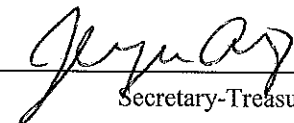
- a. **Audit Services.** Dr. McDaniel recommended hiring Moss Adams LLP of Albuquerque, one of eight firms submitting bids. The firm is an international company with previous experience auditing NMT.
- b. **Student Healthcare Services.** Presbyterian Healthcare Services submitted the sole offer. Cost is covered by student fees.

Regent Monette moved to approve both unrestricted fund purchases. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- 16. **Restricted Funds Purchase Notifications.** This item was presented for information only.
- 17. **Research Park Corporation. Ex-officio member to member.** Regent Monette explained the contact person who focuses on intellectual property issues and patent transfers needs to be a member of the NMTRPC board of directors. He suggested that Dr. Anselmo, who is an ex officio member through his position as Executive Director of the Center for Innovation Commercialization (OIC), should be appointed a full voting member. Regent Armijo moved to infuse the position with full voting rights. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- 18. **Individual Board Member Comments.** None.
- 19. **New Business.** None.
- 20. **Executive Session (Pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) & 10-15-1(1)(2), NMSA 1978).** The Regents adjourned their regular meeting at 2:30 p.m. to meet in executive session, on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent Gonzales. Ms. Wagoner conducted a roll call vote, which was unanimous.
- 21. **Action Following Executive Session.** Regents returned to their regular meeting at 3:28 p.m. The Chair announced that only items listed were discussed and no action was taken. Regent Monette moved to approve tenure and promotion for Dr. Linda Deveaux, Associate Professor of Biology. Ms. Silva seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 22. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 3:29 p.m.

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President

  
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Secretary-Treasurer