

# NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

June 16, 2021 at 3:00pm

Due to the public health emergency issued by the Governor, the meeting will take place online at http://panopto.nmsu.edu/bor/

#### **Regents of New Mexico State University**

Chair Ammu Devasthali, Vice Chair Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Secretary/Treasurer Arsenio Romero, Christopher Saucedo, Neal Bitsie

<u>Non-Voting Advisory Members</u> - ASNMSU President Mathew Madrid, Faculty Senate Chair Julia Parra, Employee Council Chair Joseph Almaguer

<u>University Officials</u> - Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu, Ph.D., President John D. Floros, Ph.D., Provost Carol Parker, J.D., Vice Chancellor Ruth A. Johnston, Ph.D., Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D., General Counsel Roy Collins III, J.D.

#### **AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali
  - 1. Confirmation of Quorum and Roll Call
- B. Approval of Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali
- C. Consent Items
  - 1. Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. at Corona Ranch Easement, CEO Scott Eschenbrenner
  - 2. Proposition 19/20-21: A Proposition to return AERT ELT, and MAT Programs to the Advanced Technologies Division at DACC, *President Monica Torres*
  - 3. Arrowhead Center, Inc., Board of Directors Updates, Arrowhead Director & CEO Kathryn Hansen
  - **4.** Reappointment of Non-Position Directors of Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors, Arrowhead Director & CEO Kathryn Hansen
  - 5. Honorary Naming Proposal for Clarence H. Fielder Wing, Vice President Derek Dictson
  - 6. Naming Proposal for the Caviness Beef Packers Lab, Vice President Derek Dictson
- D. Action Items
  - 1. None.
- E. Announcements and Comments
- F. **Adjournment**, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali



## Board of Regents Meeting Meeting Date: June 16, 2021 Agenda Item Cover Page

Agenda Item #: C-1

☐ Action Item	Presented By:	Scott Eschenbrenner
⊠ Consent Item		CEO
☐ Informational Item		

**Agenda Item:** Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. at Corona Ranch Easement

Requested Action of the Board of Regents: Approve to grant Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. the right to enter upon the lands of the undersigned situated in Torrance County and to place, construct, operate, repair, maintain, relocate, and replace thereon and in or upon all streets, roads, or highway abutting said lands an electrical transmission or distribution line or system and to cut or trim trees and shrubbery to the extent necessary to keep clear of said electrical line or system and to cut down from time to time all dead, weak, leaning or dangerous trees that are tall enough to strike wire in falling.

**Executive Summary:** The attached easement is to grant Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc. the right to enter upon the lands of the undersigned situated in Torrance County and to place, construct, operate, repair, maintain, relocate, and replace thereon and in or upon all streets, roads, or highway abutting said lands an electrical transmission or distribution line or system and to cut or trim trees and shrubbery to the extent necessary to keep clear of said electrical line or system and to cut down from time to time all dead, weak, leaning or dangerous trees that are tall enough to strike wire in falling. At pole locations, only a single pole and appurtenance will be used. The location of the poles will be such as to form the least possible interference to farm operations, so long as it does not materially increase the cost of construction.

## **References:**

Please see attached agreement.

#### **Prior Approvals:**

Regents Real Estate Committee – June 14, 2021

## *RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT*

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Regents of New Mexico State University for a good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant unto CENTRAL NEW MEXICO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., a Corporation, whose post office address in Mountainair, New Mexico, and to its successors of assigns, the right to enter upon the lands of the undersigned situated in the County of Torrance New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

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and to place, construct, operate, repair, maintain, relocate, and replace thereon and in or upon all streets, roads, or highway abutting said lands an electric transmission or distribution line or system, and to cut and trim trees and shrubbery to the extent necessary to keep clear of said electric line or system and to cut down from time to time all dead, weak, leaning or dangerous trees that are tall enough to strike wire in falling.

In granting this easement it is understood that at pole locations, only a single pole and appurtenance will be used, and that the location of the poles will be such as to form the least possible interference to farm operations, so long as it does not materially increase that cost of construction. This Easement will terminate if Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative fails to use or abandons the easement for 12 consecutive months.

The undersigned covenants that (he) (she) (they) is/are the owner(s) of the above described land, that the said lands are free and clear of grants of conveyances that would restrict the undersigned from giving this easement.

It is further understood that, whenever necessary, words used in this instrument in the singular shall be construed to read in the plural and that words used in the masculine gender shall be construed to read in the feminine.

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Agenda Item # C-2

Action Item	Presented By: Dr. Monica Torres, Ph.D.
X Consent Item	DACC - President
☐ Informational Item	

Agenda Item: Reorganization of DACC Academic Unit

**Requested Action of the Board of Regents:** Approval of proposition to return the Aerospace Technology (AERT), Electronics Technology (ELT), and the Automation and Manufacturing Technology (MAT) Programs to the Advanced Technologies (AT) Division at Doña Ana Community College (DACC)

**Executive Summary:** The Advanced Technologies (AT) Division at DACC is proposing to return the Aerospace Technology (AERT), Electronics Technology (ELT), and Automation and Manufacturing Technology (MAT) Programs to the AT Division and out of the Science, Engineering and Mathematics (SEM) Division.

