



# New Mexico State University

## Weekly Activity Report

**May 19 - 23, 2014**

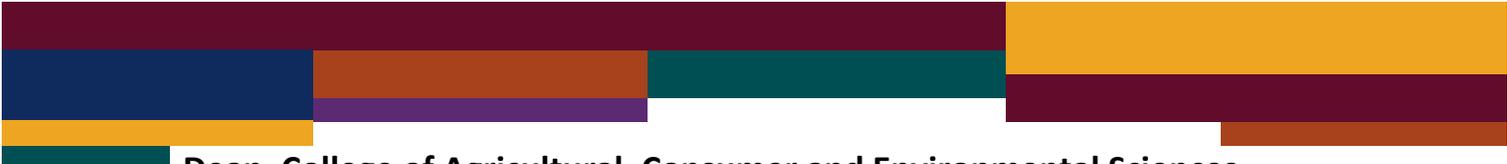
### **President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.**

- I met with Lt. Col. David McCoy of the NMSU ROTC program and Jerry Nevarez, of the Office of Institutional Equity, to discuss a White House Directive to institute training programs directed to eliminating sexual assaults on campuses. Jerry is in charge of another implementing another program – the SAVE Act – which requires similar training programs for all NMSU stakeholders. There may be a third effort on the campus so we concluded that we needed to consolidate all efforts into one and do a very good job of educating and protecting all. This is most important work that you will be hearing more about as the training programs are rolled out.
- I met with the Kitchen Cabinet (past and current Presidents of the Faculty Senate) to update them on a host of issues, to include the status of a number of development projects. Donna Alden has agreed to co-chair a committee with Chief of Police Lopez to update the NMSU policies with respect to free speech. The recent incident with the student who protested the NSA recruiting activity called attention to the need to update and revise the current policy.
- As you will note over the summer, Jacobs Hall will be torn down and a good share of Hardman Hall will also be removed. The Naming Committee and the University Administrative Council have approved renaming the new building, which will take the place of both, the Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center, thus continuing to honor these two outstanding NMSU Professors. The item will be placed on the next Regents Meeting agenda to finalize the naming process.
- I spoke to the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club (my home club), summarizing my first year as President of NMSU. It was the same presentation I had given to the Regents at their last meeting. In a nutshell, it has been a very demanding, rewarding, and exciting year for me.
- The Marketing Committee met and reviewed a number of student advertising pieces regarding “why” NMSU. Michelle Jasso was the professor for the class. The students were very creative! Their work is on the College of Business Website. We also discussed the new flags that will be flown this fall on the Mall which will honor all of our current Regents Professors, with names, pictures and departmental affiliation. More internal marketing so we can all better recognize the talent resident at NMSU.
- The Aggies in Paradise was a very nice and profitable event, sponsored by the Athletic Department and directed to raising operating funds for the department. Great theme, great attendance, and great enthusiasm. It was held at the Aggie Memorial Stadium. The grass is gone but the owls were still there and actually above ground also enjoying a very nice evening.

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- Jack Thomas, Jim Peach, Mac Boston, Doug Martin and I attended the Sun Belt Conference meetings in Florida. No movement on new memberships at the Sun Belt, including our request to move all of our Olympic sports into the Conference. The Conference will develop guidelines on membership for the Board to consider later this year or in January and then revisit conference alignment and membership. We continue to play the hand we have been dealt with a focus on being successful in both the Sun Belt in football and Olympic sports in the Western Athletic Conference.
  - I attended the Arrowhead Park Early College High School graduation where they graduated 107 students, many whom already have a two year associate degree from DACC and/or NMSU. With some summer study, a couple of other students will graduate (even though they walked at the graduation) assuring that the first cohort of this high school made it through with zero dropouts. The Governor spoke to the graduates. Clearly she was proud of their accomplishment of keeping everyone on task and completing their degrees.
  - Mr. Rick Legon of the Association of Governing Boards has asked that I serve on their Council of Presidents. This is a consultative group of 30 Presidents ranging from major universities, comprehensives and two year colleges. This is a great opportunity to meet with leaders in our business and share war stories. I have worked with the AGB in the past with respect to strategies for appointing Regents to University Boards.
  - On the subject of tearing up things, I visited with Dr. Kent Jacobs, the son of Carl Jacobs of Jacobs Hall to discuss the destruction of that building and the renaming of the new Undergraduate Learning Center the Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center. He was pleased that both Marion Hardman and Carl Jacobs would be remembered in this fine building. In addition, I have authorized Fred Ayers to work with the State to begin destruction of the old State Police building and the general cleanup of that area. It was a NMSU option to keep the building or have them remove it. It would cost too much money to refurbish. We will also seek to remove the fence from the old golf driving range.
  - I noticed some Faculty Talk traffic regarding administrative salaries at NMSU. There was speculation about a housing allowance (I live in my home without any allowance), a car allowance (I drive an automobile owned by the Foundation hence no car allowance), and the contract specifically states that I cannot receive a bailout if I am terminated. The contract is for five years. It is posted on the President's website for those who are interested <http://president.nmsu.edu/president-carruthers-contract/>.

