




# New Mexico State University

## Weekly Activity Report

**March 17 - 21, 2014**

### **President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.**

- The Aggies went out in a blaze of glory. It was exciting following our great basketball team through the WAC Conference into the NCAA. They played a very good team to the limit. Next year! Young team on the way up!
- The Regents Budget Committee met to discuss the 2014-2015 budget. They gave preliminary approval of the sources and uses of approximately \$8,131,449 dollars of new money. This allocation will be the subject of a convocation meeting with all faculty and staff on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Las Cruces Conference Center and then the Regents meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All faculty and staff are invited. The Provost and I will also go over the Vision 2020 plan and our strategy for increasing compensation of faculty and staff.
- The alcohol license for the Gerald Thomas Hall (to be managed by the Department of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management) has been received. The license for the Pan American Center is pending but expected in the next two weeks.
- Both the Provost and I have met with Stan Rounds to discuss how we can work with the Las Cruces Public Schools system to improve the recruitment of students from his system. The Provost wants NMSU “to own this town” when it comes to recruiting and we are nowhere near doing that. We understand that students want to “get out of town” but an option is to move a few blocks down the road to our residential housing and enjoy being an Aggie!
- Our Moody’s Bond rating was recently downgraded from Aa2 to Aa3 due to a concern over declining enrollment and the impact on our revenue stream. While we are concerned about the rating, we do not expect to issue any debt soon. They were otherwise complimentary about the Vision 2020 strategic plan and the leadership of NMSU. We are hopeful to regain the Aa2 rating in the next evaluation.
- I enjoyed attending and participating in the Vice President for Research Office and Physical Science Laboratory service awards ceremony. The strength of any organization is the long term tenure of good employees. Their most senior employee had served 35 years. I once worked for PSL as a student and expected to receive my 50 year pin but was told the break in service preclude same.
- I had a very pleasant and constructive meeting with the leadership of the recently reinstated Diversity Council. Their request of me was to finance a consultant to look at the more recent studies of diversity at NMSU, review the most recent Climate Survey, inventory by unit just how diverse we are, and finally consider doing a shorter climate survey of all employees. I will be seeking the assistance of an NMSU faculty member who is an expert on diversity in higher education.
- I met with one of our fraternities who wished to introduce themselves and to determine how they might have a closer relationship with NMSU. We discussed




participation in a wide range of activities but I also gave them the same message I have given all of the Greek organizations – I want them to help drive and enhance Aggie Pride. We are soon issuing a request for qualifications to see if the private sector has any interest in developing a new Greek housing area on our campus.

- The Provost and I entertained the Deans in one session and the Department Heads in another, explaining our budget plans and admission policy recommendations. We will do this on a regular basis as it was most informative to listen to their views in an informal environment.
- I met with 15 members of the Town and Gown Committee to update them on NMSU activities and plans. It was a good session. Their one issue is we need to do a better job of opening up “our beautiful” campus to the community and for community use. We will continue to do that. Interestingly, they were discussing being more engaged in the center of the campus. Parking was an issue for them in trying to use our property.
- The Board of Regents met in special session to approve an investment of over \$1.0 million in a synthetic turf for Aggie Memorial Stadium. The project is principally funded by a \$1.0 million gift from Stan Fulton, who has contributed substantially to a number of academic (chairs), infrastructure (Fulton Center and Domenici Building), and operational (NMSU airplane) projects over several years. Coach Doug Martin made a very nice presentation on why the turf is important, to include the reduction of injuries, year around use, and moving from strictly a limited use football stadium to a multipurpose facility. Glen Haubold reported this means moving from about 600 hours of use per year to over 2600 hours of use due the durability of turf. The life span of the turf is about 10 years but the major cost is the initial installation.
- We welcomed Cheryl Harrelson, the next Vice President for University Advancement, to the campus this week for briefings and receptions. A talented and experienced development person with the most pleasant demeanor and personality. We are fortunate to have taken her from Washington State University.

### **Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard**

- On March 18<sup>th</sup>, I met with Tim Ketelaar, Larry Creider, Greg Fant, and Chris Erickson to discuss ways to showcase the talented faculty at NMSU. Tim came to the meeting with a fully developed concept—a show that would combine music and dance with an entertaining look at a scientific topic. The topic for our first evening—what else but the science behind the world’s hottest chile pepper, featuring Regents Professor Paul Bosland. As noted by Tim, the topic lends itself to music (a hot salsa, anyone) and to dance (you get the picture). Everyone at the meeting was instantly sold on the concept and the topic and we agreed that September 19<sup>th</sup>, the evening before the NMSU-UNM football game, would be the perfect date for the event.
- On March 21<sup>st</sup>, I spoke at the graduation ceremony of the Institute for Parent Engagement, a program of the Las Cruces Public Schools that helps parents understand the LCPS system and how to help their children be successful as



students. It is a wonderful program that attracts parents with little formal education all the way to parents working on their doctorates. It was a great honor to address the graduates and to encourage them to learn more about NMSU and the abundant educational opportunities the university offers to students.

**Dean, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences,  
Dr. Lowell Catlett**

- Animal and Range Sciences Department gives a Farm Tour of animals on Mondays and Thursdays for school age children. They have a least four schools that bring kids to tour the on campus farm animals. It is highly successful and an excellent recruiting tool.
- Media Productions/Ag Communications and the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences collaborated to submit two grant proposals to USDA's Hispanic Serving Institutions Program to enhance recruitment and retention of underrepresented students in STEM majors. Drs. Chamberlin and Gleason cooperated with Dr. April Ulery on a grant entitled *Raising The Gates: Addressing Gaps in Students' Understanding of Math and Chemistry in the Animal and Plant Sciences*, and with Dr. David Dubois on a grant entitled *Enhancing Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Students in Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Sciences via Mobile Devices*.
- The Rodeo Team attended two rodeos in Central Arizona College this week. Our students did very well in both rodeos.