#### **Key Points:**

- 1. Increase collaboration with related Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs in AT Division.
- 2. Combine struggling AERT, ELT, and MAT programs and degree options with the Mechanical Drafting and Solid Modeling Program in the Architecture and Construction Technologies (ACT) Department to increase sustainability and facilitate growth.
- 3. Create cross-disciplined AAS degrees and Certificates of Completion that will better meet the needs of local employers and provide broader employment opportunities for graduates.
- 4. Avoid sunsetting of struggling AERT, ELT, and MAT programs by putting them in the best position to succeed through the proposed restructuring.
- 5. Support fiscal reductions in staff by incorporating SEM Division programs currently without Department Chair into the existing ACT Department in the AT Division.

## **References:**

## **Prior Approvals:**

This proposal has received the approval of the:

DACC Advanced Technologies (AT) Division on October 1, 2020.

DACC Science, Engineering and Math (SEM) Division on November 10, 2020.

DACC Faculty Council on November 17, 2020.

DACC Administrative Council on March 3, 2021.

DACC President on March 17, 2021.

NMSU Faculty Senate on April 5, 2021. NMSU Associate Dean's Council on April 13, 2021. NMSU Chancellor on April 13, 2021.

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Mónica F. Torres, President NMSU-Doña Ana Community College	Date
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Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor New Mexico State University Date

6/11/2021



## **Faculty Senate Transmittal and Administrative Action Routing Form**

**To:** Office of the President

From: Faculty Senate Chair, Julia Parra

RE: Proposition: 19-20/21

**Date:** April 5, 2021

Please find enclosed Faculty Senate Legislation <u>No. 19-20/21</u> entitled "<u>A Proposition to return the AERT, ELT, and the MAT Programs to the Advanced Technologies Division at DACC</u>", approved by the Faculty Senate on <u>April 1, 2021</u>.

## **Please Route for Approval:**

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Faculty Senate Request	<ul> <li>A previous veto of legislation affecting academic policy has been overridden by 2/3 vote of the Faculty Senate; pursuant to the timeline provided in Policy 1.70 B. 2. c. your action to rescind that veto is requested within five business days of receipt.</li> </ul>			
Faci		Please indicate your availability to meet v	vith Faculty Senate leadership to discuss.	
		For your review and acknowledgement, a	pproval/veto not required (memorial).	
		I acknowledge receipt of the above.		
		I will respond further at a later date.		
	□ I approve this legislation, and will process according to NMSU Rules & Policies.			
		□ I approve this legislation on a provisional basis. It will become effective immediately, and I will place it on the Agenda for a future meeting of the Board of Regents.		
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Ad	Ca	rol Parker, NMSU Provost		
			Date:	
	Jol	nn D. Floros, NMSU President		
			Date:	
	Da	n E. Arvizu, Chancellor		

## Please return form to:

Gloria Podruchny

**Faculty Senate Recording Secretary** 

Email: glopodru@nmsu.edu / Phone: (575)646-2593

**Proposition**: 19-20/21

**Title**: A proposition to return the Aerospace Technology (AERT), Electronics Technology (ELT), and the Automation and Manufacturing Technology (MAT) Programs to the Advanced Technologies (AT) Division at Doña Ana Community College (DACC)

Date Submitted: March 15, 2021

**Sponsor(s)**: Elizabeth Gamboa (DACC)

Martha McCaslin (DACC) Hillary Masters (DACC) Tim Chappell (DACC) Lamaia Vaughn (DACC)

**Proposed Committee**: University Affairs

**Assigned Committee:** 

#### **Prior Approvals:**

Doña Ana Community College (DACC)

- Approved unanimously by DACC Advanced Technologies (AT) Division on October 1, 2020.
- Approved unanimously by DACC Science, Engineering and Math (SEM) Division on November 10, 2020
- Approved unanimously by DACC Faculty Council on November 17, 2020
- Approved unanimously by DACC Administrative Council on March 3, 2021.

#### **Proposal Type** (please check one):

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□ Proposition to change policy (please include ARP/RPM reference(s) from
https://arp.nmsu.edu/)

□ Proposition for curriculum addition/change (please include all curriculum change forms and signature pages as outlined here: <a href="https://provost.nmsu.edu/forms/">https://provost.nmsu.edu/forms/</a>)

⊠Other (please describe below)

**Proposal**: The AT Division at DACC is proposing to return the AERT, ELT, and MAT Programs to the AT Division and out of the SEM Division.