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

No Report – Out on Annual Leave

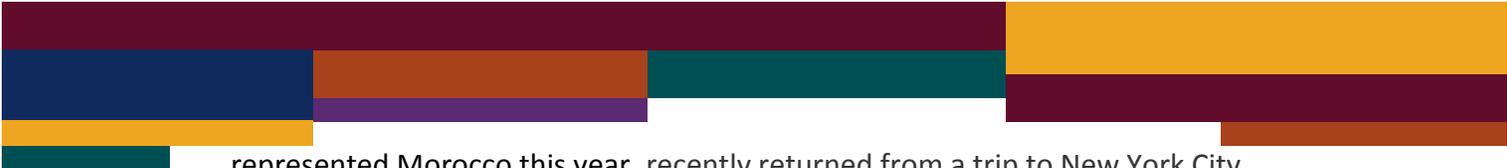


**Dean, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences,  
Dr. Lowell Catlett**

- **College Report:** The 2013 Annual Report of Accomplishments and Results and the 2015-2020 combined Plan of Work for Research and Extension have been approved and accepted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The Annual Report and Plan of Work are required by the Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA).
- **The Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium:** Teaching kicked off the 8<sup>th</sup> Advanced Dairy Herd Management Course in Clovis, NM, May 19. The first class was in 2008 with only 18 students. This year's enrollment was about 50 students representing 16 universities and 4 countries. The students spend 6 weeks learning the science of dairy management. The course is supported by the dairy industry and grants.
- **Dr. K.C. Carroll**, Plant and Environmental Sciences, attended a Brackish Water Work Group that was initiated by New Mexico Environment Secretary F. David Martin (New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ADMIN/secretary.html>) to examine the State's amount and availability of brackish water that could be used as an emergency or alternate water resource.
- **The Department of Plant & Environmental Sciences** had Dr. Peter J. Wierenga, former NMSU professor (then Department of Agronomy and Horticulture) present a seminar on "Experiments and experiences at NMSU and the University of Arizona" as an Invited Lowenstein Lecture. NMSU's Lowenstein Lecture Series is made possible through a gift from the late Bonnie and Bernard Lowenstein of Albuquerque. The presentations promote interest and better understanding of floriculture and recreational horticulture.
- **Media Productions:** Last week Drs. Jeanne Gleason and Barbara Chamberlin delivered an "invited presentation" to the EdFuture 2014: Global Collaboration for Online Higher Education Conference, sponsored by the American Distance Education Consortium ADEC. NMSU's Media Production's presentation, *The Power of Games to Enhance Learning and Transcend Barriers*, was based on the professors' decades of experience creating learning tools in collaboration with more than 30 universities. After establishing that learning involves both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, and that it is a process, not an end result, the presentation demonstrated Media Productions' latest games, interactive programs, and mobile apps. Drs. Gleason and Chamberlin shared design strategies for developing interactive learning modules and games that, when carefully crafted, can facilitate learning more efficiently than other types of instruction.

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

- Neil Harvey, Ken and Elvira Hammond, Cornell Menking and I attended the Las Cruces City Council meeting to observe the mayor present an award of recognition to the students in NMSU's Model United Nations Program. The team, which



represented Morocco this year, recently returned from a trip to New York City where they earned the Distinguished Delegation award at the Model United Nations Conference – a distinction that placed them in the top 15 percent of participants.

- I met with representatives from Facilities to discuss safety concerns in Breland Hall and to better utilize open spaces.
- Patrick Knapp and I met with Cheryl Harrison to seek advice and recommendations on fundraising strategies for Williams Hall renovation.

#### **Associate Dean Ken Van Winkle**

- Held final spring meeting of the Arts and Sciences Awards Committee to improve and clarify award criteria.
- Attended the Digital Measures Steering Committee meeting to discuss how to improve data collecting.
- Represented the College of Arts and Sciences at the PARCC (Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) Statewide Postsecondary meeting sponsored by the New Mexico Higher Education Department and New Mexico Public Education Department.
- Met with Shelly Stovall to discuss Assessment and the Quality Initiative as it pertains to the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Finalized trip plans for Arts and Sciences Student Ambassador's Bethany Blundell and Kaitlin Garrett to attend the LeaderShape conference in Boston, MA.