**DAY 1 RODEO:**

**Bareback Riding:** Trenton Montero 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

**Saddle Broncos:** Tyke Kipp 1<sup>st</sup> place, Casey Wood came in 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Breakaway:** Brandi Pfeifer tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place and Jenna Suazo came in 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Barrels:** Meghan Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Nalynn Cline 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**Goat Tying:** Brandi Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> and Shelby Montano 6<sup>th</sup> place.

**Tie-Down:** Pacen Marez 1<sup>st</sup> place and Russell Van Boelen 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**Team Roping:** Brennon Seely and Sheldon Church tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Omar Ramirez 8<sup>th</sup> place.

**Men's Team:** NMSU 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Women's Team:** NMSU 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Men's AA:** Tyke Kipp 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Women's AA:** Brandi Pfeifer 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**DAY 2 RODEO:**

**Bareback:** Trenton Montero 2<sup>nd</sup> place


**Breakaway:** Jenna Suazo 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Tie-Down:** Victor Ugalde 1<sup>st</sup> place, Cody Runyan 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Ty Anderson 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ben South 4<sup>th</sup> place, Pacen Marez, 7<sup>th</sup> place and Bo Simpson 8<sup>th</sup> place.

**Sadle Broncs:** Tyke Kipp 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Barrels:** Nalynn Cline 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Meghan Johnson 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Steer Wrestling:** Tyke Kipp 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Ethan Shelley 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Colt Capurro 6<sup>th</sup> place



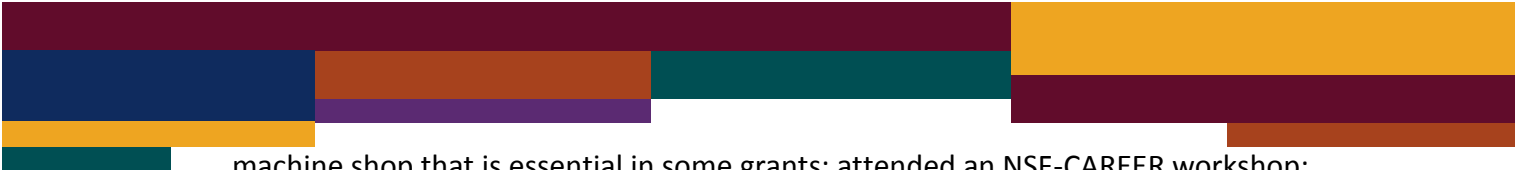
**Team Roping:** Cody Mirabal and Reno Eddy tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Nicole Sweazea 5<sup>th</sup> place, Victor Ugalde 7<sup>th</sup> place.

**Men's Team:** NMSU 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Women's Team:** NMSU 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### **Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Christa Slaton**

- Lisa Bond-Maupin and I met with the department heads in Computer Science and Languages and Linguistics to discuss proposed on-line masters programs.
- I attended a dean's reception hosted by President Carruthers and Provost Howard.
- I hosted a Listening Lunch with faculty from Theatre, Philosophy, Communication Studies, and Art and had an opportunity to hear their concerns and perspectives.
- I conducted an annual review of Aerospace Studies.
- Lisa Bond-Maupin, Beth Pollack, Ken Van Winkle and I met with Bernadette Montoya to discuss changes with the NSRs and ways to collaborate to assure it works well for students.
- I met Nicholas Michalowski in his office in Science Hall to welcome him to NMSU and learn how his first year as a new faculty member in Mathematical Sciences is going. He has been welcomed and mentored by his colleagues and is happy to be here.
- Cathy Thomas, Lucille Casas, Jeff Brown and I met to discuss the most recent plans for the Shared Services Center and to discuss how that will impact our office and our faculty in the college.
- Colonel Dodson met with Lt. Colonel David McCoy and me to discuss Army ROTC. He is pleased with the progress made by Lt. Col. McCoy in his short time at NMSU and has pledged to provide more scholarships for the NMSU program.
- Patrick Knapp and I welcomed the new VPUA Cheryl Harrelson and discussed our college and its fundraising priorities. I also attended the welcome reception for her at the president's home.
- The associate deans and I reviewed the departments' requests for new faculty lines for the coming year and made the allocations based on the funds that we have available. We also discussed a safety report on our office complex, which was prepared by Chief Lopez at our request.
- The college selected Bill Quintana of Chemistry/Biochemistry as the Outstanding Department Head for 2014 and the department of Physics was chosen as the recipient of the college's Advising and Retention Award. The nomination packets for these award recipients were superb.
- Lisa Bond-Maupin and Jeff Brown met to plan a summer workshop on grant writing for faculty in social sciences, arts, and humanities. She also reviewed applications for the new Director of the Advising Center and conducted three telephone interviews with candidates; facilitated NSR planning meeting with Terry Cook/Marissa Macias and Arts and Sciences staff; held a J Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium planning meeting; and chaired the college Diversity Committee meeting.
- Jeff Brown toured Patricia Lodato and Giancarlo Lopez-Martinez's labs in Biology; worked with Chemistry & Biochemistry to resolve an issue about space for a



machine shop that is essential in some grants; attended an NSF-CAREER workshop; attended a meeting of the Intellectual Property Advisory Committee; gave a welcome address to the Department of Biology's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Bio-symposium. He attended Biology sessions and poster presentations and CAMP poster presentations.