Existing AT Division and SEM Division Organizational Charts for the applicable DACC departments:

Advanced Technologies Division	Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Division			
Architecture and Construction Technologies	Engineering and Manufacturing (EM)			
(ACT) Department	Department			
<ul> <li>Building Construction Technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aerospace Technology Program</li> </ul>			
Program	<ul> <li>Electronics Technology Program</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Drafting and Design Technologies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>General Engineering Program</li> </ul>			
Program	<ul> <li>Manufacturing and Automation</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Environmental and Energy</li> </ul>	Technology Program			
Technologies Program				

Proposed AT Division and SEM Division Organizational Charts for the applicable DACC departments:

Advanced Technologies Division	Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Division		
Architecture and Construction Technologies	Engineering and Manufacturing Department		
Department	<ul> <li>General Engineering Program</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Building Construction Technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Science Courses</li> </ul>		
Program	Math Courses		
<ul> <li>Drafting and Design Technologies</li> </ul>			
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<ul> <li>Environmental and Energy</li> </ul>			
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<ul> <li>Manufacturing and Automation</li> </ul>			
Technology Program			

## Rationale:

- 1. Increase collaboration with related Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs in AT Division,
- 2. Combine struggling AERT, ELT, and MAT programs and degree options with the Mechanical Drafting and Solid Modeling Program in the Architecture and Construction Technologies (ACT) Department to increase sustainability and facilitate growth,
- 3. Create cross-disciplined AAS degrees and Certificates of Completion that will better meet the needs of local employers and provide broader employment opportunities for graduates,
- 4. Avoid sunsetting of struggling AERT, ELT, and MAT programs by putting them in the best position to succeed through the proposed restructuring, and
- 5. Support fiscal reductions in staff by incorporating SEM Division programs currently without a Department Chair into the existing ACT Department in the AT Division.

Students Enrolled in AERT, ELT, and MAT Courses Data:

AERT Program	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 Year Average
Majors	14	18	29	25	26	22
Headcount	46	10	19	16	25	23
Majors in Courses	8	6	9	15	13	10

ELT Program	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 Year Average
Majors	61	51	45	42	34	47
Headcount	112	79	89	61	58	80
Majors in Courses	49	42	30	33	25	36

MAT Program	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 Year Average
Majors	2	1	2	2	2	2
Headcount	30	18	7	26	36	23
Majors in Courses	1	1	0	1	1	1

## Sustainability/Budget

This proposal will require no new or additional funding.

#### Background/Campus Input

- This proposal was initiated out of the office of the Division Dean of the AT Division at DACC.
- A draft of the proposal was sent to DACC Administration for initial approval to proceed. Permission to proceed was granted by DACC Administration.
- The proposal was shared with the SEM Division Dean. The SEM Division Dean expressed no concerns and responded with general support for the proposal.
- The AT Division approved the proposal unanimously.
- The proposal was shared with faculty and staff in the AERT, ELT, and MAT Programs. The AERT, ELT and MAT faculty and staff expressed no concerns and responded with general support for the proposal.
- The SEM Division approved the proposal unanimously.
- DACC Faculty Council approved the proposal unanimously.
- DACC Administrative Council approved the proposal unanimously.

## Logistics

- Should the proposal be approved, the AT Division Dean will work with the DACC VPAA, applicable DACC offices (including the VP for Business and Finance and the HR Office), the ACT Department Chair, and the applicable faculty and staff to return the AERT, ELT and MAT Programs to the AT Division as part of the ACT Department.
- Should the proposal be approved, the target date for the return of the AERT, ELT and MAT
  Programs to the AT Division as part of the ACT Department would be the start of the Fall 2021
  semester.

## Signatures (Proposition: 19-20/21)

Name	Title	Signature	Date
Chipper Moore	AT Division Dean, Interim	Chippen Moore	3/15/2021
Joe Butler	SEM Division Dean	Jor Buth	3-16-2021
Joe Butler	DACC VPAA, Acting	Joe Buth	3-16-2021
Dr. Monica Torres	DACC President	H- FV_	3-17-2021
Dr. Julia Parra	NMSU Faculty Senate Chair	ulin Jana	4-5-21
Dr. Joseph Lakey	Associate Dean's Academic Council	Jm os my	4/13/21
Dr. Dan Arvizu	Chancellor	Dan Arvizu Date: 2021.04.13 13:54:13	
Ammu Devasthali	Board of Regents		



Arrowhead Center, Inc.

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Agenda Item # C-3

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	Presente	ed By: Kathryn R. Hansen
⊠ Consent Item		President/Chief Executive Officer
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Kathryn R. Hansen,	Chief Executive Officer	Date



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## Agenda Item # C-4

Action Item	Presented By: Kathryn R. Hansen
⊠ Consent Item	Chief Executive Officer
☐ Informational Item	Arrowhead, Inc.

Agenda Item: Reappointment of Non-Position Directors of Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors

**Requested Action of the Board of Regents:** Approve the reappointment of the Non-Position Directors of Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors to serve for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023.

**Executive Summary:** According to the Bylaws of Arrowhead Center, Inc., the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University approves appointments for the Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors. Three Non-Position Directors for reappointment are listed below.

**Davin Lopez** serves as President and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA). Prior to his position at MVEDA beginning February 2009, Mr. Lopez served as Vice President of the New Mexico Partnership, joining the Partnership at its inception in 2003. Mr. Lopez spent five years in corporate real estate with General Growth Properties and the Macerich Company, where he held roles as Director of New Business Development and Strategic Planning. He also spent two years in private business, consulting and advising smaller, high-growth companies. Lopez holds a master's degree from Yale University, a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of California, San Diego, and is also a licensed real estate broker in New Mexico.

