

# NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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**New Mexico Higher Education Department  
New Mexico Higher Education Advisory Committee Meeting Summary  
March 22, 2019 10:30 AM  
Taos Conference Room – NMHED Offices Santa Fe  
2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505**

1) CALL TO ORDER

**Committee Members Present**

*Cabinet Secretary Kate O'Neill – NMHED*

*Cabinet Secretary Olivia Padilla-Jackson - DFA*

*Cabinet Secretary Alicia Keyes- EDD*

*DWS (Designee Deputy Secretary Ricky Serna representing Cabinet Secretary Bill McCamley)*

*Director David Abbey – LFC*

*Dr. Adrienne Forgette, Vice President for Learning, SJC – NMICC rep*

*Dr. Randi Archuleta - Dean of Instruction, UNM-Taos – NMACC rep*

*Dr. Douglas Wells, VP for Academic Affairs, NMT – CUP rep*

*Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Chief Academic Officer, NMHU – CUP rep*

2) INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAM REVIEW

*Thomas Schawel of HED provided updates on and a synopsis of new Graduate and Undergraduate Program rules that went into effect June 12, 2018. The committee provides a recommendation on each program to the HED Cabinet Secretary, who will ultimately make the final decision at a later date.*

*Thomas also noted that all programs being reviewed by the committee have undergone an approval process within their institution and all graduate programs have been approved by the New Mexico Council of Graduate Deans.*

3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee action was unanimous approval of the agenda.

10:35am

**Undergraduate Programs**

- 4) Central New Mexico Community College: Associate of Applied Science Degree – Advanced-level Pharmacy Technician

*RECOMMENDATION – Director Abbey expressed concerns regarding the 65 credits hours and having a two year completion time to an associate of applied science. CNM indicated that the pharmaceutical accrediting bodies now require separate theory and laboratory courses in addition to requisite core science, communications, mathematics, and social sciences. The committee recommended that the application be tabled and CNM would need to provide additional information concerning the accrediting bodies’ requirements.*

- 5) New Mexico State University – Alamogordo: Associate of Applied Science Degree – Computer Science

*RECOMMENDATION – The committee unanimously recommended that the Secretary approve this program.*

- 6) New Mexico State University – Alamogordo: Associate of Applied Science Degree – Medical Assistant

*RECOMMENDATION – The committee unanimously recommended that the Secretary approve this program.*

- 7) New Mexico State University – Main: Bachelor of Science – Cyber Security

*RECOMMENDATION – The committee unanimously recommended that the Secretary approve this program.*

### **Graduate Programs**

- 8) University of New Mexico – Main: Professional Master of Science in Global and National Security

*RECOMMENDATION – The committee unanimously recommended that the Secretary approve this program to go before the State Board of Finance April 2019.*

- 9) PUBLIC COMMENT

*None*

- 10) ADJOURNMENT