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BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
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3. The LANL Foundation and employees fund announced scholarship winners. Six of those were NNMC students and all of them were celebrated at an event at the LANL Foundation.
4. Four of the College's students, past and present math art sculptures were accepted to Taos Council Art Show and are on display at the Taos City Hall. Special thanks to the students and to Professor Charles Knight who is advising them.

B. CUP/NMICC Report – Informational

Both organizations joined ACC at a training for chief financial officer in Santa Fe. It was a very productive meeting and this was so DFA understands some of the Higher Ed budget. President Bailey could see DFA in line with a lot of the things Ricky Bejarano has done and they are moving in this direction. This was a really good take away for them.

C. NNMC Foundation - Informational

There was a very productive meeting yesterday and they expect by the end of next week legal counsel will have a draft agreement between the Board of Regents and Foundation Board to discuss a plan to make an initial payment and clarification on some Foundation accounts to remedy the hole that is owed. This was a very good first step.

D. Residence Halls - Informational

There was a meeting with Lupe Garcia from Garcia Tires who owns a piece of property by Pizza 9 and he is interested in a potential partnership with the city and county to build a housing project. President Bailey does not know if student housing would be included in this but it is certainly something the College will keep an eye on. The Board of Regents former President Kevin Powers has agreed to be an advisor for the College as it moves forward and the College is thankful for his guidance. The College may be looking at crafting an RFP for student housing later this fall or early spring. Obviously, the College's focus is on the upcoming ballot initiative for the Community College.

E. Branch Community College

Everything is moving forward for this and President Bailey is happy the Board is considering the Associate Degree in Technical Trades with the Plumbing later on today. This is an important step. If approved, the College will go to HED and HLC. If approved today by the Board of Regents and HED and HLC move forward with their proposals it is possible those students could be introduced into Northern as early as the spring. This would be a huge boost for the College as far as enrollment. The College is excited about this. Everything has been filed for the election on November 5th. The Community College Mill Levy initiative will be on the ballot in Rio Arriba County, Taos County, and Santa Fe County and those portions of those counties that are inclusive of the five public school districts and the College's Community College District. Taos and Santa Fe County. The College is now pushing to craft a marketing and outreach strategy. Early voting could start as early as mid-October.

The College hosted a capital outlay meeting and thank you to Vice President Velarde for being there for that. The College made a presentation based on what the Board of Regents had approved. The projects for the water and sewer at El Rito and the for the Green Energy Ground Source Housing and Cooling. The Committee was not supportive, they did not say it formally,

President Bailey does not think were supportive of tying it to the GO Bond. There may be other opportunities for funding the College will explore. Their concern is the College does not have a full complement of students on the El Rito Campus. They would like the College to prepare a \$3M package for Española. They want to support the College and has given the College another option. Andy Romero, Director of Facilities is putting a package together, a lot of this has to do with the acequia. This will be brought to the Board of Regents. Mr. Romero stated the report has already been submitted. President Bailey would like Andy Romero to put the package together for the Board of Regents so they know what was submitted to committee.

President Bailey stated the College finally has action on the south side of the El Rito Campus regarding the Solar Array. There is actually a grader on site, orange fencing on site and there is a buzz in the community. The College has now scheduled a groundbreaking for Friday, September 13, 2019 from 10AM-1PM. President Bailey stated he would like to say a special thank you to Amy Pena and Sally Martinez. They have really taken this on themselves and helping to coordinate with Kit Carson Electric Co-op and with Guzman Energy.

Regent Martinez asked if funds were set aside for the Mill Levy or if funds were being split with the school district. President Bailey stated this is not a public-school district initiative. It is a Community College initiative. As for funds, this is something the College is working on. There is not a current fund site for this. For now, everything being done is being done by the College and there are limitations on the College as to how this is marketed. If the College funds are used to help with awareness of the ballot initiative, the College is forbidden from actually asking people how to vote. The College is limited in what it can say – it can say vote on this initiative and not vote yes on this initiative. There are certain guidelines where the College is justified using funds for it but the College has to respect the limitations of using the funds. Regent Martinez asked if the College is thinking billboards, etc. President Bailey stated the College is and is still in a communications process on how to get this done. The marketing campaign would include town halls, radio spots, town halls, print ads, billboards. The College wants to make sure the community knows this is not only a good thing for students, this is an economic development initiative and this is what President Bailey wants to stress. This is going to be the big push and request for investment.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Suspension of Pueblo Indian Studies Associate Degree – Action Required

