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DATE: June 3, 2013  
TO: All Faculty and Staff  
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, President   
SUBJECT: Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Appointment

As one of my first official presidential actions, I am appointing Dr. Greg Fant, NMSU's associate vice president and deputy provost, as the university's new interim executive vice president and provost.

I admire Greg's leadership, his thoroughness when approaching his job, and the pride he shows in being a part of the NMSU faculty. I have worked with him for a while now, and look forward to continuing that relationship in his new role.

The executive vice president and provost is the chief academic officer at NMSU and serves as the university's chief executive in the president's absence.

Dr. Fant has served as NMSU's associate vice president and deputy provost since 2011. He was interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences twice, between 2007-2008 and 2009-2010. He has also been an associate dean, an assistant dean and head of NMSU's music department. He originally came to NMSU as the associate director of bands in 1990 and is a conductor, a saxophonist and a tenured professor in music.

As interim executive vice president and provost, he will work to support the university's education, research and public service programs. Two areas he is currently focusing on include classroom space issues and strengthening the pathways for community college students into NMSU's Las Cruces campus.

As I've said before, NMSU is one of the best universities in the country and this is the most important institution in the state. It's an exciting time to be part of NMSU. I look forward to working with each of you to help make this university even better.