James C. Manatt, Jr. is a former Regent of NMSU and is the President/CEO and founder of Providence Technologies Inc., a consulting firm in energy development projects. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from NMSU. He has held many positions ranging from founding director of the Mesilla Valley Bank to President of Sierra Oil and Gas, Inc.

Jackie Kerby Moore has been the Executive Director of the Sandia Science & Technology Park since its inception in 1998. This 250-acre technology community is affiliated with Sandia National Laboratories. The Park serves as home for more than 30 organizations employing over 2000 people, and total investment in the Park exceeds \$336 million. The Park received the Outstanding Research Park of the Year Award from the Association of University Research Parks in 2008. Jackie has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from NMSU and a master's degree from New Mexico Highlands University.

## **References:**

Arrowhead Center, Inc., By-laws.

## **Prior Approvals:**

Arrowhead, Inc. Board of Directors meeting held June 10, 2021. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote to nominate the reappointment of the three Non-Position Directors noted above, subject to the approval of the NMSU Board of Regents.

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Kathryn R. Hansen, Chief Executive Officer	Date
Arrowhead, Inc.	



**University Advancement** 

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Agenda Item # C-5

<ul><li>☐ Action Item</li><li>☒ Consent Item</li><li>☐ Informational Item</li></ul>	Presented By:	<b>Derek Dictson</b> Vice President University Advancement
<b>Agenda Item:</b> Proposal for an honorary na The Clarence H. Fielder Wing	ming of History D	epartment Area of Breland Hall –
Requested Action of the Board of Regents History Department Area of Breland Hall –		-
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References: See attached supporting documentation. ARP 18.10 - <a href="https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/">https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/</a>		
Prior Approvals: University Naming Committee 6/9/2021 University Administrative Council 6/9/2021 Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu 6/10/2021	L	
Agenda Item Approved By:		
Derek Dictson		6/11/21 Date
Vice President		

## Honoring Clarence H. Fielder: A proposal for an honorary naming of History Department Area of Breland Hall – The Clarence H. Fielder Wing

Rani T. Alexander, Department Head, Anthropology

Beth O'Leary, College Professor Emerita, Anthropology

> Dwight Pitcaithley, Adjunct Professor, History

> > Kimberly York Black Programs

REVISED PROPOSAL MARCH 26, 2021

## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this proposal is to present information and expressions of support to name New Mexico State University's History Department Area of Breland Hall as the Clarence H. Fielder Wing.

The re-naming is honorific and in accordance with established NMSU Policy and Procedures. <a href="https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/">https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/</a>

We believe an honorific naming of the History Area of Breland Hall, including the Departmental Office, Faculty offices, and conference room as Clarence H. Fielder Wing best serves the interests of the institution at the present time.

Clarence Fielder made extraordinary contributions to NMSU and to the Las Cruces community in education, history, and military service. The honorific naming of the Fielder Wing will preserve his legacy within the building where he worked and taught.

This naming is aligned with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives underway within the Office of the Provost, the College of Arts and Sciences, and across New Mexico State University.

The honorific naming of a wing for Clarence Fielder is not associated with any gift, fundraising effort, or endowment at NMSU.

We present information about how and why the area which houses the Department of History should be named the Clarence H. Fielder Wing. The Fielder Wing is appropriate as a part of the architectural history of Breland Hall.

Many Academic Departments and Programs support the proposal to honor Clarence Fielder including the most recent letter of 3 March 2021 which unanimously supports the renaming of the History area of Breland Hall to honor Clarence H. Fielder. Letters of support are located in the appendix.

# Honoring Clarence Fielder: A proposal for an honorary naming the History Department Area the Clarence H. Fielder Wing of Breland Hall

## 1.0.0 Purpose

The purpose of this proposal is to present information and expressions of support to name a part of Breland Hall as the Clarence Fielder Wing. The wing is the second floor of the west side of Breland Hall and occupied by the Department of History. Our proposal for an honorific naming is aligned with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives underway within the College of Arts and Sciences and across New Mexico State University.

The early twenty-first century is forever marked by national debate over historical representations of diversity and the inclusion of marginalized social groups. Monuments matter for members of social movements who seek to commemorate the experiences of those left out of the national narrative. Their efforts seek to redress the erasure of historical memory and acknowledge the legacies of racism and socioeconomic disparity within our communities.

At NMSU, a Hispanic- and Minority-serving institution, we can do more than just listen to the debate. We can react to the injustice of historical erasure, improve inclusivity, and also celebrate New Mexico's diverse alternatives to mainstream narratives right here on campus. Specifically naming the History Department area in honor of Mr. Clarence Fielder offers a way forward for the benefit all faculty, staff, students, and community members for years to come.

## 2.0.0 Why should NMSU name the History Department wing for Mr. Clarence Fielder?

Clarence H. Fielder was an African-American educator and icon both at NMSU and within the Las Cruces community. His personal story resonates with diverse constituents among our students, faculty, and staff and inspires the selfless commitment to doing what counts to foster equitable and inclusive communities. Mr. Fielder spent over 30 years teaching in the History Department at NMSU. He taught African American history and helped to create the Black Studies Program. Most of his career at NMSU was orchestrated from his office and in classrooms within Breland Hall. Clarence Fielder's life's work is immediately relevant to the changes of our time. He embodies the resilience, ability, knowledge, and skills that all members of the university seek to develop in our students and in our community.