#### **Associate Dean Jeff Brown**

- Completed and submitted the college's 2014 ER&R request, its I&G Computer Replacement request, and its RPSP submissions. I met with Journalism and KRWG to discuss a building renovation.
- The Howard Hughes Medical Institute announced that it will award NMSU \$1,900,000 over five years to develop undergraduate research courses and to support peer instructors and advisors in Biology. This award will also receive support from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Provost, and the VPR's Office.
- Margaret Goehring (Art) announced the publication of her book *Space, Place & Ornament: The Function of Landscape in Medieval Manuscript Illumination* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2014.)
- The CAMP program, led by Cynthia Bejarano (Criminal Justice) has learned that it will receive \$424,929 for 2014-15. Heather Throop (Biology) received \$123,660 in additional funding for her NSF-CAREER award. We completed processing Charles Bruce (Physics)'s award from Aegis Technology for \$78,546. Matthias Burkardt (Physics) received \$160,000 from the Department of Energy Golden Field Office. Debra Peters (LTER) received \$30,000 from UNM. Aravamudhan Gopalan (Chemistry & Biochemistry) received \$109,500 from NIH. Aaron Rowland (Chemistry & Biochemistry) received \$10,220 from NIH. Nicholas Michalowski (Mathematical Sciences) received an award from the Simons Foundation; the amount is being determined. Arrangements were completed to transfer to NMSU an NSF award for \$111,511 for a new Mathematical Sciences faculty member, Paul Tian.
- Claude Fouillade (Languages & Linguistics) presented "Records Kept by Fr. Morin and

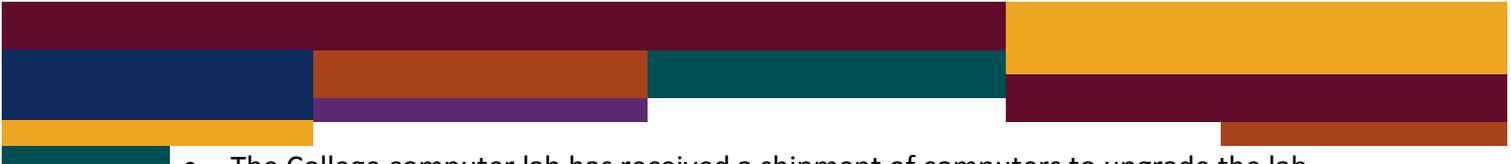


Fr. Grange at San Albino's, 1872-1926" at the Center for Latin American and Border Studies.

- Anthropology student Angel Peña attended the ceremony at the White House in which the President signed the document creating the Organ Mountains National Monument.

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

- The College is pleased to announce that the Indian Resource Development program has joined the College, moving from Student Affairs and Enrollment Management during the past week. Gavin Clarkson, a faculty member teaching Business Law, will be the interim director. Jeanelle Chavez will continue as program specialist. A new physical location for the program will be identified soon.
- Steven Elias, interim associate dean for research, along with Jonathan Schwartz and Gary Ivory from the College of Education and LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds and Deputy Superintendent Seven Sanchez visited Albuquerque on May 19 to meet with Arlie Woodrum, UNM College of Education, and Craig White, Interim Dean of the UNM Anderson School of Management. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a \$2.5 million dollar proposal to fund a school turnaround program that, over four years, would impact much of the state of NM. The proposed turnaround program will be modeled on the University of Virginia School Turnaround Program. While the proposal will be for a collaborative project between NMSU (Colleges of Business and Education), UNM (Anderson School of Management and College of Education), and the LCPS District, year one of the program's initiatives will likely be implemented in Las Cruces public schools. Other universities in NM may be invited to participate in the project. The proposal has a July 1 deadline.
- Interim Associate Dean Liz Ellis represented the College at a luncheon on May 20 sponsored by the El Paso branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The event brought together business and industry leaders with secondary career and technical education administrators from all the school districts in the El Paso region. The objective was an exchange of information to bridge the gap between secondary education and careers.
- The College prepared and submitted its Equipment Repair and Renewal funding request for FY 15 and its Research and Public Service Program requests for Indian Resource Development and for the Doctor of Economic Development program.
- Deans and department heads met individually with dean-designate Jim Hoffman who will become dean of the College on July 1.
- Deans, department heads and administrative assistants participated in SmartCatalog training conducted by Jacobo Varela and Kori Keyes.
- Several members of the college began their participation in an online course development program aimed partly at improving online delivery of MBA courses. Given the development of the online program, we were happy to receive news from the Alumni Association that the announcement about the online MBA program attracted attention from readers of their e-newsletter.

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- The College computer lab has received a shipment of computers to upgrade the lab facilities in the Business Complex. Meantime, ICT is upgrading equipment in some classrooms in the Business Complex and Guthrie Hall.

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

#### **Jim O'Donnell, Associate Dean**

- During the week of May 19 to May 23, I attended a HED and PED presentation on PARCC and the Common Core State Standards. I reviewed CAEP accreditation standards for preparation for the fall, and also attended a weekly data meeting with the Program Manager for Assessment. We reviewed the various federal and state reports that we recently filed. I submitted assessment data on my classes for Project MOVEMOS into TK20, our assessment management system, and met with the work team to prepare the grant proposal for the NM Prep Grant Announcement from the PED. I responded to requests from the LFC for the upcoming meeting in early June, and also met with students and assisted with their concerns.

