



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 31, 2023, at 1:00 PM**

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**Regents of New Mexico State University**

Chair Ammu Devasthali, Vice Chair Christopher T. Saucedo, Secretary/Treasurer Garrett Moseley, Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Deborah Romero

**Non-Voting Advisory Members** – ASNMSU President Citlalli Benitez, Faculty Senate Chair Gaylene Fasenko, Ph.D., Employee Council Chair Susanne Berger

**University Officials** – Interim Chancellor Jay Gogue, Ph.D., Provost Alan Shoho, Ph.D., General Counsel Roy Collins III, J.D., Associate VP Finance and Business, D’Anne Stuart, Chief Budget Officer Kimberly Rumford, Finance Strategic & Planning Officer Dave Maddox, Associate VP for Facilities and Services Raghu Raghavan, Associate VP University Marketing and Communications Services Justin Bannister, Deputy Chief Justin Dunivan, Associate VC Digital Learning Sherry Kollmann, VP Student Success Renay Scott, Pres/CEO Dev/Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner

**MINUTES**

**A. Call to Order, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

Chairwoman Devasthali called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM. The role was called, and all members of the board were present via Zoom.

**1. Confirmation of Quorum, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

The Chief of Staff confirmed the quorum. All members joined via Zoom.

**B. Introductions**

**1. Introduction of ASNMSU President, Citlalli Benitez.**

Chairwoman Devasthali yields to Regent Garrett Moseley for the introduction of Citlalli Benitez. Regent Garret Mosely introduced Citlalli Benitez as the new ASNMSU President, stating, “Citlalli is from Anthony, New Mexico, and is a senior majoring in government and Spanish with a minor in international relations. She’s held numerous leadership roles during her time at NMSU. This includes two terms as the College of Arts and Sciences Council Vice-President, President of the Model United Nations Club, Chair of the Student Advocacy Board, and most recently served as the Director of Governmental Affairs for ASNMSU. As President of the Model United Nations, she led her team to the top ten percent of teams in the world and has been recognized as one of the top student delegates in the United States. As director of governmental affairs, she led the governmental affairs team to securing a \$670,000 appropriation from the State Legislature for renovations to the James B. Delamater Activity Center. Having had the pleasure of serving alongside Citlalli, I can attest to the fact that she is a very passionate, kind, and dedicated leader for our next ASNMSU President. On behalf of the Board of Regents, thank you for your willingness to serve the student body, and we are all very excited to see what you accomplish, and with the consent of the chair I’d like to yield the floor to President Benitez to share a couple of words.”

Citlalli Benitez stated, "Thank you Regent Devasthali, and thank you very much Regent Moseley for the absolutely amazing introduction. I just wanted to say hello to everybody and introduce myself for those that I do not have the honor of already having met or been acquainted with. My name is Citlalli Benitez, I am the new ASNMSU Student Body President, and I am very honored to be here in this meeting and I'm very excited to get to listen and learn from you all. Thank you."

C. **Approval of the Agenda**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

Chairwoman Devasthali made a motion to move the proposed revisions to RPM 16.4 from the consent items to action items.

Regent Chacón-Reitzel seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed. Motion passed.

Regent Saucedo moved approval of the agenda as amended. Regent Romero seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed. Motion passed.

D. **Consent Items**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

Regent Chacón-Reitzel motioned to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Regent Moseley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

1. **Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the New Mexico Department of Public Safety and New Mexico State University (Police Department)**, *NMSU Police Department Deputy Chief Justin Dunivan*
2. **Posthumous Honorary Degree Proposal**, *Provost Alan Shoho*

E. **Action Items**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

1. **Proposed Revisions to RPM 16.46**, *Chief Audit Officer Kenneth Glascock*

Chairwoman Devasthali stated, "There was a meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and there were some amendments with minor changes to the language." The Chairwoman wanted to make sure that everyone had a chance to look at the changes, and if there were any questions on them before there was a call for a motion to approve. Chairwoman asked that Kenneth Glascock present and point out the changes that were made.

Chief Audit Officer, Kenneth Glascock stated, "These were minor changes to formalize my reporting structure as the Chief Auditor to the Chancellor. With oversight of the Audit and Risk Committee. We are adding some definitions of consulting and advising. Most of these changes are to align with the Institute of Internal auditors' standards for the practice of internal audit. I am open for any questions."

Regent Chacón-Reitzel noted that she saw the changes and they are fine with her just questioned the nomenclature from Vice Chancellor throughout the document to just Chancellor and questioned, "If we were to change the position to President, we would have to come back in and change it again, is that correct?"

Chairwoman Devasthali confirmed stating; "Yes, that is correct, it would have to be changed again. If no other questions or concerns, I would like the motion to approve revisions to RPM 16.46."

Regent Romero made a motion to approve. Regent Chacón-Reitzel seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed, the motion passed.

2. **Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (Las Cruces Campus Only)**, *Chief Budget Officer Kimberly G. Rumford*

Chief Budget Officer, Kim Rumford began her presentation with a review of the operating budget for fiscal

year 2024.

“At the last meeting we approved the FY 24 budgets for the three community college campuses, so this is the budgetary authority that we seek for the Higher Education Department. The actual form is included in your packet in the last page of supplemental materials.”