## 2.1.0 NMSU Policy

We seek to designate the Clarence Fielder wing in accordance with established NMSU Policy and Procedures. <a href="https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/">https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/</a>

Pursuant to NMSU ARP Policy 18.10 Namings, Part 3 Honorific Naming: "An Honorific naming may be bestowed to those (e.g. person(s), organization, group, etc.) who have made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the University or society. The recognition afforded the honoree may also include private financial contributions related to the naming

opportunity. Honorees shall not be currently employed within the NMSU System nor currently hold any appointed or elected office."

We want to honor the contributions of Mr. Clarence Fielder to NMSU as part of the architectural history of Breland Hall, the building in which he taught and worked.

Pursuant to NMSU ARP Policy 18.10 Namings, Part 4 Permanence of a Name:

A. **Permanence of a Naming:** The naming of Physical Entities is intended to be in place for the life of the specific physical entity. Should circumstances change so that the purpose for which the physical entity was established is significantly altered or if the physical entity is no longer needed or habitable, the Chancellor and, if appropriate, the Board of Regents, in consultation with appropriate academic and/or administrative leadership and the donor(s), if possible, will determine an appropriate way to recognize the donor's naming gift in perpetuity. If the University and the donor(s) previously established a Gift Agreement or contract that provides a practicable course of action, then that action shall be followed."

The current proposal (March 2021) was discussed with Enrico Pontelli, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and is a revision of a previous proposal reviewed by Dean Pontelli, Henrietta Pichon, Dean of the College of Education, the Provost's Council for African American Affairs, and Patrick Knapp and Derek Dictson from NMSU Advancement.

Procedures and steps for honorific naming are (ARP 18.10 Namings, Part 5 Naming Procedures):

- 1. Submit the Fielder Naming and Recognition proposal and Naming Opportunity Routing Form to the University Naming Committee.
- 2. Present the proposal to the Naming Committee and obtain the Naming Committee recommendations.
- 3. Present the proposal to the University Administrative Council (UAC) and obtain UAC recommendations.
- 4. Obtain NMSU Chancellor's recommendation
- 5. Obtain NMSU Regents' approval

## 2.2.0 Diversity and Inclusion Report

We believe an honorific naming of the Clarence Fielder Wing in Breland Hall for Clarence Fielder best serves the interests of the institution at the present time.

The NMSU External Review Report for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion lists several recommendations for creating a more inclusive community, including the names of buildings, under Recommendation #12.<sup>1</sup>

12. The University's designation as an HSI and MSI institution represents the diversity among students at NMSU but is not a proxy for being an inclusive community. Campus climate and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ervin, A., P. Granberry Russell, and J. DeLeon 2020. New Mexico State University External Review Report, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Organizational Structure and Strategy. Report submitted to the NMSU President and Executive Vice President and Provost, Spring 2020, p. 4.

culture is influenced by whether NMSU is viewed as welcoming and inclusive for ALL. The University is urged to examine how the campus communicates its messaging on DEI and how the campus "looks" to different groups (e.g., pictures in central support buildings, names of buildings, and public art) – how inclusive are representations of campus life, pictorial history of campus and who is represented and who is not, etc.

By naming a significant place in the building as the Fielder Wing, the university communicates the commitment to honoring a member of their own community who has excelled in the field of education and history. Mr. Fielder served and can continue to serve as a role model for student success. He was born into a segregated school system but persevered, rising to the height of a professor. By having a Fielder Hall on campus and promoting the biography of the man it is named for, it makes students aware of a local leader who grew up where they grew up. Clarence Fielder was also a decorated Korean War veteran and honoring him resonates the breadth of the military constituencies at NMSU and DACC.

A Fielder Wing becomes a reminder of the man who made extraordinary contributions to NMSU and whose legacy will continue to be visible. The NMSU External Review Report for Diversity, Equality and Inclusion stresses the need to address how the campus "looks" to different groups and commitment to diversity and inclusion is urgent.

3.0.0 Biography of Clarence Fielder, accomplishments and service to NMSU and the Las Cruces Community

The legacy of extraordinary individuals can be preserved by naming an important place after them. Clarence H. Fielder was an African American historian and teacher who dedicated his entire life to teaching in Las Cruces. He said, "The student always comes first. Children deserve to be educated in pleasant and safe surroundings. It is important for people to know their heritage. It's important for people to remember from whence they came."

Clarence H. Fielder was born in Las Cruces in 1928, a grandchild of early Black pioneers who founded Phillips Chapel, which also served as the first segregated school. Fielder began his education at the segregated Booker T. Washington School when it was little more than two tar paper shacks. Later he graduated from the newly constructed (1934) Booker T. Washington School where all Black children in Las Cruces attended grades 1 to 12. He received a B.A. in Business Administration from New Mexico A&M College (now NMSU).

A first lieutenant in the US Army, he fought in Korea and was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star after refusing to leave his fellow soldiers, despite receiving serious wounds. After his tour of duty, he returned to Las Cruces to teach. He taught many decades at Booker T. Washington, Court Junior High, and Alameda Elementary and Junior High Schools. Mr. Fielder earned his M.A. in Education (NMSU). He was instrumental in creating the curriculum for the Black History Program at NMSU where he taught from 1970 until he retired in 2005.