Dr. Lopez stated this is a program that went through program review last academic year, in April, and through the program review they found there is a very low enrollment in that program. For the last three years an average of 2.5 students. Today the College has only one student full time and one part time student in the program. Through the process the College discovered the student learning outcome assessment process has been poorly done for the last six or seven years. Finally, the original idea was to put the program on probation for a couple of years but the full-time faculty member associated with the program resigned and that creates an issue for the College because the College cannot have programs under the HLC guidelines the College cannot have programs without full time faculty members. This happened at the end of June, beginning of July. This is very difficult to attract a faculty member when the program is on probation and no students. At this point the best the College can do is put the program on suspension which means the College has time to rethink the program to see if there is a way to attract more students and the College can

bring the program back later. At the same time the College of Arts & Sciences has gone through some changes in their leadership. It is important the faculty has time to rethink the program. At this point for compliance it is important to put the program in suspension. This means new students cannot join the program but the current students would be taught out. The courses will still be there and they are not gone. Regent Martinez asked if by suspending it, the College does not have to get it re-approved by the State. Dr. Lopez stated this changed last year. There is a new rule in HED, HED in the past they didn't approve degrees. They will approve a code which is just a bureaucratic step to get a number that identifies the program at the national level. Starting last year, programs are required to go through a committee that are approved with HED. This is different with the HLC, with HLC the College just tell them this program will be activated again. This is new from summer 2018. This would not have to go through the internal process again. Those can be omitted in the future if the College would like to do so.

President Bailey stated he would like to give credit to Dr. Lopez and the College of Arts & Sciences. One of the things, with his discussions with the Navajo Nation and Eight Northern Pueblos and Director of Education with the Pueblos, this is more anecdotal. President Bailey stated his perspective from hearing from them, where they are most excited about putting their limited resources is the American Indian Center (AIC). This center was closed about five years ago. The purpose of the AIC is to provide specialize support for Native American Students and the College is looking at how to reenergize this and it would serve over 100 students. AIC also served students who were not Native American Students as well. The College is looking at restarting this January 1st. There will be a focus on making sure the College is providing student support. This is almost analogous to the Veterans Center. President Bailey is excited about this coming back.

Regent Martinez moved to suspend the Associates Degree in Pueblo Indian Studies. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Copyright Policy – Action Required

Dr. Lopez stated he is requesting the Board of Regents approve this policy which the College did not have and is more relevant than ever. The College is trying to create the first two degrees that are fully online. When you go to the digital world, copyright becomes an issue. The College established a committee integrated by College staff and they were guided by Ortiz & Zamora and they came up with this policy on the copyright that is important for the College so there is awareness of what the College needs to follow. This is adhering to federal and state copyright laws.

Board President Martin stated Regent Martinez is the Board of Regents legal expert and asked if he had any questions. Regent Martinez stated he doesn't know if his malpractice carrier would cover giving bad advice. Regent Martinez stated he does not have questions and this request as well as another request that was going to be asked to approve. It brings interesting issues as to why the Board of Regents can't give the Administration certain powers to approve certain policies that they need to approve a lot quicker than once a month. That is something for a later date but they need this policy to move forward.

Board President Martin asked if there were any questions from the Board of Regents. if non, he would entertain a motion to approve.

Regent Martinez moved to approve the Copyright Policy as presented. Second – Regent Swentzell. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Associate Degree in Technical Trades (Plumbing) Approval – Action Required

Dr. Lopez stated this item was discussed at the May meeting. It was the first reading so this is the first degree on this new Community College Branch, the first Career and Technical Education type of Degree that the College wants to reintroduce. These degrees were offered a long time ago by Northern New Mexico College and this is the first the College wants to reintroduce. The College has a partnership right now with the with the Local 412 Plumbing Union with their apprenticeship program and they are ready to take these apprentices and enroll them in the College's program so they can get College credit. It is not that they need the College credit for the apprenticeship program but it makes it stronger and gives them other pathways if later they want to go for a Bachelor Program. This is why it is important for them and they are partnering with the College. They already told the College they have 180 students ready to be signed into this program. After this step the College will go to the Higher Education Department and then the Higher Learning Commission. Depending on how fast those processes move, as President Bailey mentioned, the College can probably offer the programs starting in January and this is going to be really good for enrollment. Dr. Lopez stated this is why he is asking the Board of Regents to consider approving this program. Regent Martinez stated he thinks this is beyond better for enrollment. He thinks this is better for the whole community in bringing back the trades like this. Not everybody needs math, like Dr. Lopez stated this morning. Dr. Lopez stated Algebra. Regent Martinez stated everybody needs plumbers. This is outstanding. Board President Martin asked if there are any questions or comments from the Board of Regents. President Bailey stated he would like to thank the Board of Regents for their support and the College is really looking forward to what this is going to bring to the College and the community. Board President Martin entertained a motion to approve.

**Regent Swentzell Moved to approve the Associate Degree in Technical Trades (Plumbing).
Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.**

A. VP for Finance & Administration

1. Waiver of Fees – Dual Credit – Action Required

Mr. Bejarano stated students come from different life circumstances and for some \$78.38 might as well be a million dollars. The College does not want to dissuade any student from participating in dual credit because it actually serves as a feeder into the College. There are a plethora of reasons of why this is a good thing. A big reason, as well as the net revenue from it is \$4,700, the College can absorb this. The College recommends waiving the fee and encourage more participation from area high school students. Regent Martinez asked if this is something that was discussed yesterday and does the College come to the Board of Regents every year. Could the Board of Regents set a policy to give this decision to the College so it does not have to come to the Board of Regents every year. This is something that could be handled internally and the Board of Regents could be briefed. Mr. Bejarano stated for the next Board of Regents Meeting with a policy to give administration approval to set certain policies. The BOR would have the purview to undo any policy. Regent Velarde asked if the College would come to the Board of Regents and let them know what policies would be included. Maybe when a decision was made the Board of Regents would be notified. Mr. Bejarano stated at that point can let the College nice to know or the Board of Regents might have some consternation and want to vote to rescind. Board President Martin asked if there is a motion to approve

Regent Martinez moved to approve the Dual Credit Waiver of Fees. Regent Rodriguez – Second. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Special Graduation Fees for High School Students – Action Required

Mr. Bejarano stated this was updated as a result of the Audit/Finance/Facilities Committee Meeting yesterday. The change is in the last paragraph, second sentence under recommendation. "This amount may be adjusted yearly to cover no more than actual costs of printing that the College incurs." Those costs are \$15 today and it go down to \$10 or up to \$25. The College only wants to recoup the cost. The reason to lower this fee is that there are some students who could graduate and receive a certificate but do not apply because they do not have the \$100. If they don't apply for graduation and receive their certificate, the College cannot count them towards the funding formula. Regent Velarde asked and stated she knows \$15.00 to most of us is like nothing but to some people it might be, is a way for some students to ask for a complete waiver. To that point you do not want to keep anyone from graduating for \$15.00. Regent Swentzell asked if this an equity question for those students versus high school students to pay full fee (inaudible). Is this to make sure whoever gets a degree they have to pay into this. If they came and continued on, got a certificate and later on got an Associates, then they would pay off the remainder. Dr. Lopez stated this is one of the possible ideas that they pay \$15 and if they stay for the Associate or Bachelor instead of paying the \$100, they pay the \$85. This is something the College can implement in the process. A total waiver, it could be possible or the College could find a scholarship. Regent Velarde asked if a fund could be created that goes towards that. The College does not want to miss out on the numbers or inhibit anyone because of the \$15.00. Regent Martinez stated he agrees with Regent Velarde. Maybe the Board of Regents approves this and administration comes up with a policy on a case by case basis that if they need to have a waiver, they have a waiver. Board President Martin entertained a motion to approve this policy.