“For the Las Cruces Campus, the total expenditures for the current funds and plant funds combined for unrestricted and restricted is a little over 708 million dollars. Let us look at some brief summaries for the Las Cruces campus sources and uses. Again, this is just a summary of the different comparisons of the budgets from the beginning budget from FY23 to the beginning budget of FY24, so you can see some of the changes that took place.”

“Some of the more significant changes are Federal appropriations, which includes primarily AES and CES. Government grants and contracts showing a significant increase as well, and that’s primarily due to financial aid increases such as the Opportunity Scholarship, which was significant this year as well as the Lottery Scholarship and Federal Pell grants; all showed an increase this year. “

“This is offset by a decrease in sales and services for which is primarily shown in auxiliaries and primarily related to a change in the management to an external party for housing, but that decrease in revenues is also offset by an even more significant decrease in expenditures.”

“Just for your information, the other category includes interest earnings and indirect cost recovery. Then on the uses, our most significant changes this year, from one year to the next is instruction in general category, which is resulted of increased appropriations, combined with increased tuition revenue resulting in related increased spending and the most significant increase was related to a 6% compensation adjustment and increased utilities costs.”

“Other appropriation line items, such as education, retirement board, employer portion, faculty special compensations and student wrap around services and health relate funding were also resulted in increased expenditures from appropriations as well.”

“In research, we have anticipated increases in grant funding plus appropriation for AES and other research and public service areas to include the compensation adjustments that are coming from the State as well. And public service increases due primarily to an appropriation for Anna Age 8 appropriations for CES as well as some Federal grant contract increases for CES and Federal grant contract increases for Arrowhead as well.”

“Student Aid had some increases related to the Opportunity and Lottery scholarships followed by Federal Pell grants as well as an investment increase in the graduate assistance scholarships that happened in the middle of the year last year which is why it shows a difference from last year to this year. In addition to that, athletics received an additional State appropriations funding and are anticipating additional funds from Conference USA, so they are also showing a net increase.”

“Overall, the expenditures are more significant than the revenues. It is a bit unbalanced of a budget but it is related primarily due to timing and a significant piece of that is due to the NMSU online where we budgeted for a 10.5 million in revenue for fiscal year 23, where we could draw it down a little early and we were budgeted to spend a portion of that in FY23 and a portion of it in FY24, so we are unbalanced, but it balances net overall just not for the single fiscal year.”

“The next slide is just a reflection of instruction in general. You can see the unrestricted current funds and how the categories funding is spent within and so you can visualize it. You will notice an increase in utilities, budget

supplies and other expenses and we have an increase in recovery of institutional support which helped offset some of those items as well. “

“I have some additional supplemental information included as well as include a slide for NMSU Global so that you could see that we do have a budget estimate for NMSU Global available. That concludes the presentation if you have any questions?”

Chairwoman Devasthali noted that typically they have seen the sources and uses match up and this time they seem unbalanced.

Dr. Kim Rumford reiterated that the budgets were off due to the timing. “They can draw down the one-time funds early and when they are large amounts, budgeting them in both years will do that. We can consider budgeting them and the expenses in the same year that we receive it going forward if we would like to see that balanced. “

Regent Romero stated that she had no questions but mentioned, “Regent Moseley and myself met with staff to walk through the budget so we have a better understanding of what some of the concerns that were raised last meeting were addressed. Unfortunately, the budget has been submitted since it was due to the State of New Mexico on May first, and we are approving it after the fact. We have talked about processes in the future so that the Regents approve things before they must be submitted to the State. That is one thing we addressed, we talked about the budget not balancing as Dr. Rumford mentioned, there’s a way to get that accomplished and I think moving forward, that’s the way that’s the way we will be addressing it.”

“The other thing we talked about was making sure that we know the difference between digital learning and global learning, so staff is already breaking out those budgets so that we will have two distinct budgets for each one of those. So, moving forward, global will now have their own budget, and we will be able to see exactly what that consists of versus the digital learning.”

“So, there was a lot of really good conversations that went on and a lot of efforts for us to move in the right direction for collaboration and making sure that the budgets are presented in a way that the board of Regents will understand them.”

Chairwoman Devasthali asked the question, “So any revenue from tuition coming in to global, Dr. Coleman will they be able to track them in real time?”

Regent Romero replied, “It is not a normal practice. I think she can get a projection on what the revenue is going to be and then there can be regular reporting and that can be decided whether it’s going to be monthly reporting or quarterly reporting, something to that effect, but real time reporting is not realistic in the budget world.”

Chairwomen Devasthali thanked Regent Romero for the clarification and stated, “If no other questions I would like to thank Dr. Rumford, D’Anne Stuart, Regent Romero, and Regent Moseley for all the work that you’ve done on this to make the budget much clearer for us how it has been presented. If nothing else, Regent Romero would you like to make the motion?”

Regent Romero moved for adoption of the budget for the Las Cruces Campus as presented. Regent Moseley seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed, motions passed.

F. **Adjournment, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

Regent Chacón-Reitzel moved adjournment with a second form Regent Moseley. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM.

**Meeting Minutes Approved on December 7, 2023 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.**



Ammu Devasthali  
Board of Regents Chair



Garrett Moseley  
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer