

**UNM-VALENCIA CAMPUS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Hybrid Meeting**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Paul Luna, Chair
Ms. Belinda Martinez, Secretary
Mrs. Eloisa Tabet, Member
Mr. Christopher Williams, Member
Mrs. Joleen Chavez, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Samuel Dosumu, Chancellor
Mr. Rick Goshorn, Director of Business Operations
Dr. Laura Musselwhite, Dean of Instruction
Mr. Armando Bustamante, Director EMSS
Ms. Paulette Tafoya, Staff President
Ms. Ana June, Faculty Assembly President
Mr. Neil Schwartz, SGA President
Ms. Brittany Padilla, Sr. Program Manager
Mr. Malachi Cox, IT Support Tech 3
Ms. Kristy Martinez, Admin Assistant
Mx. Wesley Badertscher, Executive Assistant
Mr. James Holloway, UNM Provost

Members of the UNM-Valencia Campus Advisory Board participated in a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

No items were raised in the Public Forum.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Paul Luna, called the meeting to order at 05:04 pm.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Luna moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Tabet approved. Ms. Martinez and Mr. Williams Seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye".

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

Board Chair Paul Luna welcomed back board members and welcomed UNM Provost James Holloway.

A. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting, March 26, 2024

Mr. Luna moved to adopt the Minutes as read. Ms. Martinez approved. Mrs. Tabet seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye."

B. Election Resolution – UNM-Valencia Branch Community College District 2024 Election for \$15,000,000 Local GO Bonds

The information provided by Mr. Goshorn was as follows. The legislation looks familiar because it was put forward less than a year ago in the last November election. There was an anomaly that occurred, in the multi-county election, despite us following all of the statutory requirements. Because of this anomaly, we have to do the process again. As last time, we are talking about \$15,000,000 in construction bonds. Mr. Goshorn repeated some of the basic information regarding how the legislation would function. Mr. Goshorn and Katherine McKinney are working towards getting things in place for the next election.

Mr. Luna clarified that the anomaly had nothing to do with our side of things. Mr. Goshorn confirmed that the anomaly was nothing done on our end and reiterates he does not want to go into detail. Mrs. Martinez motioned, Mrs. Tabet seconded.

C. Future Board Meeting FY25

Mr. Luna asked if the board meetings should be kept as they have been. He mentioned that in the past, sometimes graduation has served as the May board meeting, but he doesn't mind them being separated out. Mrs. Tabet recommended keeping the schedule the same. Mr. Goshorn confirmed no real motion to keep the schedule the same was needed, the information was mostly needed for software.

V. CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

The report provided by Dr. Dosumu included information on the following:

A. Chancellor's Report

Dr. Dosumu introduced Wesley Badertscher, the new secretary to the Board and executive assistant to the Chancellor, and Neil Schwartz, the new Student Government Association (SGA) president.

Dr. Dosumu introduced UNM-Valencia's Strategic Plan, that was created around the time he was brought on board as Chancellor. The report packet for the board members has the plan in it, for the board to get a preview of it, so they can have more information and have a chance to comment on what they would like to see more of. Dr. Dosumu goes over the rough outline of the strategic plan, touching on the mission of UNM-Valencia and the pillars to support that mission. Mr. Luna stated he has gone through the strategic plan. He mentioned he would like to see point 5 of Community Engagement (Growing relationships with alumni) tie in more to development, that there should be a connection there. Dr. Dosumu asked if there were any further questions on the strategic plan. Mr. Luna suggested that board members look the plan over and make notes. Mr. Luna expressed that the plan looks great. Dr. Dosumu mentioned the hands-on creation of the strategic plan by leadership and students, with Dr. Musselwhite and Student Government mentioned in specific.