Numerous Anthropology and History faculty and graduate and undergraduate student alumni worked with Dr. O'Leary and Dr. Fielder on the documentation and restoration of the Phillips

Chapel. The Department of Anthropology remains deeply committed to preservation and recognition of cultural heritage in the borderlands.

Some of his positions and awards include: Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education; Board of Directors, Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation; President of the Doña Ana County Historical Society; State Teacher of the Year Award; Outstanding Educational Services Award; and the "Griot Award" from the African American Museum and Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Mr. Fielder served on the Governor appointed Cultural Properties Review Committee for the State of New Mexico. He was recognized twice by the New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs for outstanding individual accomplishment in preserving the history of African Americans, and the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

When Mr. Fielder passed away in 2015, Las Cruces Mayor, Ken Miyagishima said, "Clarence Fielder was an icon of our community. Las Cruces has lost a kind and gentle man, a great educator and a great mentor." When a community choses to honor those who have made an extraordinary impact, they should first look for heroes close to home. It is time for NMSU to honor Mr. Fielder by naming the second floor wing in Breland Hall for him, where he taught in the History Department for so many years.

## 3.1.0 Relationships to Clara Belle Williams

Williams Hall is currently the only building on the NMSU campus to be named for an African American. Ms Williams was the first Black graduate with a degree in English at New Mexico A & M (now NMSU) in 1937. During the time Ms. Williams was at NMSU the university did not allow her inside the lecture rooms and she took notes from the hallway, she did not participate in the graduation ceremony as the university continued to practice segregation and discrimination.

Clara Belle Williams was first hired in 1925 to "fill the position as negro teacher" for the Las Cruces public schools when the School Board voted to segregate. She taught at Phillips Chapel CME church which served as the first school for Black students after segregation. It should be noted that later Clarence Fielder and his siblings went to Booker T. Washington school where Ms. Williams was their teacher. She taught in the racially segregated Las Cruces school system for 27 years. In 1961, NMSU recognized the injustice to Ms. Williams and named her and her children, outstanding alumnae of the year. She received many other honors, including an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree. In 2005, 11 years after Ms Williams died and 68 years after she graduated with her B.A., the English building was renamed to celebrate Ms. Williams as a "pioneer in education."

Although noteworthy it is tragic that it took so many years to recognize a prominent African American. Mr. Fielder is remembered by several generations of students at NMSU, his impact is more current and vital with his passing just over five years ago.

## 4.0.0. Architectural Planning for Breland Hall and proposed Fielder Wing

University Architect Heather Watenpaugh states:

There are no major upcoming renovations beyond maintenance projects planned for Breland Hall. Breland Hall is listed on the considered for demolition list in the current campus master plan document; however, there are no immediate plans or funding to remove this building from the campus inventory. A campus-wide space utilization study is currently being planned, which will help inform decisions such as demolition and major renovations for capital planning purposes. Here is the link to current master plan, <a href="https://architect.nmsu.edu/masterplan/">https://architect.nmsu.edu/masterplan/</a>.

If the Department of History were to move to new premises at any point in the future, the honorific Fielder name would move with them.

## 4.1.0. Efforts to honor the Fielder legacy at NMSU

We propose that a plaque to Clarence H. Fielder should be added to the Wing. The History Department will include information about Fielder in front of the department office as well as on its departmental website, Facebook page, and other social media as is specified in the History Department's letter of 3 March 2021.

An effort is currently being made by NMSU's Anthropology Department to create a prize named for Mr. Clarence Fielder for an outstanding M.A. thesis in the area of historic preservation in the same manner as the Bradley Blake Prize. Mr. Fielder's outstanding work on the restoration of Phillips Chapel, the oldest extant African American church in New Mexico, was completed with student collaboration by NMSU, DACC and volunteers from Las Cruces. It is on both the State Register of Cultural Properties and the National Register of Historic Places (2003). The years he served as an Historian on New Mexico's Cultural Properties Review Committee also makes the Clarence Fielder Prize an appropriate way to recognize graduate student achievements.

5.0.0 Letters of Support
History
Anthropology
Black Programs
Geography
Government
Interdisciplinary Studies/Gender and Sexuality Studies
Languages and Linguistics
Philosophy

6.0.0 Appendix – NMSU News Stories about Clarence Fielder, Clara Belle Williams

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/11051/nmsu-history-professor-leaves-mark-as-educator-preserving-african-american-heritage

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/11137/late-nmsu-history-professor-honored-with-lifetime-achievement-award

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/13847/late-nmsu-historian-s-archive-donated-to-museum

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/articles/view/7820

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/9070/nmsu-gospel-choir-rock-phillips-chapel-holiday-cheer

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/articles/view/9024/nmsu-gospel-choir-hold-christmas-concert-100-year-old-phillips-chapel

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https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/1072

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/1394

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/articles/view/4988

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/9453/nmsu-professors-students-volunteers-receive-historic-preservation-award

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/5190

National Register of Historic Places Nomination of Phillips Chapel C.M.E. Church by Terry A. Moody and Clarence H. Fielder 2003

https://www.lccommunityradio.org/lcstories clarence fielder.html

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/stories/view/502/nmsu-s-breland-hall-evolves-over-more-than-60-years

Clarence H. Fielder Memorial Scholarship/ Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. <a href="https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/local/community/2020/11/07/equity-inclusion-scholarship-renamed-honor-clarence-h-fielder/6206426002/">https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/local/community/2020/11/07/equity-inclusion-scholarship-renamed-honor-clarence-h-fielder/6206426002/</a>

KTAL community radio during Black History Month (2021) provided a profile of Mr. Clarence Fielder and his life in the Las Cruces Stories series https://www.lccommunityradio.org/lcstories clarence fielder.html.