Regent Swentzell moved to approve Waiver of Fees for high school students. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Request for Emergency Repairs – Fund Balance – Action Required

Mr. Bejarano asked Andy Romero to explain the current HVAC situation. Andy Romero, Director of Facilities stated there are three units, main units that are to our buildings that has not had air conditioning or work being done to them because they are obsolete and there are no parts. One is the theatre, 30-ton unit, second is in the CFA dressing room, the third is red tagged right now because the burner has ruptured and carbon monoxide has been going into the building or there is a possibility it could go into the building. This is not used at all. One is a 30 ton, the second is a 7.5 ton and the third is a 4 ton. The real reason this is an emergency is the College could kind of get away with summer because it is just really hot but the College could not go through the winter without getting these units fixed. The College will come into some major water problems and heating problems. Ms. Romero stated the latest the units could be brought in is 8 weeks. This would bring the college to October. It is crucial to look at this seriously. The College will have heating for November and the duration of the winter to take care of this problem. The AC will not be addressed right now but it will be for November.

President Bailey stated the fact that the College is coming to the Board of Regents with emergencies is the College has to do a better job of looking at challenges coming down the road. The College is doing this now and there are processes that are broken down and he accepts responsibility. Kudos

to Ricky and his team and the Board of Regents if the College had not been as thoughtful and conservative of the budget, the College would not be in a position to use this fund balance. Regent Martinez stated although this is honorable of him to accept responsibility, things break, the world is imperfect and he does not think anyone is sitting on the Board of Regents gnashing their teeth thinking the College has led them down the wrong path. Things break and happened to break three times in three different buildings and he does not have a problem and President Bailey does not need to apologize. President Bailey stated he appreciates this and the projects being done with Ameresco and the long-term strategic vision for maintaining this facility will mitigate of what will happen to these facilities in the next 20 years. The steps the College is taking in the Energy Audit will mitigate this. Board President Martin asked if there were any questions and stated he would entertain a motion to approve emergency repairs.

Regent Velarde gave Mr. Romero kudos and he has done an amazing job and he has kept this campus going. He has maintained a lot of these facilities when others wouldn't have. He is working hard to keep the College going.

Regent Swentzell moved to approve the fund balance. Second – Regent Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Policy 7710 – Property Management Control Policy – Action Required

Mr. Bejarano stated basically this is a clean-up policy for property management control. This is one of the policies that Regent Martinez is mentioning where basically the CFR, catalog numbers have changed. A lot of language, there might be tweaks in language and basically the College is citing the wrong regulation within the policy. Going along the lines with what Regent Martinez was stating, this would allow the College to make the changes and come back and report to the Board of Regents. This is essentially one of those cleanup policies. Board President Martin entertained a motion to approve Policy 7710.

Regent Martinez moved to revise Policy 7710. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC INPUT

John Ussery stated it is good to see the activity on the El Rito Campus. There have been some other things going on as well. On July 8th there were 40 people working on the collaborative forest landscape restoration proposal. There have been two meetings there so far. The Eyes of Time has done an MOU for facilities over the summer had a theatre workshop and there has been first Sunday potlucks. With the new array getting ready, what is missing is an ad for workers needed. There is not the fulfillment by Kit Carson to hire locally at the village level. As the College is preparing for the Mill Levy, we have to say we give back to the community in a real way. The plumbing program is a good way to see this. President Bailey has talked to Mark Johnson. In theory they want to use locals and Mr. Ussery is concerned about this. With the Mill Levy, he would like to see the College open the vendor pool to those in the areas. There are a lot of people with capabilities in the area who are not familiar with the process to get on the vendors list. There are hoops that have to be jumped through. He has spoken with Julianna Barbee about having a conference regarding working with the community. Having some kind of outreach to the community showing the College wants to bring economic development to the area showing it wants to work with the community. Mr. Ussery would like to the College to reach out to existing businesses as well as students. There should be biochar equipment soon and he is hoping it will be there by the groundbreaking.

President Bailey stated he has been talking to Mark Johnson who is the head of the Contract team and they have been asking. There is movement. There is a third party who is coordinating workforce who is helping with the solar array for El Rito. There may be an opportunity for students and community members. This would be on a temporary basis and it will build a network for future arrays as well. President Bailey will have more information in the next seven days.