#### **Jonathan Schwartz, Associate Dean for Research**

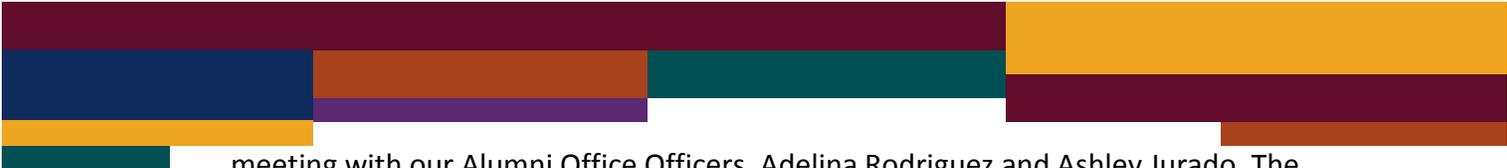
- This week I travelled to Albuquerque to meet with representatives from UNM to work on a grant, and worked on the plan to restructure the Alliance and to submit the RPSP. I met with a faculty member to write a letter of support for an NIH grant, and also with representatives from La Clinica de Familia and insurance providers to figure out insurance reimbursement issues for our student's practicum experiences. I then provided information to university communication for a potential story on our partnership with La Clinica de Familia, and met regarding a Department of Education grant to increase the impact of Enlace. At the end of the week I met with representatives from Brain Education, and participated in a TV segment on Latinos and mental health.

#### **Juanita Hannan, Director for Education Research & Budgeting**

- I participated in the HR meeting in preparation for summer hires and reviewed and approved first set of summer hires. I met with Norma Noel and Lourdes Alvarado for our monthly review of College of Education awards, and also with Dr. De Necochea to discuss faculty requests proposal for FY15. Compiled and submitted the College ERR request for FY15 and met with Koomi Kim, Judy Franzak, Mary Fahrenbruck, and Dawn Gonzales to establish a plan related to the administration of their grant. I also met with Dr. Anita Hernandez with revision of budget for proposal to TX A-M, and prepared and distributed materials for staff annual salary increases. This week I also completed the salary planner spreadsheet as requested by Provost Office pending Dr. Morehead's final approval and continued to work on preparation final approval of I&G budget for FY15. I continued to assist distance education students with registration and admission, and monitored paper work and electronic transactions including financial and human resources.

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

- I attended my weekly meeting with Associate Dean O'Donnell, and entered a summary of the meeting into his meeting log. I also (along with his GA) had a



meeting with our Alumni Office Officers, Adelina Rodriguez and Ashley Jurado. The purpose was to discuss data collection via the Undergraduate completer Survey and the Graduate Completer Survey given to graduating seniors each semester, and how to collect email addresses of those graduating in order to collect data from them in follow-up surveys. I worked with Program Coordinators on the collection of the Cooperating Teacher/Mentor Surveys, and collected email addresses for the sending out of other surveys (Undergraduate Completer Survey, Graduate Completer Survey and Principal (Employer) Survey) next week. I also continued compiling the recent NMTA test score data, to add to the yearly Data Reports (due in August). I then continued working on an ongoing project of collecting data on Classroom Management, Assessment, Diversity, and Inclusion (and added EOSL to that list) from key assessments and surveys across programs, in order to disaggregate the data in these areas College-wide.

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

- This week I attended the youth leadership conference planning committee meeting and the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Education subcommittee meeting. I followed up with a number of individuals regarding the youth leadership conference and with Dr. Hernandez, Dr. Knapp, and Dr. Brown in regard to plans for the fall literacy expo. I submitted an article to Ashley about the Alliance for internal and external publication. I met with Nancy Parker, the counselor at Camino Real Middle School to talk about the BoCES CoG Project and discussed next steps with the principal, Ralph Ramos. I also met with Veronica Carmona, the Community Engagement Coordinator with Ngage New Mexico to discuss their strategies for parent engagement in the education arena. I finalized the RPSP documents including the budget and submitted them internally as requested. I continued planning for the parent and family conference in Anthony next week with Dr. Chávez Chávez and Victor Montoya and I also co-facilitated the BoCES Advisory Committee meeting.

**Ashley Jurado, Student Program Coordinator**

- This week I started preparing the content for the next issue of our Transforming Lives brochure. I contacted several faculty members and department heads to start gathering information for the brochure. We have decided to feature some of our alumni in this issue, so I will be contacting those individuals next week. Robert Peterson from the Foundation Office requested that I create a pledge card to go along with the Wimberly Campaign letter that will be mailed out to the friends and family of Herb Wimberly. I completed that form and submitted it to him on Thursday. The college recently added a few more scholarships to be awarded this fall, so I requested for these to be put in Scholar Dollars, and verified all the criteria. I will be awarding these scholarships by next week. This week I also processed and approved the NM-PASS grants for the SPED/CD office in Scholar Dollars. I submitted the college's monthly column to the LC Sun-News; this month's feature is about our Alliance Office. I have already requested the SLED Director to prepare next month's column. On Friday, Adelina and I took Robert Peterson to lunch to thank him for supporting the College of Education for the last several months while the gift officer position was vacant.