Dr. Dosumu then discussed the upcoming 2024 Capital Outlay Summer Hearing, which will happen at the end of July. This year, UNM-Valencia will request funds to upgrade the Workforce Training Center (WTC), especially with the campus' growing CTE programs in mind. Ms. Martinez asked if a lot of remodeling was needed. Dr. Dosumu said no, that the remodeling would mostly be about adding another component to the WTC. Dr. Dosumu mentioned the progress towards creating a Construction Trades Program, and needing to create more bays such as the one already there. Dr. Dosumu said adding these programs is a year's long process, but this remodel will help us achieve that. Ms. Martinez discussed some scheduling issues she'd known about with students taking classes at the WTC, then being late to their classes on UNM-Valencia campus. Mr. Luna asked if there were complaints about that. Ms. Martinez said yes, she had heard some complaints. Dr. Dosumu mentioned that we could look at some changes to scheduling, depending on the details of those complaints and what the pain points are. Dr. Dosumu also mentioned that he and Mr. Goshorn had been talking with Rio Transit to see about helping in the transportation of students. Mr. Luna asked for confirmation that Rio Transit was a free service through the city and what the expense of the routes was. Mr. Goshorn clarified the transit scope. Mr. Luna asked if we were using the classrooms at the WTC. We are. Dr. Musselwhite mentioned that some adult education classes were also taking place at the WTC. Mr. Luna asked if things were going all right at

the WTC without a supervisor. Dr. Dosumu confirmed that Eileen has been there and watching over the place.

Dr. Dosumu reminded everyone that it was graduation week. Adult Education and Allied Health is tomorrow, Wednesday evening. The Nursing Pinning ceremony will be on Thursday. And then final commencement on Friday evening at 6 PM. Board members attending should be on campus at 5 PM, confirmed by Mr. Luna. Mrs. Tabet will not be attending, as she has a family member graduating elsewhere.

VI. INSTRUCTION

The report provided by Dr. Musselwhite included information on the following:

A. Department Update

Dr. Musselwhite mentioned some events from last week and this week, running right up to graduation.

Dr. Musselwhite discussed a recent receipt of a NEH grant. This is unusual, but a great opportunity for UNM-Valencia. The grant will run 2 years and was applied for with the help of Ms. Padilla. Dr. Musselwhite wanted to apply for this grant for its focus on research in non STEM, instead focusing on the social sciences, with the main organizing factors being culturally responsive pedagogy and local community resources. It will be \$60,000, split in half over the 2 years, and will mostly go to faculty stipends and outside experts, reading materials, planning projects based on local research.

Dr. Musselwhite mentions we have several faculty working on an Equity, Care and Engagement Project. This is through the PASOS grant, which is in its final year. The faculty are creating a number of projects on different topics.

Dr. Musselwhite then moves on to discuss the CTE programs in progress. We have been talking with High School partners and asking them what they are looking for. This is where the WTC comes in as a central hub for those programs, given its location and design. We are currently planning out two new programs: construction (all of the high schools have asked for this) and electrical. There is a plan to hire new faculty members, especially a trade expert who will serve as CTE Chair which we do not have currently.

Dr. Musselwhite asks if there are any questions. Mr. Luna asks, with regards to the NEH grant, how do students apply. Dr. Musselwhite clarifies that the NEH grant is for faculty. Technically, Dr. Musselwhite also adds that the cost isn't exactly \$60,000 in the end, as there are administrative costs and other considerations that the institution will absorb doing these research projects.

Mr. Luna congratulates Ms. Padilla and Joseph on their hard work and achievements in planning and development and the work done at the Gala.

B. Faculty Assembly Update

Ms. June discussed that as a faculty, much time was spent on figuring out post COVID processes and raising the professional development budget, including funding for fulltime and parttime faculty. It was a huge success. Thanks to Mr. Goshorn who helped figure out how to roll some funds over.

Ms. June also mentioned a composed letter of support for UNM – Los Alamos Faculty, to ensure they have access to fair and equitable workload. It went out in March or April.

Ms. June then discussed the recent election of new FEC members, for the next fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025. Ms. June shares the results of the election. Andy Taylor will be the new president, and will take over starting next FY academic year beginning July 2024.

