

**UNM-VALENCIA CAMPUS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Paul T. Luna, Chairman
Ms. Belinda Martinez, Secretary
Mrs. Eloisa Tabet, Member
Mr. Russell Griego, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Alice V. Letteney, Campus Executive Director
Mr. Andrew Sanchez, Director Campus Resources
Dr. Julie DePree, Interim Dean
Dr. Jon Conescu, Interim Associate Dean
Frances Duran, Branch Registrar
Mr. Victor Escobar, Student Government Vice-President
Ms. Ronnie McComb, Exec Admin/Notetaker
Ms. Julia Dendinger, Valencia County News-Bulletin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Corrine Sedillo

Members of the UNM-Valencia Campus Advisory Board met in the Administration Conference Room at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Prior to the meetings, Associate Professor/Interim Associate Dean of Instruction, Dr. Jon Conescu was honored. Dr. Conescu is scheduled to retire in the summer after 27 years with UNM.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

No issues were raised in the Public Forum.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Paul Luna called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda was unanimous.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Adoption of the Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 2, 2010 &

B. Adoption of the Minutes of Special Meeting, March 31, 2011.

Chairman Luna stated that if there were no changes to either sets of minutes, he would accept one motion to approve both. Mrs. Tabet moved to approve both sets of minutes as read. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye."

V. DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

A. Department Update

Service Awards

At an Awards luncheon held on April 20, Ida Rios, (now retired) Miriam Chavez, and Dolores Romero were honored for 20 years service with UNM. Dr. Letteney and Lyn White were honored for 15 years service.

Retirements

In addition to Dr. Conescu, Sharon Fleenor from Rita Logan's office retires in May, and Andrew Sanchez's administrator, Lillian Romero retires at the end of June, after 19 years of service.

Dean of Instruction Search

The search for a new Dean continues, meanwhile Julie DePree will continue to act as Interim Dean. Cindy Shue, who is currently the Program Specialist for the STEM Transfer & Graduation Project, will assist Julie in the Academic office during the summer.

Changes at Main Campus

President Schmidly will be leaving in a year's time. Provost Suzanne Ortega has accepted a position as Chief Academic Officer for the whole of the North Carolina Higher Education System. Enrollment Manager Carmen Alvarez-Brown is leaving for Cleveland State, and the Dean of Arts & Sciences, Brenda Claiborne, is going to Florida.

Budget

This year has seen the biggest cuts ever in State funding and cuts in Federal funding are beginning to have an impact. Having fought for summer Pell grant funding for years, it was finally allocated for the first time last year, and 475 of our students used these funds. The White House, supported by Congress, proposed eliminating summer Pell next year. The Secretary of Education has stated that the elimination of summer Pell will allow the government to maintain funding of the full Pell at \$5,500.00, and students can elect to use some of this funding in the summer. It is not yet known whether a final decision has been taken, and Dr. Letteney urged Board members to contact legislators on this issue.

Other cuts in Federal Funding

Dr. Letteney reported that the campus had submitted a major grant to the Department of Labor, but that the funding had then been rescinded.

Antonio Flores sent an e-mail expressing his concern that Title V funding for Hispanic Serving Institutions could be cut by as much as 30%, and asking everyone to contact their legislators. The campus has recently submitted two Title V STEM grants and hope that at least one will be funded.

Cuts in the TRiO and Upward Bound are anticipated to be at least 3%. This year, changes to TRiO Program guidelines meant that they could no longer pay for food. Student Government helped pay for their Annual Banquet which was held on Saturday, April 30, which Board member Eloisa Tabet attended. The guest speaker, Dody Adams, related the extraordinary story of her battle for education, starting late and as the single mother of 3 children. Having completed her Bachelor's degree she is now working on a Masters, and taking the first part of CPA exams, while working fulltime. Dody stated how important the TRiO Program and the community college environment had been in helping her achieve her goals.

Dr. Letteney reminded the Board that the ABE Graduation would be held on May 12 at 6:30 and College Graduation on May 13 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Reinaldo Garcia will represent Main Campus, and Kim Jarigese from UNM Extended University will acknowledge the 4 students graduating with bachelor's degrees through this program.

B. Title V Update

The reports provided by Rosa Auletta and Najib Manea included updates on the Title V: Developmental Studies Learning Communities "Highway to Success," and on developments in the Teaching and Learning Center.

There were no questions on the Title V reports.

VI. INSTRUCTION

The Report provided by Julie DePree and Jon Conescu, Tina Newby, Rita Logan, Dubra Karnes Padilla and Leann Weller included: **Updates on the summer and fall class schedules, faculty evaluations, core course assessments and the Strategic Plan; the Adult Education Center; the Fitness and Wellness Center, and the Library.**

A. Department Update

There were no questions on the Instructional area reports.

Discussion followed on the differences in course curriculum for Advanced Placement courses, and Dual Credit courses, particularly in English. UNM requires writing courses to qualify for dual credit, while AP classes are literature based. Dr. Letteney stated that she was aware of the issues and had discussed modification of the on-line classes with the Campus English faculty. Ultimately it will take collaboration with the schools to modify these classes.

B. Faculty Assembly Update

There were no questions on the Faculty Assembly report.

VII. STUDENT SERVICES

The report provided by Mr. Vigil included information on the following: **Recruitment; GED Chief Examiner; Registration/Admissions; Financial Aid; Testing; Career Services, Advisement & Equal Access; TRiO/SSS/on TRAC; Upward Bound; and Community Education Services.**

A. Department Update

There were no questions on Mr. Vigil's report.

B. Student Government Update

President elect for Victor Escobar announced that the Inauguration of 8 senators plus a full cabinet for the 2011-2012 Student Government is to be held on Thursday, May 12, 6:00 pm, at Teofilo's. Board members were invited to attend with a guest, unfortunately the Inauguration conflicts with the ABE graduation. Student Government has distributed their Summer Scholarship awards of \$200 to 10 students, and plan to distribute any monies remaining in their account as further scholarships. On Thursday May 5 they held a Cinco de Mayo ice-cream social from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Mr. Escobar stated that they have introduced many successful new ideas this year and hope to expand this growth next year. Dr. Letteney thanked Mr. Escobar and Student Government for initiating the Summer Scholarships and for helping TRiO to fund their banquet. Praising the TRiO program, Mr. Escobar said that it had been a pleasure to support a program which benefits so many students.

Chairman Luna commented that if the many excellent Student Government Presidents the Board had seen over the years were an example of UNM-Valencia students then the campus should be truly proud. Mr. Escobar stated that students love the campus and wish that they could complete their 4-year degrees here. Dr. Letteney stated that more students are expected to finish their Bachelor's degree on campus next year through Extended University and the first graduates from the EU Masters in Education program is anticipated.

2011 Golf Tournament

Board member Russell Griego reported on the recent Scholarship Scramble Golf Tournaments stating that despite the extremely windy weather, proceeds from the event would help the Development Board to meet the Federal Endowment match again this year.

VIII. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

A. Department Update

Mr. Sanchez reported that the FY 2011-12 Budget had been approved by the Board of Regents and is pending approval from the Department of Finance. In the meantime he is working with the Higher Education Department to clarify any issues.

B. Staff Association

Staff Association President Nanci Nielsen was unable to attend the meeting. There were no questions on her report.

IX. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Tabet moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Paul T. Luna, Chair