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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Date: 7/11/22
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: SENMC RM 153

Type of Meeting:

Regular Work Session
 Special

Board members present: Chairman, Ned Elkins Secretary, Tiffany Frintz
 Member, Mark Cage Member, Bill Murrill Member, Sarah Bowman (via Zoom)

1) **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Time: 6:05

2) **Establish Quorum – Roll Call**

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

6/20/22

Motioned: Sheriff Cage Seconded: Mr. Murrill

Nays: 0

4) **General Counsel: Policy updates**

Mr. Martin was not available to give the updates

5) **Dr. Nwanne: SENMC general status report**

Dr. Nwanne stated that the policy was provided to the college staff and faculty and given a deadline of July 14 with any remarks. It will be ready to come to the Board next meeting.

Stated the next semester is approaching and convocation will be on Aug 16. We will focus on the strategic plan. The strategic plan is important for the HLC accreditation visit Oct '23.

The energy building is moving forward. Met with 9 Degrees and worked on plan. I am waiting on the schematic drawing for the presentation to the PSP (Permian Strategic Partnership) for the application for \$4M. The capital outlay has been set for July 26. ENMU Ruidoso is where I will present request for \$2.8M from the state for HVAC for all areas on campus. In addition to HED we have another group, Dept Finance and Administration that requires a 5 year plan similar to the outlay request. San Juan is an example and we plan to visit with them to review their programs as well as see their dormitory. Talked about getting permission from HED even though they do not provide funding for the student residence.

6) **Executive administration staff reports or comments on transition status**

Dr. Harris updated that we have had a few new hires and are still searching for more instructors for business, computer science, criminal justice, digital media, English, early childhood education and the fire science director has been posted. Resources Research: Signed up for RedHat Academy, they deal with open source programming and Linux. I've been looking at microchip academic program that deals with embedded systems that help with monitoring in the oilfield and such. They offer a free curriculum. Talked about joining American Welding Society which would provide a lot of resources. They provide an online library, curriculum and scholarships. They even offer trainings for instructors. Talked about inquiring about being a certification center, there are currently none in NM.

There is a mandatory sensitivity training for staff and faculty this week again in Sept for those that missed July's.

7) **Set a date for Board review of policy manual**

Discussion about how/when to review the policy. Board members stated they would like to review it on their own. Dr. Nwanne stated the policy needs to be in effect for the academic year which means it needs to be approved asap. All agreed for it to be added to next meeting's agenda for presentation and approval.

8) **Dr. Nwanne: Community Education and Workforce Development**

Dr. Nwanne updated all that we have hired a person for the community education department, Maria Quintana who is part time right now.

9) **Employee representative comments (optional)**

- a. **Faculty:** Professor Biebelle spoke about the policy and said overall thinking of faculty is that they want to review and give feedback. She would like to have a meeting with faculty and Mr. Martin. Echoed the remarks that we need to have one in place with the ability to change if needed. Sheriff Cage commented that he agrees that if a deadline was

given it should stand. If this is important to them they should read their email ad give feedback even if they are not on contract.

b. **Administrative:** N/A

c. **Classified:** Ms. Judi Cox-Tindol introduced herself as the new President of the classified staff and Michelle Sapien as the President-Elect.

d. **Student Govt:** N/A

10) Mr. Heaton: College & Community Committee report

Dr. Harris gave an update since Mr. Heaton is not present. Mentioned the meetings that were held between SENMC and WIPP and the oil and gas companies. WIPP is coming up with what they need training on and we will work on creating the content. The oil & gas representatives stated they hire people with degrees but their support staff needs training on understanding how things run out there. He stated we can find out niche with the basic training.

11) Public Comments

Mr. Rempe stated he withheld comments at the last meeting due to the minutes not being available. Stated that he did not see Mr. McNair's comments as racism and gave a personal example. Commented that we need to be more transparent and prompt minutes will help with that. He also stated that we need to publish the documents that were reviewed with the minutes. Commented that the minutes contain acronyms that most people may not know. Commented that the capital outlay amounts changed with no explanation. Suggested the board members put their contact info on the website.

12) Board Comments

Sheriff Cage started by reiterating that work by off contract is appreciated; likes that people are still participating in the board meetings.

Mrs. Bowman said she would wait until next meeting due to the delay on the Zoom/phone connection.

Chairman Elkins said he appreciated the strategic plan retreat, we had a good turnout from the college and community and it went well.

13) Announcement of next Regular Meeting

Date: Aug 8, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: SENMC Room 153

14) Adjournment

Chairman Elkins adjourned at 6:55 pm

Approved



Tiffany Frintz, Secretary

10/10/22

Date