#### Clara Belle Williams

https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Stories/view/517/nmsu-s-english-building-honors-university-s-first-black-

graduate#:~:text=The%20English%20Building%20may%20only,name%20was%20Clara%20Be lle%20Williams



## College of Arts and Sciences

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Date: March 3, 2021

**To:** Enrico Pontelli, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

From: Mark Cioc-Ortega, DH of History

At its faculty meeting on March 2, the Department of History unanimously voted to endorse the renaming of the History area of Breland Hall to honor Clarence H. Fielder. We suggest calling it the Clarence H. Fielder Wing. We also suggest that, if the History Department is moved to another space in the future, the name will also move along with the department.

The History Department will include information about Clarence H. Fielder in front of its department office as well as on its departmental website, Facebook page, and other social media.

We hope the A&S Office will support this change of name. Please let me know if there is anything the History Department can do to help further this initiative.

Mark Pa-Ostaj



Anthropology Department New Mexico State University 1525 Stewart, Rm 331, MSC 3BV PO Box 30001 Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001 Tel: 575-646-2725

Date:

October 8, 2020

To:

Enrico Pontelli, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

From:

Rani Alexander, Department Head

Anthropology Department

CC:

Anthropology Faculty, Mark Cioc-Ortega, Dept of History, Glenn Fetzer,

Languages and Linguistics, Dr. Beth O'Leary College Professor Emerita

Subject:

Honoring Clarence Fielder – Diversity and Inclusion Initiative for College of Arts

and Sciences

The Department of Anthropology requests your advice and support to rename Breland Hall as Clarence Fielder Hall, as an honorific re-naming aligned with Diversity and Inclusion initiatives underway in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Pursuant to NMSU Policy 18.10 Namings, Part 3 Honorific Naming: "An Honorific naming may be bestowed to those (e.g. person(s), organization, group, etc.) who have made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the University or society. The recognition afforded the honoree may also include private financial contributions related to the naming opportunity. Honorees shall not be currently employed within the NMSU System nor currently hold any appointed or elected office."

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Breland Hall was named for Rufus Breland in 1956 – an NMSU Regent: <a href="https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/stories/view/502/nmsu-s-breland-hall-evolves-over-more-than-60-years">https://newscenter.nmsu.edu/stories/view/502/nmsu-s-breland-hall-evolves-over-more-than-60-years</a>

We believe it is most appropriate at this time to recognize and honor the exemplary and meritorious contributions of Mr. Fielder.

I understand that an honorific renaming a building involves many steps, starting with a form and a recommendation from the University Naming Committee. If it would be helpful and meets with your approval, I can ask our UG and GR student organizations to approach ASNMSU and the Graduate Student Council. Faculty would be willing to draft a bill for Faculty Senate. Staff could approach the Employee Council.

Please let me know how you would prefer that we proceed. If you need additional information about her qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me (<u>raalexan@nmsu.edu</u>). Thank you for your consideration.



**Black Programs** 

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November 13, 2020

To: Enrico Pontelli, Dean of College of Arts & Sciences From: Kimberly D. York, Interim Director, Black Programs RE: Support to rename Breland Hall to Clarence Fielder Hall

It is with great pride and with the full support of the Provost's Council on African American Affairs that I submit this letter of support for the renaming of Breland Hall to Clarence Fielder Hall. Recognizing and celebrating the rich legacy and contributions of notable African Americans is a core pillar of Black Programs. Clarence Fielder embodied the true spirit of a servant leader through his many years of service to the Las Cruces community and our country. As an educator he has inspired many generations to pursue higher education and reinvest in our city. He is worthy of this honor.



Department of Geography

(Breland Hall, Room 137)

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Date: October 14, 2020

To: Enrico Pontelli; Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences

From: Carol Campbell; Geography Department Head

Through: Dwight Pitcaithley; College Professor, Department of History

Re: Support to rename Breland Hall to Clarence H. Fielder Hall

Recognizing outstanding commitment and leadership in our community, and on our campus is of utmost importance, and a core value of the College of Arts & Sciences. These characteristics exemplify Clarence H. Fielder, a native of Las Cruces, New Mexico State University Alumni, decorated Army veteran, Black Historian and outstanding teacher in Las Cruces for more than 50 years. The faculty in the Department of Geography unanimously support renaming Breland Hall the Clarence H. Fielder Hall.



