

NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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DR. BARBARA DAMRON
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New Mexico Higher Education Department New Mexico Higher Education Advisory Committee Meeting Summary October 17, 2018 10:30 AM

1) CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members Present

Cabinet Secretary Barbara Damron – NMHED

Debbie Romero and Nicole Macias representing Cabinet Secretary Duffy Rodriguez – DFA

David Mathews representing Cabinet Secretary Matt Geisel – EDD

Acting Cabinet Secretary Erin Thompson – DWS

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

Committee Members Not Present

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

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee action included forgoing lunch and making recommendations after each brief is presented and discussion has taken place individually for each program. Action also included moving final discussion and Q&A of NMSU's Doctoral (PhD) in School Psychology to follow UNM's MA and PhD in Chicana and Chicano Studies.

3) UPDATES

Secretary Damron provided updates on approval of 2 graduate programs by the Board of Finance in spring 2018, and a synopsis of new Graduate and Undergraduate Program rules that went into effect June 12, 2018. This committee's provides a recommendation on each program to the HED Cabinet Secretary, who will ultimately make the final decision at a later date.

Secretary Damron also noted that all programs being review 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.

Undergraduate Programs

- 4) Mesalands Community College: Associate of Applied Science Degree - Nursing

RECOMMENDATION – Committee Recommendation was to deny the application as the committee had concerns that the absence of involvement by NMNEC could cause transfer and articulation problems for students. The committee also voiced concerns regarding the programs anticipated funding from the Higher Education I&G funding formula.

Graduate Programs

- 5) UNM: Master of Arts in Chicana and Chicano Studies (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy in Chicana and Chicano Studies (PhD)

RECOMMENDATION – The committee unanimously recommended that the Secretary approve this program to go before the State Board of Finance November 2018.

- 6) NMSU: Doctoral (PhD) in School Psychology

- 7) *RECOMMENDATION – The committee unanimously recommended that the Secretary approve this program to go before the State Board of Finance November 2018.*

- 8) UNM/NMSU: Joint Doctoral Program in Geography

RECOMMENDATION – Director David Abbey recommended denial of this program. The remaining committee members recommended that the Secretary return the application to the institution to provide additional information on jobs projections in geography, more evidence of the rationale for the program need, more information about how the financial commitments from the institutions will affect existing programs and the program proceed to State Board of Finance at a date TBD by HED.

- 9) NMSU: Master of Hospitality

RECOMMENDATION – Committee recommended Secretary not move this program forward to the State Board of Finance due to lack of proof that a Master of Hospitality provides better job placement in the industry over a bachelor's degree.

- 10) NMSU: Professional Master in Computational Data Analytics - *HED Brief/Discussion*

RECOMMENDATION – Committee recommended to the Secretary that she move the program move forward to the State Board of Finance. The committee recommended a name change from Professional Masters to an MS and the institution provide a detailed budget.

- 11) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

- 12) ADJOURNMENT