### **Adelina Rodriguez, Student Program Coordinator**

- This week I updated both the traditional and electronic communication to our prospective students. Letters and emails were submitted to Student Affairs and Enrollment Management to have them updated in Hobson's Connect. I met with Rene Guillaume to discuss the possibility of applying for a grant to increase access and completion for underrepresented students. Fall events were added to the events calendar in the College of Education website. I also submitted Homecoming events to the Alumni office so they may be included in their marketing. Communicated with the Alumni Office to reserve the courtyard for an upcoming event in July.

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

- Two new tenure-track assistant professors have been successfully hired into the Mechanical and Aerospace Department. They will both begin in the spring. Dr. Sarada Kuravi is an expert in renewable energy and energy storage. Dr. Abdessattar Abdelkefi is an expert in nonlinear and structural dynamics.
- Six students from Las Cruces attended the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, Calif., May 11-17. Five of the students competed at the Fair, and one student attended as an official student observer. The students competed against more than 1,700 students from over 70 countries at the Fair. Vladislav Sevostianov won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Engineering: Electrical and Mechanical with his project, Sustainable Energy for Sustainable Water: Solar Heat Driven Desalinating System for Providing Clean and Safe Water for Rural Areas. Jeongmin Lee also received a special award for a scholarship to ASU. His project was titled Gas Phase Ion Chemistry and Ion Mobility of Pharmaceutical Substances in Counterfeit Formulations: Technology for Measurement and Confidence of Detection in the Chemistry Department.
- Chemical engineering junior Eric Sanchez has been selected by the Permian Basin Gas Processors Association as a 2014 recipient of a \$3,000 scholarship. His award will be presented at the annual Regional Meeting of the Permian Basin GPA later this month. In addition, Sanchez will receive a CD version of GPSA Engineering Data Books from the GPA Tulsa office. These data books contain a wealth of information and reference material for the gas processing industry.
- Revolutionizing Flu Vaccine Production: The Key to Unlocking Profit and Accessibility, presented by chemical engineering seniors Joshua Alcala, Jere Freeh and Mary Harner was recognized in the top honors category of the NMSU Library undergraduate student poster completion, "Visualizing Science: Preparing and Delivering Effective Poster Presentations" in Branson Library on April 28.

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

- Associate Dean for Research Joe Tomaka conducted a seminar on developing research questions to Nursing Ph.D. students as part of their annual Convocation and Orientation activities.

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- Dr. Tomaka attended and participated in Nursing Research Day conference by giving a presentation on current research and future grant application plans regarding Screening and Brief Intervention approaches.
  - A National Institute of Health Research Project Grant received by Dr. Tomaka will test the effectiveness of an innovative coping-enhanced personalized normative feedback intervention in reducing alcohol related risks among young people.
  - On May 17, Dr. Tina Hancock, Director of the School of Social Work, attended an all day summit on Behavioral Health Collaborations sponsored by Ron Gurly, Director of Forensic Intervention Consortium of Dona Ana County. She served as a preceptor, providing feedback on the trends identified by the panelists representing various agencies providing behavioral health services in the community.

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

No Activity to Report

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

No Activity to Report

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

- Attended the Academic Library Development Network conference in Kansas City, MO from May 18, 2014-May 21, 2014. Over 200 Deans, Directors, and Academic Development Officers for all over the United States attended. This was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary for this conference. The first ALADN conference was held in Las Cruces, NM 20 years ago.
- Worked with Norice Lee on the finalization of the library's ERR request submissions.
- Approved and submitted faculty salary recommendations to the Provost's office.

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

- In a recent review of travel authorization requests it was noted that NMSU had 769 requests filed in 2013. 231 students (81 undergraduate, 116 graduate, 34 unidentified) and 538 non-students (faculty, staff, researchers). Combine this with 344 for-credit study abroad students this year and **we had over 1,100 Aggies go abroad in 2013!**
- Three NMSU faculty were invited to be summer guest lecturers at Universidad de La Salle in Bogota, Colombia. This is the second year NMSU has participated. This year's participants include Azadeh Osanloo, College of Education; and Sean Rogers, College of Business; Jeffrey Query, College of Business. Each will deliver a 20 hour workshop on a special topic in their areas.

## Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Construction Update** – As we move into the summer semester, F&S Project Development and Engineering is stepping-up project activities to take advantage of the quieter time on campus and reduce some of the disruptions to the students and staff during the busier times of the year. Below are pictures featuring several of our ongoing projects:

Demolition is well underway at Jacobs Hall. This building was dedicated in 1962 and used as the Music Building. It had most recently served the ICT and Theater Departments. Its removal will make room for the new Hardman & Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center which will contain Classrooms, The Student Success, Upward Bound, and ICT.