VIII. DEEP DIVE

Dr. Hugh Prather stated it was wonderful to be at the Board of Regents Meeting. Dr. Prather asked Amy to pass out documents (attached) to the Board of Regents. Regent Martinez asked Dr. Prather how long his presentation would be. Dr. Prather stated approximately 15 minutes. Regent Martinez stated the Board of Regents has done long presentations with him and he was just trying to mentally prepare himself. He doesn't mean this in a bad way. Dr. Prather stated Regent Martinez will see on the second slide why this is appropriate for a Friday afternoon. At this time, Tomas Rodriguez had to exit the meeting. Dr. Prather asked Mr. Rodriguez to call him and get a set of materials from Amy Pena. Dr. Prather asked President Bailey to give a short introduction into the Deep Dive and why Dr. Prather was at the Board of Regents Meeting.

President Bailey stated Dr. Prather has really helped the Board of Regents. He also really helped the Board of Regents as to how to hire the President. He has also helped the Board of Regents in how to evaluate the President. The things one in the last couple of years, this mechanism has been built and a timeline for doing it. A survey has also been established for students, faculty and staff so they have an unfiltered and anonymous way to give the Board of Regents directly their 360 view so the Board is armed to give a thorough evaluation. Early on Dr. Prather held a retreat early on how to optimize communication and relationships. Now that there is 4 out of 5 new Board Members, he asked Dr. Prather to consider doing a similar service for the College. It is not just evaluation of the President but how to optimize relationships and service to the College. Regent Martinez stated Dr. Prather is one, in no small part, one of the reasons why we have been able to turn the College around and he means it honestly. Dr. Prather thanked Regent Martinez and thanked President Bailey for the introduction.

Dr. Prather went on to review the process with the Board of Regents Retreat taking place in the future when the Board of Regents agrees upon a date that will work for all Regents. Discussion was held regarding the date/time for the Retreat. Regent Martinez stated since the Board of Regents meeting is on a Monday, could this take place on a Sunday. Dr. Prather stated all his Sundays are open. Regent Velarde stated this would be for the October meeting. Board President Martin asked President Bailey if he had a date for the October meeting. President Bailey stated the only thing he would suggest if he defer to Mr. Bejarano on the date because of the Business Office Reports. President Bailey stated the other thing he would like to do is have the Retreat and/or the Monday meeting in El Rito. President Bailey would like to get the Board of Regents to El Rito to see some of the progress made. Regent Martinez stated based on his schedule, Monday, October 7th he has a shareholders meeting and he has to be at that and the following week he is in Dallas for a meeting. Board President Martin asked about the last two weeks in October. Regent Martinez stated he is good the rest of the time. Mr. Bejarano stated this works better for the financials. Regent Martinez stated he has a jury trailing docket for the last two weeks. He would say put it on the books and if a judge sets the trial, he will deal with it. There will be a docket call and he will try to figure it out. Regent Velarde asked if the Board of Regents would like to tentatively say the 20th and 21st or the 27th and 28th. Regent Martin stated he would like to ask Regent Rodriguez and if anyone knows when they start playing basketball. Regent Velarde stated he does not work on Sundays because Chic Fil A is closed on Sunday. Ms. Pena stated the first game is October 24th. The Retreat will be tentatively set for the 20th and 21st. President Bailey

stated this works for him. Dr. Prather would like to have lunch preceding and then 1:00PM-4:00PM the Retreat. Regent Martinez can be here by lunch. President Bailey stated this will work for him. Regent Martinez asked if the Sunday or Monday would be in El Rito. President Bailey would prefer the Board Meeting be in El Rito. President Bailey would like for at least the Board of Regents Meeting to be in El Rito. The Retreat could be done anywhere. Dr. Prather stated he is honored to work with the Board of Regents because he works with Boards that are dysfunctional and it is great to see a Board that is working well together and working on being even better together.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Martinez moved to enter into executive session according to NMSA which allows Executive Session to occur to discuss pending and threatening litigation, specifically the Annette Rodriguez case. Second - Regent Velarde. A roll call vote was taken. The Board of Regents entered into Executive Session at 2:29PM. Board President Martin asked everyone to leave the room as everyone was going to call in.

Regent Martinez moved to come out of Executive Session and only those items that were scheduled to be discussed were discussed. A roll Call Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. The Board of Regents returned to regular session at 3:27PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Martin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Regent Swentzell moved to adjourn. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Regents Meeting adjourned at 3:27PM.

APPROVED:



Michael A. Martin, Board President



Erica Velarde, Vice President