

UNM-VALENCIA CAMPUS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Paul Luna, Chair
Ms. Belinda Martinez, Secretary
Mrs. Eloisa Tabet, Member
Mr. Christopher Williams, 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. Andisheh Dadashi, Faculty Assembly President
Mr. Neil Schwartz, SGA President
Mr. Malachi Cox, IT Support Tech 3
Ms. Alana Torres, IT Support Tech
Ms. Rita Garcia, Marketing Manager
Mx. Wesley Badertscher, Executive Assistant
Mr. James Holloway, UNM Provost
Ms. Veronica Salcido, PASOS Director
Mr. John Bollweg, IR
Ms. Paulette Tafoya, Accountant
Mrs. Joanna Gardner
Ms. Shireen McDonald
Mrs. Roberta Scott
Mr. Richard Montgomery

Members of the UNM-Valencia Campus Advisory Board participated in a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Paul Luna, called the meeting to order at 05:02 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. INTRODUCTION OF APPLICANTS AND VISITORS (MOVE ABOVE)

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting, November 12, 2024

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

B. Board Position Discussion

Mr. Luna mentions that a board member resigned and we had requests for applications to fill the spot. We had eight total applications, all of which were great. Luna requests a brief about each of the applicants at the meeting.

Joanna was a dual enrollment student at UNMV and graduated in 2012, then continued on and got a full-time position at Sandia Labs. When she came to UNMV, she hated math. Her instructor completely changed her understanding. Her first real job was as a tutor. She sees the value of UNMV. She would focus on 3 things: help encourage others in dual enrollment (especially home schoolers), partner with local industries, and the creation of workshops and programs to help students be successful (resumes, cover letters, etc). Mr. Luna asks if there are any questions. Ms. Martinez says sounds familiar to her own experience.

Richard Montgomery has worked in industry. He finished college at UNM, and felt like he belonged there. He obtained a bachelor of university studies and has been through multiple different departments. He is involved with several groups in Los Lunas, and is a deacon and Chaplain for the Gideon's camps. He has a wide variety of experiences. He ran in the Advisory Board election a few years ago. Mr. Luna asks if there are any questions. No questions.

Roberta Scott retired from UNMV, and was the director of SBDC when it was on campus. She was here for 15 years, and this campus is part of her heart. She has sat on the board before and would like to be on the board again. She liked working with the board.

Shireen is retired from UNM where she worked for 32 years, where she worked at the Valencia campus as the HR administrator. She has worked in a lot of different departments. She is currently on the Hispano Board Chamber, and has been with them for over 20 years. Serves on Lavidio Board, youth and adult care. She takes care of her grandkids a lot recently, and this gives her the chance to do something different. She graduated from New Mexico Highlands.

Mr. Luna thanks the applicants and asks if any questions. Mrs. Tabet motions to nominate Roberta Scott. Ms. Martinez second. Three votes yes, one vote no from Mr. Williams. Mr. Luna says we will set up a time to swear in Roberta Scott. Thanks for being here and please keep the interest, even if you did not get the position. Run for these positions.

C. Reaffirm Open Meetings Act

There were a few changes to the Opening Meetings Resolution, noted by Mrs. Martinez. Mr. Luna asked if there were any questions about the changes. None were put forward. Mr. Luna moved to approve the resolution, Mrs. Martinez approved, Mr. Williams seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye."

D. Bond

Resolution to make sale of bonds. Mr. Goshorn mentions that this is the beginning of process to get the bonds approved. Katherine McKinney walked through the process. The first step in the process of issuing the bonds approved in November. The plan is to issue 7.5 million, with the suggestion of a buffer. The bonds are payable from property taxes. The parameters: maximum amount of bonds will not exceed 9 million dollars, no greater interest rate than 6.4%, etc. They will be awarded to the best bidder, no sales resolution. The delegate will come back before the board and report. We're shooting for around April 1st sale date, but more of the process needs to be completed before that time. If adopted tonight, this resolution will go to the finances of regents, and then get full approval, and then proceed from there. Mr. Luna confirms the first step in the process. Katherine says it's an electronic platform. These are tax free bonds, so it can be a nice investment.

