MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 02, 2007
2:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

ROLL CALL (ATTENDANCE)

Members present:
- Regent Dr. Rita Hocog Inos, Chair
- Regent Charles Cepeda, Vice Chair
- Regent Eloise Furey
- Regent Maria Peter
- Regent Linsa Lizama

Members absent:
- Rose Marie Jones (President of ASNMC), Honorary Member

Others present:
- Agnes McPhetres, President Emerita
- Bobbie Hunter, Acting Director of Human Resources
- Raaj Kurapati, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
- Jesse Borja, Legal Counsel
- Danny Wyatt, Acting President
- Becky P. Sablan (Executive Secretary to the President) as recorder

CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Inos, BOR Chairperson, after confirming a quorum of the board, called the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 2:17 p.m. and welcomed everyone to a hopeful and prosperous 2007.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Regent Orilla moved to adopt the agenda without changes, Regent San Nicolas seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ MISCELLANEOUS
None
OLD BUSINESS

Presidential Search Update

Dr. Inos, BOR Chairperson expressed gratitude for the Search and Screen Committee’s hard work and for their many hours dedicated to finalizing the list of Presidential candidates. Dr. Inos asked the Search and Screen Committee’s Chairperson, President Emerita - Agnes McPhetres, to provide an update. Agnes McPhetres also thanked the members of the Search and Screen Committee for their efforts and expressed how impressed she was with everyone’s professionalism and efficient work.

Ms. McPhetres announced that the Presidential Search and Screen Committee had completed their task and have submitted their final report. The committee reported that a total of 13 applications for the Presidential position were received and that they had meticulously completed the process of narrowing the number of applicants (such as disqualifying those who failed to complete application requirements). The eligibility list was reduced to 4 candidates (2 applicants tying in at number 3). The committee was cognizant of the questions they had asked and emphasized that all candidates were asked the same six questions. The committee is confident that the finalists all possess the necessary experience, required educational degrees and the ability to work in a multicultural environment. Ms. McPhetres requested for the Board to continue this discussion in Executive Session. BOR Vice-Chairperson Cepeda inquired if the applicants were given sufficient time to complete the requirements before being eliminated. Ms. McPhetres assured the Vice Chair that they were all given ample time to submit the required documents.

Chairperson, Dr. Inos acknowledged that the Presidential Search was in its final review process and that sensitive materials may be revealed to the members.

MOTION: A motion was accordingly made to move the meeting into Executive Session and the motion was then seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS
None to report at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 3:40 p.m., members returned after meeting in Executive Session. MOTION: Vice Chair Cepeda moved to accept the Presidential Search and Screen Committee’s Final Report with the amendment of a finalized list of 3 candidates in lieu of 4. The motion was seconded by Regent Orilla and unanimously carried.
Timeline for final interviews with the Presidential candidates/applicants: The Board will convene in Special Meetings to formally meet the candidates in person and to assess their qualifications for the position. Recognizing that they will come from far, Dr. Inos recommended a two-weeks notice for the finalists to accept the invitations and for the interviews to commence January 22nd. Dr. Inos also acknowledged the beginning of Spring Semester (January 16, 2007) and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer – Raaj Kurapati’s concern that the FY 2008 Appropriation Budget Request must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Regents by January 31, 2007. To address the budgetary concern, members agreed to submit a Draft FY 2008 Budget Appropriation Request (without BOR approval) and a letter to the Office of Management and Budget to extend the deadline for the College’s final budget submission. The extension would also allow for the new President to participate in the decision process of our fiscal affairs.

MOTION: It was moved, seconded and carried to adhere to the following dates for the Board’s interviews with the final applicants for the Presidential position:

January 22, 2007 - Monday
January 29, 2007 - Monday
February 5, 2007 - Monday
February 12, 2007 - Monday
February 23, 2007 – Deadline for BOR’s final decision of the college’s new President.

MOTION: Regent Lizama moved to proceed with the Board’s request to NMC Foundation President, Mr. Jerry Tan, to assist the college with the expense of airfare and hotel accommodation for the Presidential candidates/finalists to visit our campus and be interviewed by our Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Regent Orilla and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business before the Board, the Regents moved, seconded and carried the motion to adjourn their meeting at 3:50 p.m.