- The Shared Service Center Task Force met twice. It toured Breland offices, and discussed HR roles, cross-training, and a call/visit to Emory University regarding to the service center. The force also met to discuss shared service center practices at Emory University.
- We received the first \$1,999,917 award for the iCredits program in which Dr. Enrico Pontelli (Computer Science) is PI. Stefan Zollner (Physics) received second year funding of \$149,000 from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. John Xu (Biology) received a four-year award from NIH to study bacterial colonization in the mosquito gut ecosystem, with a first year award of \$308,651. William Webber (Astronomy) received a \$5,600 supplement from the Jet Propulsion Lab.


### **Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook**

- The highlight of the week was the service awards ceremony at which the College of Business honored twenty-one faculty and staff members with cumulative service exceeding 340 person years. Honorees included one person with 30 years at NMSU, three with 25 and six with 20 years. The accomplishments of the group during these periods ranged from publication of numerous journal articles and service on graduate committees to the accumulation of Looney Tunes shirts, children, and grandchildren as well as friendships. Contrary to the expectations of one honoree, no Rolex watches were distributed – maybe next time.
- The ad-hoc online MBA committee met to discuss the plans for program implementation with a number of questions raised about the Quality Matters review process. Since the meeting, Kathy Brook has passed along additional information.
- Along with Kathy Brook, the Teaching Academy's workshop on promotion of college faculty members was attended by Mike McGonigle (Finance) and P&T committee members Carl Enomoto and Hari Sankaran.
- Kathy Brook and Moana Jarvis continued to consult with Digital Measures about the implementation of new tables needed in light of recent changes in AACSB International's accreditation standards for colleges of business. The goal is to satisfy the needs of the college without unnecessarily altering the data collection instrument for the rest of the university.
- Department heads met briefly to present their cases for faculty lines both tenure track and non-tenure track.

### **Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead**

#### **Michael A. Morehead, Dean**

- The Don and Sarrah Kidd Literacy conference was on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 teachers and education majors were in attendance. Don Kidd provided an



introduction and shared his story about learning to read and expressed his passion for reading. He explained why he was so committed to literacy and the reasons he established the endowed chair. After attending this event for the third time, I can only say that it is even more impressive than ever, the keynote speakers were excellent and the break out presentations provided needed information to teachers. I would like to thank Dr. Anita Hernandez for her outstanding leadership and the tremendous support provided by Grace Martinez and the Curriculum and Instruction staff. It is safe to say that Mr. Kidd feels very proud of the work being done by Dr. Hernandez and the college and department.

- Dean Morehead has started annual reviews for associate deans, department heads and staff. It is evident from the preliminary reviews that the leadership in this college performed at a very high level again this year. Dr. Morehead reviewed the report from the Ad Hoc Technology committee and met with the chair to discuss the findings and recommendations. One of the major suggestions is to provide a professional development program for the summer. Dean Morehead received an update on the Fulton Chair's work from Dr. Osanloo, and the primary focus was the three outstanding presentations and panels being offered this semester. Dr. Morehead chaired the NM Education Deans and Directors monthly meeting. At this meeting there was a presentation from Matt Pahl from the PED about the new testing requirements for teachers, and the new accountability system for teacher education. Dr. Candace Kaye led an international virtual symposium on action research and Dean Morehead provided introductory remarks. This virtual symposium included San Diego University, De Lasalle from Bogota Columbia and Mongolian State University of Education. Ten other universities participated as discussants and Dr. Dana Christman and Dr. Charles Townley also provided support for this symposium. This is another example of the college's outstanding commitment to international educational activities.

**Dr. Jim O'Donnell, Associate Dean**

- Dr. Jim O'Donnell this week participated as an NCATE Board of Examiner at an institution in California from March 15<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, he attended the meeting of the OTCP to discuss the new testing and accountability measures recommended for teacher licensure. He also attended the College of Education planning meeting of the Strategic Plan to discuss KPIs and related sources of data. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, he will be attending the Deans and Directors meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

**Jonathan Schwartz, Associate Dean for Research**

- Dr. Jonathan Schwartz assisted a partnership of junior faculty in a grant proposal, and worked on a partnership with the nursing department on integrated health. He attended a weekend retreat on the partnership with Molina Insurance on creating an institute of integrated health, and also attended the Teaching Academy event for promotion of college faculty. Dr. Schwartz assisted for the support of the Alliance and outreach endeavors in the College, and served on a number of dissertation committee's which met this week. Finally, he attended a number of meetings in support of the College of Education entrepreneurial activities.



### **Gladys De Necochea, Assistant Dean for Budget & Planning**

- Dr. De Necochea provided leadership to the College of Education Sustainability Committee in the development of the GREEN AWARD, a newly defined distinction that brings recognition to best practices in sustainability. All College of Education staff and faculty whose efforts are contributing to a greener and cleaner academic environment for us all are eligible to be considered for this distinction. A recent call was issued to invite nominations of individuals who have demonstrated substantial and creative practices in any of the following categories:
  - Energy conservation and renewable energy.
  - Environmental education and outreach.
  - Public policy or advocacy.
  - Transportation and commuting issues.
  - Pollution prevention and environmental cleanup.
  - Waste minimization and conservation.
  - The recipient of the inaugural GREEN AWARD will be recognized during the College of Education Earth Day celebration planned on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Planning details on the award presentation and event celebration are forthcoming.


### **Ron Dziwenka, Program Manager for Assessment**

- Dr. Dziwenka met with Jeff Hackney (Advising) to discuss the process by which students enter remedial courses as COE freshmen, and the courses they must take depending on the area in which they need support, in order to compile and assess data on the % age of students (and the feeder schools they are from) who need remedial coursework. He also met with Deborah Gouldsmith (Advising) and then with Judy Bosland (IR) to on sharing data collection for 2014 Title II Reports, & 2014 CAEP EPP report, and the 2014 PEDS Data Collection (DUE APR 30) Parts A & B (all these yearly reports are due in April).
- Dr. Dziwenka represented our college at the IA/ALO Discussion meeting with HLC Liaisons, and entered a summary of the meeting into his meeting log. He went over and assessed the data compiled by Ken Korn to interpret the effects of NMSU graduates (now teaching in LCPS) on their k-12 students, to prepare that for the meeting with the Dean and Associate Dean. He collected data on our college's programs and filled out and submitted the annual Educator Supply and Demand Survey on behalf of the American Association for Employment in Education (AAEE). Also, he continued collecting data (and research articles) on teacher education's positive impact on students & the community for Dean Morehead, and continued compiling, reading, categorizing (& managing folders of) articles & academic papers on various issues in education.

### **Ashley Jurado, Student Program Coordinator**

- Ashley Jurado finalized the advertisements, sponsorships and details for the Aggie Cornerstone Award. She met with honoree Clarence Fielder this week to provide more details to him and his family. She also finalized the program and guest list for the spring Board of Advocates meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the week's efforts were focused on the inventory for the College of Education's scholarships in Scholar





Dollars. She is verifying that all criteria and requirements are correct so she can run student applications next week. Ashley was also able to meet and discuss her role in the college with new Foundation VP, Cheryl Harrison.

**Adelina Rodriguez, Student Program Coordinator**

- In the area of recruitment, Adelina attended the El Paso Community College Transfer Fairs this week. Campus visits included Northwest, Transmountain, Valle Verde and Mission del Paso. From this recruitment visit, she provided a tour to a prospective student who is interested in Communication Disorders on Friday. While in El Paso she also visited with the counselors and Career Services to offer updated information and program material. Adelina is also working with Dr. Candace Kaye to coordinate a welcome reception for our Visiting Scholar, Mongolkhatan Gunsen, from Mongolia's Ministry of Education. Adelina is working with our Advising office to prepare for our upcoming New Student Registrations; she is providing a letter welcoming our new students from the Dean.

**Michelle Valverde, Director for Alliance & BoCES**

- Dr. Valverde attended the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Education committee and provided input on the upcoming literacy expo that will be held in the fall at Lynn Middle School. She presented to the Rotaract Club members about the Alliance and BoCES and invited them to contact her for volunteer opportunities. Four NMSU faculty members in the COE will facilitate a needs assessment and visioning session in late April with the math and science cross functional teams from the four public school districts in REC#8: Dexter, Hagerman, Loving, and Lake Arthur. She oversaw preparations for the events with Dr. Alemán which included reminding community partners as well as securing a simultaneous interpreter, interpretation equipment, students to facilitate child literacy activities, food for the reception, and snacks for the children. She attended a planning meeting for the upcoming youth leadership conference being spearheaded by the Ocotillo Institute for Social Justice and co-facilitated a process to develop essential questions that will be used at the youth conference. Dr. Valverde and Dr. Chávez Chávez updated Dean Morehead as to the major activities and plans for BoCES and Dr. Valverde met with Dr. Morehead and Dr. Schwartz to begin planning for FY15.

**Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez**

- Mauricio Garcia, an IE undergraduate student, was recently named a University Innovation Fellow by the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA). As a University Fellow, Mauricio will participate in an intensive 6- week training program. Mauricio attended sessions at Google and Stanford University with other University Innovation Fellows from across the country. This is the first University Innovation Fellowship awarded to an NMSU student. This recognition is aligned with the participation of the College of Engineering in the NSF Pathways to Innovation initiative with the EpiCenter at Stanford University.



- The Physics Department expects its largest spring/summer BS/BA graduation rate in many decades, with 8 students expected to graduate in physics and 5 students in engineering physics (spring/summer 2014), a total of 13 graduates.
- Utah State's Biological Engineering program will fill ALL FIVE of their summer internships with NMSU ChemE students! That's an incredible accomplishment for our students!
- The Engineering Physics committee has met several times over the last few weeks to prepare for the annual Engineering Physics Advisory Board meeting next month. The committee has discussed curriculum changes (related to adding three engineering credits for ENGR 100) and a flow chart for a proposed photonics concentration.
- Sonya Cooper and Ricardo Jacquez attended the Project to Assess Climate in Engineering (PACE) "Workshop on Effective Interventions" hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Washington, DC. PACE is funded by the Sloan Foundation. The College of Engineering is one of 16 schools participating in the study. The purpose of the meeting was to review the overall PACE results of improvement in engineering climate at the participating institutions, share results from effective student interventions, and brainstorm next steps and collaborations for dissemination and implementation of effective interventions. NMSU is recognized as a leader in developing intervention strategies for first year engineering students.

### **Dean, College of Health and Social Services, Dr. Tilahun Adera**

- A team from CHSS who have been trained to use the Dementia 24/7 training kit will provide training to the residents and staff of the Southern New Mexico Family Medical Residency Program next week. The HRSA to improve geriatric care along the border supports this training and staff and faculty affiliated with the grant are available to conduct training with other groups. Call Kim Hill in Nursing (6-5815) for more information.
- Joe Tomaka developed a contract between the Southwest Survey Research Center and the Trauma Center Association of America (Jennifer Ward, MBA, BSN, RN and President TCAA). Contract includes analysis and production of a short report based on data that they collect internally from their membership of over 300 trauma centers nationwide.
- Grant Club participants worked with members of four of the five CHSS faculty teams that were invited to submit full proposals to the Mountain West CTR-IN Pilot Grant Program. We specifically went over the various application requirements, instructions, and budget requirements in fine detail. Overall, NMSU submitted eight letters of intent to the MW consortium, five of which emanated from the CHSS.
- Jennifer Cervantes, Development, attended an AACN Conference in Washington, D.C. for advancement professionals.
- The Nursing Council meeting this week and collaborated with NMSU main campus School of Nursing as well as the Alamogordo and Carlsbad programs.

- Dr. Pamela Schultz met with Ray Stewart, Department of Health, to discuss collaboration with the School of Nursing.
- Dr. Teresa Keller traveled to a NM Board of Nursing meeting regarding the statewide nursing curriculum.
- The School of Social Work hosted its 2nd annual Alumni Reception on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Doña Ana Room of the Corbett Center. New Mexico State Representative for District 52, Doreen Y. Gallegos (D), was in attendance and honored with the “Distinguished Social Work Alumna of the Year” award. Also, Interim Graduate School Dean, Dr. Loui-Vicente Reyes was awarded the “Outstanding Bachelor of Social Work Alumnus” award.
- Beatriz Favela and Claudia Leyva, SoAHEC, traveled to Mississippi to train as apprentices and to become certified to teach the Chronic Disease Self-management course through Stanford University.
- Jill McDonald presented a plenary “Measuring Reproductive Health in the Border Region” at the US-Mexico Border Reproductive Health Summit March in San Diego, California in conjunction with the Symposium on Gender Equity and Global Reproductive Health, an annual event hosted by the University of California at San Diego. The Summit was sponsored by the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission (BHC), and was hosted and organized by the California Outreach Office of the Border Health Commission part of the California Department of Public Health, Office of Binational Border Health in partnership with the BHC Coahuila Regional Office.
- Janine Weitzell, MPH student, traveled to the 2014 SOPHE national conference to present her research with Laura Valentino, MPH, and Dr. Cindy Kratzke (student/faculty presentation).
- Several faculty and students in Public Health Science presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Albuquerque, NM
  - Session: Reflections on Policy Research, Chair: Susan Wilson.
  - Presentations: Susan L. Wilson “Destination Egypt: Post-revolutionary Fieldwork during Political Upheaval”.
  - Susan Wilson, Cynthia Kratzke, Chris Spurny, and Melinda Wilson “Stomping Butts, Kicking Chew & Snuffing Dip: Destination Tobacco-Free Policy”.
  - Chris Spurny, Melinda Wilson, Candyce Luna, Susan Wilson, and Cynthia Kratzke “Smoking, Chewing, and Dipping: Tobacco Use at a Rural Serving U.S.-Mexico Border University”.
  - Elizabeth EnglandKennedy and Rebecca Palacios “Experiences and Training Needs of Mental Health Treatment Guardians (MHTG) in New Mexico: Implications for Family Members of Individuals with SPMI.

### **Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Loui Reyes**

- Participation with College of Engineering international joint degree with UACH/NMSU.

- Conducted Preparing Future Faculty career development workshop series: Alternating Opportunities in Higher Education.

### **Dean, Honors College, Dr. William Eamon**

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### **Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus**

- All the Deans engaged in a Conversations Reception with President Carruthers and Executive VP and Provost Howard held at the University Residence.
- Attended a welcoming reception for Cheryl Harrelson, the new VP for University Advancement, which was held at the University Residence. The Dean and the Library Development Officer also met with Cheryl to discuss NMSU Library fundraising activities.
- Participated in a teleconference with Higher Learning Commission staff who work with the NMSU system as our liaisons. We were briefed on various aspects of the work done by the HLC and on current accreditation activities in the NMSU system.
- Met with the New Mexico Academic Library Consortium Legislative Committee. An outcome of the current legislative session was the passage of the 2014 Library GO Bond. The approval of this bond will be on the November 2014 ballot. The committee met to begin planning its statewide educational campaign on the 2014 Library GO Bond.
- Over 100 people attended a Sunshine Week event that was sponsored by NMSU Library and the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Journalism.

### **Associate Provost International and Border Programs, Dr. Cornell Menking**

- The Office of International and Border Programs (IBP) hosted its annual International Festival off campus for the first time at the Las Cruces Convention Center on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It also co-hosted for the first time with the City of Las Cruces. The Senate Pro Tem, Senator Mary Kay Papen, and Provost Dan Howard were in attendance, along with 650 people from the community. IBP will continue to grow the festival and expects even greater community participation next year.

### **Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry**

- **ICT supports ASNMSU Runoff Election.** - ICT's Enterprise Application Services Group is supporting the ASNMSU student government runoff elections by providing the elections' voting web site. The runoff election will be held for the two candidates on March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 8 a.m. until April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. For more information about the ASNMSU Elections, visit: [asnmsu.nmsu.edu](http://asnmsu.nmsu.edu).
- **Nonresident Alien Tax Compliance Workshop.** - Administration and Finance held a Non-resident Alien Tax Compliance Workshop on March 18<sup>th</sup> to assist our

international students and faculty with tax compliance. A second session is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Corbett Center, New Mexico Room 324. Individuals requiring additional tax information can contact a tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 1-800-829-1040, <http://www.irs.gov/>.

- **University funds allocated to Classroom Technology Improvements** - An allocation of University funds has been dedicated to technology upgrades and ongoing maintenance to approximately 73 centrally scheduled classrooms. ICT's Classroom Technology department will be making the improvements over FY 2014 to projectors, computers, hardware peripherals, and other equipment.
- **Educational Services Remodel** - Pictured is the entrance at Educational Services. The sheet rock has been completed and the tape and texture is scheduled to be completed by 3/19/14 with the painting to follow. Installation of the flooring is scheduled for the week of 3/24/14.
- **ICT Student Technology seeks input from NMSU students on March 19th** - ICT's Student Technology Group is asking students for their opinion about technology needs at NMSU. The Student Technology Group has set up a special information table in Corbett Center where students will leave their feedback on the technology trends and services that they would like to see brought to NMSU. The table, which is in place once each month, will also provide students with information about technology services provided by ICT. The resulting student input will be reviewed by ICT and the Student Technology Advisory Committee (STAC). Visit the Student Technology web site at [studenttech.nmsu.edu](http://studenttech.nmsu.edu) for more information.
- **NMSU Dining Services** - The Taos Restaurant in Corbett Center hosted the "Taste of Ireland" on Monday with steak & Guinness pie, authentic Irish soda bread and other cultural cuisine. Thursday marked the "Spring Fling" event with BBQ ribs, fried chicken, and more. The "Sweet Things" for dinner included a full cheesecake bar or a full ice cream Sunday bar available to all guests.
- **Server virtualization saves money and increases uptime reliability** - When the NewsKing server, a standalone computer used by KRWG/News 22 for on-air production as well as the Journalism Department for classroom instruction, became unresponsive, Alan Lambeth of ICT Desktop Support Services stepped up. Alan "resurrected" the server's failed hard drive and brought the computer back into operation. Ian Logan and Michelle Corella of the ICT Systems group then set about transforming the server from a physical entity to a virtual server, a non-physical server that exists within a more robust, reliable, and centrally administered server. Server virtualization, such as was done with the NewsKing server, saves NMSU money and personnel resources by reducing the costs associated with standalone servers (electricity, cooling, backup/data recovery, etc.) and enhancing server management while providing more reliable server operations.
- **Jacobs Hall Mural** - Photographers Joel Gilbert and Dylan Thompson gear up to take high resolution photos of Ken Barrick's murals that



have been encasing Jacob's Hall for 50 years. Jacob's Hall is scheduled to be demolished within the next few months. The photos are being taken to help preserve the artwork for the artist's daughters Barb Edmonds and Kay Barrick Ricketts.

- **Natorium Renovation** - Facilities Operations personnel will be renovating the Natatorium Locker rooms and ventilation system during Spring break. The restoration will include resurfacing the shower stalls, repairing walls, painting, sealing the tile floors, and balancing the ventilation system. This work was coordinated and scheduled for Spring Break to coincide with scheduled pool maintenance to help minimize downtime to the facility.
- **ICT repairs fiber optic cable cut during construction operation at convention center** - ICT's Network and Telecommunications Group performed an emergency repair of an NMSU-owned fiber optic cable that was cut during the construction of a wall at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The repair was in place within four hours of the incident. A special thanks to Facilities and Services for their expedited assistance with the backhoe.

### **Senior Vice President External Relations / Chief of Staff, Ben Woods**

No Report Submitted

### **Vice President Student Affairs/Enrollment Management, Dr. Bernadette Montoya**

- Dr. Montoya hosted a New Employee Reception on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to meet with the newest employees of SAEM. Molly Parker, Krystal Espinoza, Jacque Kennedy, Suzanne Price, and Cruzita Montoya enjoyed light refreshments while talking to Dr. Montoya.
- Melody Munson-McGee, SAEM Planning Officer, attended the NASPA conference in Baltimore, Maryland. She brought back ideas regarding program review for Student Affairs, tying professional development to competencies, and strategically using assessment and outcomes for accreditation purposes.
- Dr. Montoya attended the Chase Luncheon hosted by the Office of Student Engagement and two representatives of the Chase Foundation. The Chase Foundation provides students from Artesia with full scholarships to attend NMSU. We appreciate this positive collaboration between Chase Foundation and the Office of Student Engagement.
- Dr. Montoya presented on how to deal with change in the workplace at the Financial Aid



Outside the Baltimore Convention Center at the 2014 NASPA Conference.



Office's Spring Training. Financial Aid Offices from all of the NMSU campuses were in attendance.

#### **University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett**

- Over 50 families visited campus this week. We also hosted 200 students from Artesia High School, 100 students from The Center for Career and Technology Education in El Paso, and 10 students from EPCC TRiO.
- High school visits were made to Shiprock High School, Centennial High School, Gadsden High School, and the Northwest Early College High School. We hosted transfer events at five El Paso Community College campuses.
- University Admission met with Doña Ana Community College and Arrowhead Park Early College High School to discuss the registration process and course needs for the upcoming semester.

#### **Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook**

- Nearly 300 students have registered for one NMSU's mandatory orientation session. There are 11 upcoming orientation sessions: April 25, April 26, May 28, May 29, June 20, June 21, June 27, June 28, July 9, July 25, and July 28.
- A mid-semester advertising push to academic college instructors and department heads drove the Campus Tutoring Service visits to over 500 sessions to date for the spring 2014 semester.
- Be a STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Results) Interviewer Workshop was conducted on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The workshop covered interviewing tips for phone, panel, peer and professional interviewing situation. Conducting an Effective Job Search Workshop was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Health and Wellness, Ms. Lori McKee**


- The NMSU Swim School was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the USA Swimming Foundation's Make a Splash initiative for learn-to-swim scholarships for low-income children in family housing. Sasha Garcia, program coordinator for Aquatics, applied for the grant.

#### **Office of Student Diversity and Outreach, Ms. Christina Chavez Kelley**

- Chicano Programs and Latinos for Exito (LFE) coordinated a performance by Radio La Chusma, an El Paso band, on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Corbett Center. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, Alex Reymundo, a comedian otherwise known as the "Red-Nexican," performed at Corbett Center for a full house of students, faculty, and staff.
- Jeanelle Chavez, Program Specialist of the Indian Resource Development Program, attended the First Annual Indigenous Intervention in the Concept of Progress Conference in Albuquerque from March 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.



On March 16, Ben Gabriel, Operations Manager for Recreational Sports and Kenny Coppedge, Program Coordinator of NMSU Outdoor Recreation, led students on a 12-hour hike as they summited the Organ Needle, the highest peak in the Organ Mountains.

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- On Saturday, Chicano Programs hosted North Valley Elementary and Vado Elementary for the March session of the Mother-Daughter Program, Generaciones. The focus of this session was a “Preparing for College” workshop.

#### **Student Life, Dr. Michael Jasek**

- Dr. Michael Jasek presented at the 2014 NASPA Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. On Monday, Dr. Jasek’s presented on “Politics and Ethics in Student Affairs Assessment: The Who, How, and Why of Decision Making” and on Tuesday, he presented on “Change We Can Believe In: Building and Sustaining a Culture of Assessment in Student Affairs”.

#### **Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg**

##### **Bill Sheriff Visit**

- Arrowhead Center hosted Bill Sheriff at several events, presentations, and discussions during the period of March 19 – 21<sup>st</sup>, familiarizing him with Arrowhead Center programs, staff and students. Last fall, the family’s gift of \$1 million established The Bill and Sharon Sheriff Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship, which aims to attract and reward faculty who will provide leadership and expertise in cultivating a spirit of entrepreneurship in New Mexico and developing resources that will advance that goal in the state and region. The faculty member awarded the chair will also collaborate with NMSU’s Arrowhead Center, which is an engine for sustainable economic development and entrepreneurship.


##### **Speaker Series**

- Travis Kellerman, Senior Vice President of Communications at Lavu Inc., presented this week in Arrowhead Center’s Speaker Series. Mr. Kellerman discussed the tremendous acceleration and power different people can bring to transform an idea into a business. He shared lessons learned in building a company, and what can really maximize a business from his own personal experience in business development. Lavu Inc. makes point-of-sale software for restaurants and retailers that is based on an apple iPad, with built-in connectivity to iPods or iPhones for servers to help control everything from inventory to data management.

#### **Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya**

- Vimal Chaitanya participated in the state-wide Department of Energy EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Collaborative Research) committee to select the winning proposal for submission.
- Vimal Chaitanya and Steve Hottman hosted service recognition awards for VPR office and Physical Science Laboratory (PSL) employees at Anderson Hall. President Carruthers gave a congratulatory speech and recalled his early ties to PSL as a student worker.
- Vimal Chaitanya participated in the first Intellectual Property Advisory Council (IPAC) meeting organized by Arrowhead.
- The New Mexico Space Grant Consortium has submitted to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive





Research (EPSCoR) Jason Jackiewicz proposal, “The Jovian Interiors from Velocimetry Experiment in New Mexico (Jive in NM).” Jive in NM is a project whose research activities are designed to determine for the first time the interior structures and composition of Jupiter and Saturn and to understand the dynamic atmospheres of these planets.

- NASA has just released the Space Grant Augmentation opportunity for \$500,000. This is a community college initiative that will culminate in at least one flight campaign during Spring 2015.
- Neta Fernandez worked with Patricia Sullivan on a Draft Teaming Agreement for possible collaboration with the University of Arizona on a US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration proposal.
- The Office of Grants and Contracts (OGC) prepared revised budgets for Pete Lammers' Department of Defense funded Realization of Algae Potential (REAP) project.
- OGC worked on PSL award from US Navy for additional funds of \$850,000 and on PSL Army award for an additional \$900,000.
- OGC worked on \$788,000 US ARMY award for College of Agriculture for Louis Bender.
- Two members of the Office of Research Development attended a three-day workshop at University of Kentucky sponsored and paid for by the National Institutes of Health. The workshop was geared toward research/proposal development and other research administrators who contribute significantly to the competitiveness of faculty in obtaining grants.
- Sam Fernald was recognized for his lead in National Science Foundation (NSF) funded Experimental Program for Stimulating Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program titled, “Energize New Mexico” at the NMSU Research Rally on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- This week, more than \$3 million worth of new awards were recorded.

### **Interim Vice President University Advancement / Foundation Executive Director, Dr. Tina Byford**

- Advancement staff and I met with the new Vice President for University Advancement, Cheryl Harrelson, in preparation of her May 1<sup>st</sup> start date.
- NMSU Foundation Finance Committee held a meeting to approve the FY 14-15 operating budget.
- Terra Winter, Director of Development, College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences, staff and faculty attended the NMSU Stakes Race at Sunland Racetrack Park and Casino March 16<sup>th</sup>. This was a great relationship building opportunity with the new marketing director and GM.
- Terra Winter is also working on projects this week that include:
  - Fish, Wildlife & Conservation Ecology - Wildlife Museum as well as welcoming a new department head Dr. Kathryn Stoner
  - Animal & Range Sciences - Steer for a Year Program and a Branding Wall to fund judging team travel

- Family & Consumer Science - Gerald Thomas 322 Kitchen Renovation and Food Science Programming
- Heritage Farm Project
- Rodeo Amphitheatre Project
- Endowment donors are being sought to cover our staff and faculty awards for Awards Day on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Robert Peterson, Planned Giving Director, shares that twenty four (24) new 1888 Society members have been recruited over the last year.
- The historic, inaugural *2014 NMSUF Estate Planning Conference for Women* began March 18<sup>th</sup> and continues each Tuesday morning through April 8<sup>th</sup> at NMSU Albuquerque Center. This special program was organized by Gift Planning Director Robert Peterson, Regional Gift Officer Kristina Martinez and AVP Debbie Widger and is offered as a community service for area women with support from the NMSU Foundation, Kenneth C. Leach & Associates, and the NMSU Albuquerque Center. This week's volunteer speakers were attorney Ken Leach presenting "Basics of Estate Planning and Asset Protection" and attorney Vickie Wilcox presenting "Legal Aspects of Estate Planning". The final session will include a fun graduation celebration luncheon at noon at Scalo Northern Italian Grill.
- An exciting and long anticipated College of Education/NMSU Foundation stewardship project came to fruition this past week with series of events to celebrate the epic 1954 film *Salt of the Earth* and the life of Angelina G. Sanchez. The events were created to honor the legacy of the film, inspire courageous conversations, and the opportunity to expand the horizons of NMSU students.
- Executive Director Tammie Campos met with Las Vegas Alumni Chapter leader, Marc Reyes while she was supporting the WAC tournament in Las Vegas.
- The San Diego Alumni Chapter held an alumni gathering and planning meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Charlotte Tallman and Katherine Vandertulip supported the event.
- Charlotte Tallman and Katherine Vandertulip attended the CASE Social Media Conference in Marina Del Rey, CA March 19-21<sup>st</sup>. The conference highlighted best practices in social media and web.
- The LA Alumni Chapter held an alumni gathering and planning meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>. Charlotte Tallman and Katherine Vandertulip supported the event.
- The NMSU Alumni Association/Office of Alumni Relations coordinated six game watch parties through alumni chapter volunteers for the national basketball championship March 20<sup>th</sup>. The chapter volunteers for El Paso (Tony Ramirez and Joe Moody), San Diego (Sal Magallanez), San Jose/Bay area (Mike Rogers), Mesilla Valley (Crystal Lay), Phoenix (Joel Granger), and Albuquerque/Crimson Central (JR Tellez and Scott Sponseller). These parties drew out hundreds of Aggie fans.

### **Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.**

- I am extremely proud of our men's basketball team for winning the WAC Championship and advancing to the NCAA Tournament. The Aggies played very well against #4-seeded San Diego State but unfortunately lost in overtime in the second

round of the tournament. Not only did we have to deal with the loss, but the team, cheerleaders, band, donors and administration had to fly home in the middle of the night, immediately after the loss. NMSU did receive an apology from the NCAA for the travel situation.

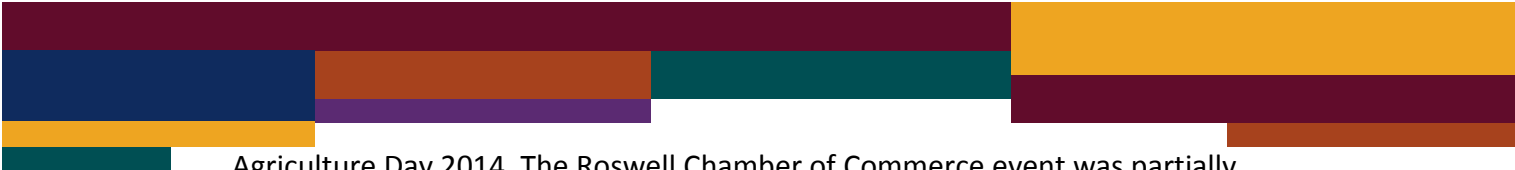
- Our Aggie football players teamed up with the NMSU Facilities and Services Grounds department in planting 33 trees on the east side of the stadium in observance of Arbor Day. I am very proud to see the Aggies giving back to the community.

### **Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard**

- The Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News this week focused on NMSU's unique research program to breed a better onion. NMSU has one of only two active and public onion breeding programs in the country, and it is the only program releasing onion cultivars. The Onion Breeding Program, directed by Chris Cramer, professor of horticulture, aims to create onions of high quality and adaptability, and those that are disease resistant, bolting resistant and have low pungency.
- This week's Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted the different career path taken by former NMSU football player Davis Cazares and his selection as the first Pervis Atkins Award recipient. This award recognizes leadership both on and off the field. By the end of his senior season in 2013, Cazares had elevated himself to a team captain, a team leader and an all-conference player.
- KRWG staff hosted about 40 students from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class at Las Cruces High School this week. The students toured the studios and got a firsthand view of TV station operations. They also discussed opportunities at NMSU and KRWG.
- Chris Schnur from the Special Productions Unit inspected the high definition video truck, which is in production and expected to be delivered mid-May. The next step is the integration phase where the equipment and internal wiring will be installed.
- Marketing Services team completed new campus signs. Below is one example.



- The News team provided social media coverage at an event Thursday where the guest speaker was College of ACES Dean Lowell Catlett. Catlett spoke about future generations and their impact on agriculture at the annual Rise With Roswell



Agriculture Day 2014. The Roswell Chamber of Commerce event was partially sponsored by the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service office in Chaves County. Photos of Catlett were shared on the NMSU News and College of ACES Facebook pages.

### **Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel**

- On April 10-11<sup>th</sup>, the Legislative Finance Committee will meet in Santa Fe. Agenda Items of possible interest to NMSU include:
  - General Fund Revenue Update and LFC Program Evaluation Status Report.
  - Interim Work plans for Analysts and Evaluators.

### **Director/Secretary New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Jeff M. Witte**

- I had the honor of doing an interview on the “Report from Santa Fe” TV show produced by Lorene Mills. The show airs statewide on the PBS network, including KRWG. This segment will air on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> depending on location. We covered many topics including the 2012 agricultural census preliminary data showing a growing number of young producers in New Mexico. The upcoming Agriculture conference, the recently completed full scale exercise and much more. Lorene does a great job and is a strong supporter of New Mexico agriculture, NMDA and NMSU.
- I also had an opportunity to speak to the agriculture committee of the Independent Bankers Association during their annual meeting in Las Cruces.
- Ms. Tiffany Rivera has been selected to participate in the Leadership Las Cruces program. Orientation was held March 13-14<sup>th</sup>. A brief overview of what to expect of the program was presented and program teams were assigned. Potential topics for the teams to address include New NMSU Art Center, Las Cruces Homeless Community, Border land Security, and the Organ Mountains National Monument Designation. Presentations at the meeting included a brief history of Las Cruces; History of Elephant Butte Irrigation District and its effect on the Mesilla Valley; History of White Sands Missile Range; The renovation of Downtown Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Art Scene; and Santa Teresa-San Jeronimo Inland Port and Bi-national Community.