VII. Enrollment Management & Student Success

The report provided by Mr. Bustamante included information on the following:

A. Department Update

Mr. Bustamante wanted to note a few highlights of his report. He is proud of the work EMSS has done in aiding their students to become more independent. We are closing up the year with graduation and already thinking ahead to next year, with 5 New Student Orientations set up over the summer and everyone is looking forward to new challenges.

Mr. Bustamante asks if there are any questions. Mr. Luna asks how many graduates? Dr. Dosumu notes that this year's cohort is small, with 128 students graduating. There is a brief mention of how to get more students to participate in commencement and walk. There were more students last year. Dr. Musselwhite mentions the possible effect COVID might have had, as that would have been when this cohort of students started.

Mrs. Tabet asks how many students have registered for the summer session. Dr. Musselwhite and Dr. Dosumu mentions that this year's summer session has seen a large increase in students. Mr. Luna asks about the slots for New Student Orientation, confirming they are at 60. Mr. Bustamante confirms, and says that this is because of the demand and that it is good for recruitment. Ms. Martinez asks if it's mostly high school students, or if other members of the community who might be older are also registering as students and taking classes. Mr. Bustamante confirms it's a mixture of both. Mr. Luna asks if there's a way to get even further into the high schools, thus reaching out to the parents as well. Mr. Bustamante mentions that there are two things: (a) embedding advisors into the high schools to show the pathway to come to UNM-Valencia and (b) a push to advertise to the parents for both their kids and themselves. Mr. Luna says that the board is pro dual enrollment, but would like to start also showing they are pro parents as well.

B. Student Government Update

Mr. Schwartz introduces himself as the new Student Government President.

Mr. Schwartz discusses Student Government's accomplishments for the year. Student Government has filled positions that have been empty prior, and implemented regular bi-weekly meetings. Student government supported PASOS with their own funding for four months (60% of entire budget) and funded student organizations on campus, to help bring in more students to the campus. They have been focused on gathering feedback from students and faculty. Student government ended with an excess in budget. That excess will roll over to next fall.

Mr. Schwartz talked about student government's goals for Fall 2024. They want to continue to create a lifestyle of harmony through raising social boundaries. Everyone should have a friend in every group. Student Government will work with campus leadership. Ms. Padilla has already been working with them. They are exploring fundraising activities, to bolster the

budget and offer more. Mr. Luna stated he liked the idea of “create a lifestyle.” Ms. Martinez commented that she thought the work being done was important and liked how serious they were taking it. Mr. Luna asked if they could market their accomplishments and successes. Mr. Schwartz mentioned that early on, building things was the focus and he was given a lot of ability to get certain members of the student body involved. He hopes to get further involvement. He has ties in marketing via his wife, and can ask questions and get the information needed. Mr. Schwartz would like to create a waitlist to get involved.

VIII. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The report provided by Mr. Goshorn included information on the following:

A. Department Update

The FY 2024-2025 budget is in. Mr. Goshorn notes a 3% compensation increase, some changes to be expected given the ongoing negotiation with the union.

Mr. Goshorn mentioned the Bond Issuance. He believes the regents should be okay with it, and plans to check.

Mr. Luna mentioned his excitement at the increase in solar power. Mr. Goshorn mentioned he wants to look at the natural gas boilers, to see if we can further decrease our carbon footprint.

B. Staff Association

Ms. Tafoya said it has been a quiet three months. There have been 2 fundraising events. The funds were really needed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Luna thanks Ms. Kristy Martinez for filling in as the secretary to the board, while Mx. Badertscher was being brought on and learning the ropes. He once again thanked Mr. Holloway for attending.

Mr. Luna moved to entertain a motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Tabet moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Chavez seconded the motion. All members voted “aye.”

Mr. Luna adjourned the meeting at 05:50 pm.



/s/ Paul Luna, Chairman