The Pete V. Domenici Hall project is continuing to move forward. Exterior color finishes are completed and interior finishes are in progress. Exterior scaffold will start coming down this week.

The remodel of the entrance to the Ed Services Financial Aid Department is now complete. A Certificate of Occupancy has been issued and it's "Back to Business" as usual.



- **ICT's Student Tech group goes green** – ICT's Student Technology group has gone to the "green side" by going completely paperless in all its meetings. Participants now only use laptops or tablet computers to take notes and share documents on the fly. By doing so, Student Tech takes advantage of available technology while saving a few trees in the process.
- **Jeannine Reyes wins ICT's Asprey Award** – The award, which recognizes the most outstanding employee of the quarter, was given to Jeannine for her exemplary service during the 4th quarter of 2013. Jeannine worked extensively with HRIS to capture complex business rules critical to the development of accurate reporting models. Jeannine's extensive business and technical knowledge, combined with a cheerful and friendly demeanor, make her an invaluable project team member, a great mentor for her colleagues, and a vital resource to ICT and NMSU.
- **ICT assists in the development of new "floating point" Scantron format used on Engineering Finals** – ICT's Rey Madueño and Associate Prof. V. Choo of the Mechanical Engineering Department have collaborated to develop and implement an improved TestScore Scantron. The new Scantron provides the capability to take and score scientific notation responses to problem solving in mechanical engineering exams that was not available just a few months ago. Rey and Dr. Choo are also in discussions on future enhancements that include calculus & trigonometry solution formats and possible campus/nationwide Scantron testing availability.

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

No Activity to Report

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

- On May 19, Dr. Bernadette Montoya and Janie Merchant, Director, University Financial Aid, attended a hearing in Santa Fe at the Higher Education Department regarding upcoming changes to the New Mexico Administrative Code for the Legislative Lottery Scholarship. The Administrative Code for the scholarship was re-written to align with legislation passed during this year's legislative session.
- Student Affairs and Enrollment Management held their first Assessment Day on May 19; over 70 people attended sessions throughout the day. Dr. Terry Cook was the keynote speaker, and other presentations covered topics like alcohol abuse, developing self-advocacy skills, collaborating with Institutional Analysis, and assessing the degree audit system. Representatives from all areas of SAEM attended and Dr. Juan Garcia, Vice President of Student Success, joined us from NMSU-Alamogordo
- The Office of the Vice President finalized plans for college coaching workshops for academic and financial aid advisors plus others who work closely with students. The training will be provided from Central New Mexico Community College, as part of a Department of Education grant to the Higher Education Department.
- Although the campus is quiet this time of year, our offices are busy closing out the previous academic year and preparing for the new one. Among the items keeping us busy are running New Student Registration events and preparing for Discovery Days and Aggie Welcome and Orientation week. Offices are finalizing grades and certifying undergraduate degrees. Financial Aid is closing out the 2013–14 aid year and working on aid for 2014–2015, in addition to reviewing satisfactory academic progress for continuing students. The Admissions Office is completing recruitment efforts for the upcoming semester and revising the Viewbook for the upcoming year. Health and Wellness is running the summer swim school and sports camp.



During lunch, participants in SAEM's first Assessment Day discuss how to better interact with students.

### University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- University Admissions ran two phone calling campaigns last week. Staff called over 570 freshmen from El Paso to encourage them to enroll at NMSU and reserve their spot for an upcoming New Student Registration program. Staff also called students registered to attend the New Student Registration program on May 28–29.
- Recruiters visited high schools at Del Valle High School, El Dorado High School, and Parkland High School in El Paso. We also attended college fairs at Canutillo High School and Cesar Chavez Academy.
- Campus visits were steady this week with families from Nevada, Illinois, Arizona, and New Mexico.

## University Registrar

- NMSU was recognized as having some of the best Online Programs for Veterans according to U.S. News and World Report. NMSU was ranked 45<sup>th</sup> for undergraduate programs and 28<sup>th</sup> for graduate programs.
- Military and Veterans Programs conducted a campus visit for prospective students from Fort Bliss. Students were transported from Ft. Bliss to NMSU to discuss admissions and veteran housing, as well as meet with academic advisors and tour the campus.
- We successfully launched Smart Catalog, our new content management system for our university catalogs. This product allows us to update our catalogs more efficiently and accurately. Four colleges have been trained on the system so far. Implementation will continue over the next two weeks, and the more dynamic and appealing catalog will appear on our website by the middle of June.

## Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- Representatives from the Hispanics in Energy, American Association of Blacks in Energy, and the American Petroleum Industry met with Career Services staff regarding the *National Conversation About Energy Job Readiness for Diverse Communities Summit* that will take place on Thursday, May 29 at the Pan American Center Annex. Las Cruces is one of eight cities that will host this event. This opportunity to learn more about a petroleum industry career is open to all NMSU students and high school seniors.
- Dr. Anthony Marin, Student Affairs Director and Michelle Adames, Associate Director of the Student Success Center submitted a renewal proposal to the Daniels Scholar Success Program. Funding is used to support mentoring and other academic support activities for Daniels Scholars.

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

- On May 16 Christina Chavez Kelley spoke at the NMSU School of Social Work Hooding Ceremony in Albuquerque. Twenty students graduated from this program this semester with a Master of Social Work degree.
- On May 16 and 17, Laura Gutierrez Spencer, Adan Delval, and Erica Enriquez of the Chicano Programs concluded this year's Generaciones Mother–Daughter outreach program for girls from Vado Elementary and North Valley Elementary.



Generaciones participants visited the Third Judicial District Court for a presentation by Judge Fernando Macias on occupations in the judicial profession.

## Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

### Beta Testing Vanderbilt Material Transfer Agreements

- Arrowhead Center, Inc. is beta testing the Vanderbilt University designed automated system for processing and managing Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs), which govern the transfer of agricultural materials, biological materials, chemicals, human



tissue samples and other materials between institutions to facilitate academic research. The new system, called MTAShare, is in use at Vanderbilt and is now being beta tested with universities and research institutions nationwide. The system can significantly speed the pace of research and vastly improve service to researchers at Arrowhead Center, Inc. ACES asked for standard MTA contracts and a way to speed contract negotiation time. After the beta testing period Arrowhead Center intends to utilize a phased roll out approach within NMSU.

#### **Arrowhead Research Park**

- This week Arrowhead Research Park Executive director Wayne Savage hosted meeting of the NM Science and Tech Park Alliance. He also hosted an economic development tour of Santa Teresa for NMSTPA visitors.

#### **National Business Incubation Association (NBIA) 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference**

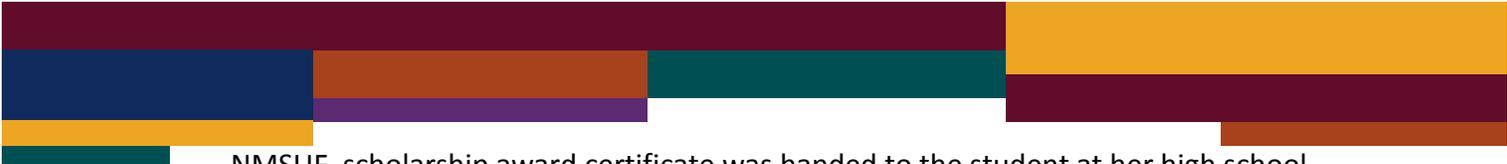
- Arrowhead Technology Incubator Director Zetdi Sloan attended the NBIA's 28<sup>th</sup> annual business incubator managers and economic development professionals from around the world gathered to explore entrepreneur support strategies. This conference is the premier event for this industry and allowed Ms. Sloan to make many networking connections and gain new tools for providing unparalleled assistance to Arrowhead clients.

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

No Activity to Report

#### **Vice President University Advancement / Foundation Executive Director, Ms. Cheryl Harrelson**

- The NMSU Alumni Association held an International Board of Directors Meeting, May 17 at the NMSU Golf Course. Thirty-five IBD members and Alumni Association staff attended the meeting, and four IBD members participated over the phone. The Board heard from Andrea Tawney, Ben Woods, Ricardo Rel, and chapter leaders from across the country and a student panel consisting of Wesley Jackson, Jeremy Witte, and Daniel Sonntag discussed how alumni can help students and the lottery scholarship. President Carruthers made a surprise appearance during the meeting.
- College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences received the following:
  - \$10,000 donation to support activities in Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources
  - \$10,000 donation to support the John Harrington Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Cattle Grower's Association Meeting will be held at the Las Cruces Convention Center, June 8-10.
- Ride for the Clover Motorcycle Rally is planned for August 23-24, 2014. More information will follow as the event draws closer.
- Playas Supporter's Scholarship, (in memory of Ernie Hurt, '81) was awarded to an Animas High School graduating senior who is bound for NMSU. A ceremonial



NMSUF scholarship award certificate was handed to the student at her high school graduation ceremony by a Hurt family member

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

- Dr. Boston attended the Sun Belt Spring meetings in Destin, FL. The meetings included CEOs, Athletic Directors, Faculty Athletic Reps, Senior Woman Administrators and coaches. Commissioner Karl Benson gave an update on the Sun Belt Network. There were lengthy discussions around the topic of Division 1 Governance Model as well as review of the current Sun Belt Conference constitution and bylaws.
- The athletics department sent a team to the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce golf event on Friday, and while the foursome came nowhere near winning the event, they were able to interact with community and business leaders throughout the day.

