

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/2/22

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: SENMC RM 153

Board members present: Chairman, Ned Elkins

Member, Mark Cage

Secretary, Tiffany Frintz

Member, Bill Murrill

Type of Meeting:

Regular Work Session

Special

Member, Sarah Bowman

- **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Time: 6:03 pm

- **Establish Quorum – Roll Call**

- **Approval of minutes from previous meeting -**

4/18/22

Motioned: Secretary Frintz Seconded: Sheriff Cage Nays: 0

- **General Counsel: Status report on real property and asset transfer & other related matters**

Mr. Martin was not available for the meeting however there was discussion about some of things he wanted to talk about. The Nursing program has been in contact with him about 15-20 contracts they are concerned about however since we are still under the NMSU umbrella we are good to go. There is no need for new contracts.

The policies (College and Promotion and Tenure) are still being worked on.

Mrs. Bowman mentioned Mr. Martin stated he had conversations with some of the faculty and has a better understanding.

Dr. Nwanne spoke about the P&T process and how it was started under the NMSU system and would have been completed by the end of this month. Since we have changed process but not the policy the Board should review the portfolios under the NMSU policy. Everyone agreed that the portfolios would be reviewed at the next meeting under NMSU policy.

- **Advance Planning-Consideration of scheduling board work session & special meeting**

Julie from ACCT (Association of Community College Trustees) will be here May 10 to finalize the presidential profile using feedback from surveys. They will also work on the timeline for the search. It is scheduled from 1-5:00pm. in room 106.

- **Dr. Nwanne: SENMC general status report**

Dr. Nwanne informed all that we are still preparing for Commencement. Dr. Ken Van Winkle will be here to confer the degrees. We have invited special guests and they will have a reserved seating section. The Board will sit on stage.

Our Grant services department continue to run 4 grants. We are applying for a new one due on June 6.

Samantha Villa and Sky Soto have met with Hannon Hill regarding the website. They will continue to build. A contract has been sent to Mr. Martin.

Dr. Nwanne discussed Strategic Planning, we have used the 2019-2025 plan but need a new one as SENMC. There is usually a retreat with all Execs. This year we will have a meeting with Chad Ingram from the Chamber and John Waters from Dept of Development to work on the plan.

Earth Day brought around 300 visitors to the campus. These events are important for our community connection.

- **Executive administration staff reports or comments on transition status**

VP Garcia informed all that a Registrar has been hired and will start on June 1. She is from NM and has experience with reports we will have to submit to the state. The positions for Academic Success Coach & Academic Advisor closed and we will start the

interviewing process soon. Discussed the enrollment numbers to date. Informed all that the contract has been secured for the dual enrolled.

Dr. Harris updated that an offer was made for an instructor for History and Government, fingers crossed they accept. Informed all that Dr. Hamedi created an Associate degree program for Psychology. It is beginning the process to get approved.

Dr. Volpi stated she met with Anthology and explained how so much is happening that we cannot see. Explained there have been meetings to go over what we need and so forth. Anthology provided slides of the standard timeline but said ours is not standard. There will be time cut off in certain places that don't apply to us such as the data transfer. Anthology will be here June 20 and will meet with the Board.

- **Dr. Volpi: Budget**

Dr. Volpi provided the Board with some documents and proceeded to explain the numbers used.

Motion was made to approve the budget as presented.

Motioned: Sheriff Cage Seconded: Mrs. Bowman Nays: 0

- **Carol Thomas, VP Ferrili: update**

Ms. Thomas was not present however Dr. Volpi and Ms. Girón from Ferrili explained the Anthology slide and meeting date was the update.

- **College & Community Committee report**

Mr. Craig Stephens presented the update to the Board. He started by thanking them for their work. He confirmed the list of items the committee was to work on...1. Review Presidential resumes 2. Outreach to Community 3. Help promote SENMC 4. Outreach to businesses for training opportunities 5. Have access to administration 6. Create a list of attributes for the Presidential candidate which has been sent 7. Create a list of challenges and opportunities for the college which was also sent 8. Work on contracts with nursing which was discovered that are not needed since we are under the NMSU umbrella still 9. Comments from meeting include tenure- a huge concern on campus 10. Faculty feel like they should get a co-counsel with Higher Education experience 11. Faculty have concerns with Executive team, mainly with communication 12. Suggest Faculty has a place on the agenda to report to the board. There was a discussion and suggestion that all employee groups should have a place on the agenda, even the student government. Sheriff Cage mentioned that all need to be respectful of the chain of command and that no one will be blindsided by anything said at the meetings. Discussion about the committee meeting not being the place to voice complaints. It needs to be constructive.

- **Public Comments**

Dianne Hardin invited all to the Nurse pinning on Saturday May 7 at 2:00pm and the Walter Gerrells PAC.

Zane Biebelle updated all that the Faculty Council will now be the Faculty Senate, they are waiting for a volunteer for President of that group. Chairman Elkins asked what the difference is between the council and senate. Ms. Biebelle explained that the senate for NMSU was in Las Cruces (we had a rep from here on the Senate) and they handled academic requests such as changing the grading system vs the Council is the middle person between the Faculty and Administration here on campus.

Norbert Rempe commented that the minutes do not have good explanations and uses acronyms which may be unknown to the public. Also said the documents presented in the meetings should also be uploaded. Commented that the zoom link is not posted publicly for the board meetings and would like information regarding the College Community Committee meetings posted publicly.

Stated he noticed the highway department changed the signs on the highway already and asked who to contact because he has tried to get a sign changed from Wipp to WIPP for a long time now.

• **Board Comments**

Mrs. Bowman said she is excited for Friday and Saturday and will be there.

Secretary Frintz echoed her excitement about commencement and pinning, she appreciates the public comments and Thanked for supporting them.

Sheriff Cage shared that what motivates him is to show commitment and passion about things. Stated how fluidity is important especially during this time, and that he is happy that we are taking care of the P&T process because it has been a concern since the beginning.

Chairman Elkins stated his mantra has always been “you can recover from a mistake but nothing comes from not trying”.

• **Announcement of next Regular Meeting**

Date: May 16, 2022 **Time:** 6:00 pm **Place:** SENMC Rm 153

• **Adjournment**

Chairman Elkins adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Recorded by: Michelle Sapien

APPROVED

Tiffany Frintz, Secretary

Date