## College of Arts and Sciences

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To: Enrico Pontelli, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Through: Dwight Pitcaithley, College Professor, Department of History

From: Neil Harvey, Academic Department Head, Government

Re: Support to rename Breland Hall to Clarence H. Fielder Hall

Date: November 18, 2020

In recognition of the long-term contributions made by Clarence H. Fielder to the success of all students at New Mexico State University, his particular standing as a leader in Black History and his commitment to respect for diversity and inclusion at NMSU and the broader community, the faculty of the Department of Government support the renaming of Breland Hall as the Clarence H. Fielder Half.

Neil Harvey



## College of Arts and Sciences

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October 7, 2020

Dr. Enrico Pontelli, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences MSC
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Dear Dr. Pontelli;

This letter is in support of the proposal introduced by Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley and Dr. Beth O'Leary to change the name of Breland Hall to honor the memory of Professor Clarence H. Fielder. Mr. Fielder was a trailblazer at NMSU in making it possible for the voices and histories of African Americans to be heard and recognized on campus and in the curriculum. He worked tirelessly in his professional life and his community life to enhance educational opportunities. A name change in honor of Mr. Fielder would further his legacy and would constitute an intentional move on the part of the institution to celebrate diversity.

Members of the department support this proposal with two provisos: first, that the change take effect only when the College of Arts and Sciences (and university) can safely absorb the costs of the change; and second, that prior to any firm decision the idea of a name change be cleared by any known descendants of Dr. Breland.

Thank you for your attention.

Sinceredy

Dr. Glenn Fetzer, Head, Department of Languages and Linguistics

CC:

Dr. Dwight Pitcaithley

Dr. Beth O'Leary

Ms Sheri Petit



Department of Philosophy

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23 October 2020

TO:

Enrico Pontelli, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

FROM:

Timothy Cleveland, Department Head

THROUGH: Dwight Pitcaithley, College Professor, Department of History

**SUBJECT:** Renaming Breland Hall for Clarence H. Fielder

The faculty members of the Department of Philosophy recognize and appreciate the importance of Mr. Clarence Fielder's contributions to the Las Cruces community. For over 50 years, as an award-winning teacher as well as a leader in Las Cruces, at NMSU, and with the Las Cruces Public Schools, especially as the founder of the first Black Studies Program at NMSU and in his efforts to restore Phillips Chapel in downtown Las Cruces, the oldest extant African American church in New Mexico, Mr. Fielder made a lasting impact in his life of service to others. We unanimously agree that he is worthy of the honor of having what is now Breland Hall renamed for him, and we unanimously support this change.



## Board of Regents Meeting Meeting Date: June 16, 2021 Agenda Item Cover Page

Agenda Item # C-6

Action Item	Presented By:	Derek Dictson
☐ Consent Item		Vice President University Advancement
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**Agenda Item:** Proposal for naming the Food Science, Security and Safety Facility, Room 110, Food Tech Lab as the Caviness Beef Packers Lab

**Requested Action of the Board of Regents:** Approval of naming the Food Science, Security and Safety Facility, Room 110, Food Tech Lab as the Caviness Beef Packers Lab

#### **Executive Summary:**

Caviness Beef Packers has been family owned and operated for over "55 Years" and is currently led by 2nd and 3rd generation family members. Since 1962, Caviness has remained one of the most relationship-oriented companies in the beef industry. The business has grown from harvesting a handful of cattle, in the early days, to 1800 head processed each day. Today, the company operates two processing locations and markets products worldwide. Chief Executive Officer and Owner, Terry Caviness, began his career in 1969 with Caviness Beef Packers, the family business founded by his father Pete Caviness. He was inducted into the Western Heritage Hall of Fame at the Tri State Expo in 2013 and in 2009, Terry was the recipient of the E. Floyd Forbes Award for exemplary service to the National Meat Association and the meat and poultry industry, the highest honor in the beef producer industry. Terry Caviness and Caviness Beef packers have been tremendous supporters of the College of ACES and the new Agricultural Modernization and Educational Facilities. In honor of their commitment to NMSU and in honor of their investments in the Food Tech Lab, we are requesting to have Room 110 named in honor of Terry and Janette Caviness as the "Caviness Beef Packers Lab".

#### **References:**

See attached supporting documentation. ARP 18.10 - <a href="https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/">https://arp.nmsu.edu/18-10/</a>

## **Prior Approvals:**

University Naming Committee 6/9/2021 University Administrative Council 6/9/2021 Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu 6/10/2021

## Agenda Item Approved By:



# College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: May 3, 2021

To: Derek Dictson, Vice President for University Advancement

From: Dr. Rolando Flores, Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, College of

Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Subject: Request for Review of Naming in Food Science, Security and Safety Facility,

Room 110, Food Tech Lab, 1,540 sq. ft. in area, as the Caviness Beef Packers Lab

Rolando A.

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We request consideration of the following proposed naming opportunity located within the Food Science, Security and Safety Facility, room 110. This naming is in recognition of the significant contribution made to the NMSU Foundation in support of the AMEF project. This naming is a part of the NMSU Foundation donor recognition, is in alignment with Foundation policy regarding naming gift thresholds, and will be named the *Caviness Beef Packers Lab*, in perpetuity:

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