Mr. Luna entertains the motion. Mrs. Tabet moves to accept, Ms. Martinez seconds. All vote aye, motion carries.

Mr. Goshorn expresses his appreciation for Katherine, who came from Las Cruces.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing today.

VI. CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

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

A. Chancellor's Report

It is week 3 of spring semester. Our enrollment is not where he wants to see it, but is slightly up from last year. This is partially a benefit from ABQ students. We are working on ways to manage classes so we can support our students. On the subject of the WTC programs: Belen schools began in fall, Los Lunas was supposed to join this spring, but had to step away temporarily. Belen is still there. We are trying to grow in that area.

We opened a new student activity center, located where the bookstore used to be. It contains a lounge, game room, and chill out place for students between classes.

We are looking at federal executive orders and where they are going to impact the campus, with the Provost. We are getting guidance from Main Campus, and there is a website to answer and direct people.

The 60-day legislative session started. Some bills we are watching closely and hope pass, such as a Career Development Pilot program with high schools, which has the intent that high school students will take career tech programs, and offer benefits for the students and study.

Mr. Luna mentions the holidays were great, lots of people engaging. Thank you. Any questions? More on nursing program, Mr. Luna asks. Meeting is coming up. We put forth a proposal, but not a lot that can be done until the meeting.

VII. INSTRUCTION

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

A. Department Update

Dr. Musselwhite would like to highlight a few items. As mentioned, we are in the 3rd week of classes. There is a search for some replacement faculty members, with several committees at work. There are some large applicant pools in some of those searches, including one with 50. Academics has a new administrator. Margaret has retired, and her replacement is Francis Duran, who was previously the registrar, and is doing a wonderful job.

UNMV has also joined Complete College America. It is an Accelerator Cohort. The program hasn't started yet, but it is expected to get going very soon. It should offer new strategies, and we are looking forward to it. There are two upcoming meetings with nursing education in April and the Board of Nursing in May. We should have some final answers at that point. Mr. Luna asks a few questions about the situation, and mentions graduation. There is concern about the numbers who come through. Last year was very dramatic in terms of the lack of students participating. It is their choice, but we want them to be there.

B. Faculty Assembly Update

Andisheh Dadashi introduces herself as the new President of Faculty Assembly. There is not much to share right now, as this is her first semester of the position and there has not been much change. Two committees are combining, with a proposal with faculty for their review right now.

VIII. Enrollment Management & Student Success

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

A. Department Update

Mr. Bustamante touched base on numbers coming in the end of the week. EMSS has been working closely with the high schools. We are also working with SODA again, and are getting higher numbers from them. There are the federal mandates and a couple of programs that we will be watching and getting decisions on when decisions come out.

B. Student Government Update

Mr. Schwartz mentions that graduation attendance has been noted as a concern. He has made notes of it, and is going to try and divert student government funding to nursing program for their pinning ceremony. The hope is Student Government will pay for every pin for every person who walks the stage. This might bolster the attendance overall. He met with the student nursing association a week ago. Mr. Schwartz mentions he has been trying to create goals that serve more than one purpose, to hit two birds with one stone.

Trying to convert student orgs, little bit of oversight and control for university of student orgs. New member of staff association, Monica Padilla of the student activity center. She will slowly hopefully move into the role of staff advisory of SGA. Students have a voice and a sense of belonging.

Mr. Schwartz thanks Dr. Dosumu for the education on the concept of shared governance during the last College Council meeting. He feels as though this made clear a level playing field for people in the College Council to work as peers and work together.

On the topic of funding, Mr. Schwartz says Student Government will ask for a lot from the campus. He is ensuring that the funds are being put in to support events. He says funding from the university has gone to where it is needed. This includes the student nursing program, which is going to Seattle and getting training for exams.