### **Aggie Athletics Club-Fred Heinrich, Associate AD**

- Aggies in Paradise—400 people enjoyed an Island Paradise at the Northwest Entrance to Aggie Memorial Stadium last week—this friend and fund-raiser has generated a great deal of positive response and energy around Aggie Athletics—a debriefing meeting was held with the Volunteer Committee to discuss refinements/improvements for next year’s event—net revenues for the event doubled from last year—we are following up with purchasers of auction items who have not picked them up yet, and sending thank you cards to everyone who attended, provided auction items, or supported the event in some way.
- Lujan Dinner—the Development Team continues to gather auction items and is in all-out sales mode to increase the number of attendees to this fantastic event, graciously hosted by Larry and Arlene Lujan at their home in ABQ—details are being ironed out and tasks being completed.
- AAC Membership Drive—resurrected the annual membership drive; recruited and met with 5 Team Captains, who are currently recruiting their Team Members (10 people on each team); will have a kick-off event on June 5<sup>th</sup> where we educate and train the Team members about AAC and begin the 5-week membership drive on June 6<sup>th</sup>, which will end on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Associate AD for Development is beginning to meet with Head Coaches to discuss funding needs and strategies.
- The Associate AD for Development has continued working with Fulton Athletic Center Suite Holders to renew their deals—only 2 are left to renew, and there is a quarter-suite open that we are identifying prospects for.

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

- This week’s Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted a National Institutes of Health grant that is supporting NMSU research aimed at improving education for deaf students. NMSU’s Communication Disorders Program is partnering on a \$2.3 million research project to pinpoint the types of teaching and services that will help deaf students in their educational pursuits. Linda Spencer is

the program director of the Communication Disorders Program in NMSU's College of Education.

- This week's Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News focused on NMSU's summer courses. The story described the range of courses available this summer for students and community members. The piece was developed to help build awareness of our summer programs and to support enrollment.
- The Special Production Unit's HD truck was delivered this week. On Wednesday and Thursday our team worked with the manufacturer's representative and the consulting engineer putting the equipment through the paces and learning how to prepare the unit for an event.
- On May 22 KRWG hosted the only debate with the five Democrat candidates for Governor. The event was broadcast on all three New Mexico Public Television stations covering 95% of the State (KRWG- Las Cruces, KNME-Albuquerque and KENW-Portales).
- To help recognize our outstanding graduates, the Marketing Services team developed the following ad, which ran in newspapers throughout the state.



## Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

### Upcoming Legislative Events:

- May 28: Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee, Santa Fe.
- May 29: Indian Affairs Committee, Santa Fe.
- June 5: Water & Natural Resources Committee, Santa Fe.
- June 6: Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee, Albuquerque.
- June 6: Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee.
  - 2014 Legislative Session: Budget and Tax Policy Update
  - Proposal for a Comprehensive Review of the Gross Receipts Tax
- June 9: Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee, Santa Fe.
  - WIPP Status Report and Department of Environment (NMED) Update.
- June 10: Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee, Santa Fe.

- June 11–13: Legislative Finance Committee meetings, Las Cruces, NM, NMSU Campus:
  - Status of Lower Rio Grande Litigation, Lower Rio Grande and New Mexico Unit Settlement.
  - New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute Review – Sam Fernald, Director.
  - Improving Teacher and School Leadership Preparation – Secretary Designate, Skandera, Dr. Thomas Kane, Walter Gale (Harvard Graduate School of Education); President Carruthers.
  - NMSU Vision 2020 – President Carruthers.
  - Las Cruces Public Schools Performance and Strategic Initiatives.
  - Optional tour of Early College High School.
- June 17: Investments & Pensions Oversight Committee- Santa Fe.
  - Status Report on Education Retirement Board Fund and Effects of SB50.
- June 18: Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee, Santa Fe.
- June 20: Economic & Rural Development Committee, Santa Fe.

#### **Elected Officials and Key Staff on Campus**

- Katherine Mauss, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Pearce in Washington DC, will visit campus on May 28.
- July 9<sup>th</sup>: Secretary Retta Ward will be on campus a half day of meetings per our invitation.

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

- NMDA staff participated in the Cascading Events Improvement Planning Conference. Many areas of improvement were discussed which led to a long list of scheduled projects.
- Organic Program staff presented an overview of organic production in New Mexico to the National SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) Program Fellows Meeting.
- Staff continues to work on various issues related to the protection of bees in NM. This includes working with the New Mexico Beekeepers Association to discuss current bee health levels and possible updates to the Bee Act.
- NMDA staff worked with the NMSU Dairy Extension committee, developing a grant proposal for dairy workforce training. Staff provided various dairy statistics and economic impact data for use in the proposal. Also drafted a letter of support from the Secretary of Agriculture to supplement the proposal.
- NMDA staff is working on a New Mexico grown food show being coordinated with the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. Details will be relayed to Museum Board members in order to assure a successful event.