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BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES EMERITUS STATUS, TENURE FOR PROFESSORS

Silver City, NM – At its annual meeting on May 12, the Western New Mexico University Board of Regents designated Emeritus status for six individuals and tenure for five professors.

Emeritus status was designated to Dr. Patricia Maguire, Gallup Graduate Studies Center Chair; Dr. Bill Charland, Honors Program Director; Dr. John Counts, President; Dr. Chris Farren, Vice-President of Student Affairs; Scott Woodard, Athletics Director; and Henry Sanchez, Director of Maintenance. All six individuals are retiring at the end of the 2010-2011 academic year.

Associate Professor Christine Brickley, Associate Professor Dr. Zenaido Camacho, Assistant Professor Chad Harris, Assistant Professor Joe Heidrick and Associate Professor Dr. Jeffrey Hill were approved for tenure. Dr. Emma Bailey, Chad Harris and Dr. Jeffrey Hill were promoted to professor. Joe Heidrick and Dr. Robert Rickle were promoted to associate professor.

Post-tenure review was approved for 15 professors.

Two individuals were approved for honorary doctorate degrees. WNMU alumnus Al O'Malley, '51, and First Lady Barbara Counts were both selected as honorees for their dedication to WNMU.

The Board of Regents also approved a new degree program. The Film Technology Program will provide a comprehensive overview and understanding of all supportive aspects of the film industry and film production work. The program will provide students from Southwest New Mexico the skills required to enter the emerging film industry in New Mexico.

The 2011-2012 budget was approved at \$39.7 million.

New officers were selected for the board. Dr. Charles "Randy" Briggs will now serve as its chairman, Jerry Walz will be vice-chairman and Student Regent Kelly Clark will be the secretary/treasurer.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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