A question from Mr. Williams: he believes it is a great idea to pay for the pinning, and would like to know how many people are we looking at. There are 45 students in the nursing program. We will be graduating 25 students in level 4. It is mentioned that nursing alone would help up the number of people at commencement. There is the suggestions of possibly paying for the nursing students' caps and gowns, as that might be an area of economic issue that effects graduation numbers. Mr. Schwartz has nursing students who reach out, saying the economic concern is significant. There are caps and gowns available for rent, but there is still a bit of a stigma on that. We are planning on

combining ceremonies, meaning that this year there will be a nurse pinning ceremony and only one commencement.

IX. BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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

A. Department Update

Mr. Goshorn needs to talk about tuition and fees. What does the next FY look like? The budgets are getting tighter, but this FY will be fine. The next will be interesting. Our primary funding comes from state appropriations. There is a recommendation of a smaller increase, compared to previous years. Things are climbing, but are still a little low. There was a record breaking freshman class at Main Campus, with a 6-10% increase on property, but that is starting to come down. A recent amendment on veterans and their exemptions will start up, and that will be a 13% decrease in revenue. 6-8% reduction in revenue from the local mill levy. Mr. Goshorn is proposing a 4% compensation increase at the state, so that might be a struggle. He is seeing tuition growth, but doesn't want to count on it. Revenue is a little shaky on the tuition side. There is an 8% increase in insurance costs. There has also been some discussion of shifting tiers.

There will be significant increases in liability costs. This is due to faculty promotions, and the PASOS grant coming to an end. The economy has gone through a bad inflation rate. But taking care of our employees is important. We have reserves to balance budget. Mr. Goshorn is looking at where cost containment can take place.

Mr. Goshorn talks about possible tuition decision. The governors and regents are not really in the mindset for it. The last one was in 2018. Our fees are smaller, but our tuition is around middle high, compared to other 2-year institutions.

Dr. Dosumu mentions we have the possibility of raising fees, since tuition is off limits for us right now. Many fees have not increased for a while. The proposal is to increase fees: 10 year plan of \$10, with a gradual increase. Double from our current fee amount and then maybe increase a dollar each next year until we hit \$10.

Mr. Luna agrees and thinks it's realistic. Is this the only area we increasing? Mr. Goshorn mentions it is a low hanging and easy place to increase.

Mr. Williams asks a question: what impact would the increase have? Our current revenue generated from fees is at \$36,000, and an increase in fees would probably see significant increase in revenue. The campus laptops that many students and staff depend on are getting on in years and need replacement. Is that what the fee increase would be going towards? Yes. What fee structure do other campuses use? Mr. Goshorn says it varies: Gallup has \$10 in technology fees. Fees depend on a campus' budget and how it's structured.

Provost Holloway said the technology fee at Main Campus is \$150 per term. Mr. Luna mentions that hearing what Main Campus charges always make us feel better. Mr. Goshorn mentions that today is just the first step. The board's decision will then go on to Main Campus, who will make a decision to recommend to regents, then they make the final decision.

Mr. Luna asks if there is a motion to increase fees to \$7. Mr. Williams motioned to increase the fees to \$7, Ms. Tabet seconded the motion. All members voted “aye.”

B. Staff Association

Mx. Badertscher provided the Staff Association update, since Ms. Beltran was not present. The Staff Association has been offering Breakfast and Lunch Fundraisers on Fridays, including bagels and Subway sandwiches. Be Kind Week is upcoming, February 10th through the 14th. Staff Association will have a table set up. We are looking at having a fundraiser in March and our Spring Professional Development in early April, currently.

A reminder to board members of the Gala to take place on March 8th, a major fundraising event at Isleta. The theme will be Kentucky Derby. We look forward to seeing you there.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Optional)

None at this time.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Optional)

New procedure in evaluation of the Chancellor. No action items.

XII. Next Meeting

A. Next Regular Meeting: May 6th, 2025 at 5:00 PM

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Luna adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Luna", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Paul Luna, Chairman of the Advisory Board