President – Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- Regents Benegas and Mitchell along with Provost Howard and myself will join a Governor sponsored meeting in Socorro on Monday to discuss the recalibration of our Colleges of Education. Dean Morehead has provided an impressive list of changes already underway or completed at NMSU, which we will report. Secretary Skandara is the leader of this initiative which involves all of the 4 year Universities/Colleges.

- Highlights of the Minnesota football game an events include:
  - The New Mexico Department of Agriculture and the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences made us Aggie proud with their displays at the tailgate area. All games will be sponsored by one of our Colleges/Units and the Ag folks have established a very high standard.
  - University of Minnesota President Dr. Eric Kaler and his wife Karen were our guests and proved to be very engaging and social able albeit not so kind with respect to the football score. Dr. Kaler is a graduate of Alamogordo High School and very familiar with our part of the country.
  - It is clear to me that the Aggie football team is playing a much better brand of ball than in the recent past. Please come out and support our student athletes who are very positive, working hard, and facing some top competition.
  - I am working with members of the business community and our student leadership on ways to increase the attendance of students at all events, athletics and otherwise.

- Dan Howard and I met with faculty members and staff of the College of Arts and Sciences. It was a good dialogue about current and future issues, to include salaries and promoting research.

- I welcomed the Health and Human Services of the New Mexico legislature and later entertained them along with other NMSU executives at the President’s Residence. They were most impressed by their visit to the College of Engineering and visit with students working with faculty working on the antigravity device. Their testimony to me suggests we should always feature our students when legislative members are here.

- The Council of University Presidents will meet this week to confirm support of the three tier funding formula strategy developed at NMSU. I will be meeting with officials of the Legislative Finance Committee and the Department of Finance and Administration this week to discuss our proposal. Thanks to Jim Peach, Ricardo Rel, Angela Throneberry, Anna Price, Dan Howard and Judy Bosland for developing the proposal.
• I had a very nice visit with NMSU Carlsbad. They enjoy a great amount of support from their community, especially for their nursing program. I met with the faculty, staff, community leaders, and scientists of CEMERC. NMSU Carlsbad seems to be doing very well.

• Please make sure that you sign up for the Domenici Conference, which begins September 18th. A measly $50 for the best public policy conference in the region. This year we have risen over $175,000 in contributions in support of the conference.

Executive Vice President and Provost – Dr. Dan Howard

• Of the many meetings I participated in last week, one of the more memorable was with Bernadette Montoya and her Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Leadership group. Among the issues we discussed was the need for better NMSU system integration, a topic that will be addressed at the Community College Round Up, which will be held in Carlsbad Sept. 20 and 21. Other challenges are inconsistencies in advising, poor advising, and policies that slight the role of parents in the lives of our students. We also discussed the possibility of having advisors from the main campus visit our community colleges at least once a week to increase the visibility of the main campus and to encourage transfers to the main campus when students finish their community college programs.

• I was introduced to the Faculty Senate and received a warm welcome. One of the issues the faculty senate will tackle this year is whether a C- should be considered a passing grade when courses, programs, and colleges dictate that a C is the cut off for a passing grade in a course. Banner has always treated a C- as a C, and there are many faculty members who feel that this has always been the policy of NMSU. However, there are faculty members who feel otherwise, so the debate promises to be interesting.

• Natalie Kellner cracked the problem of how to calculate the cost of a degree at the institutions of higher learning in the state of New Mexico. The results are compelling—New Mexico State University produces four year degrees and graduate degrees very inexpensively. The research and comprehensive universities in the state are wonderful places to invest state resources, if degree production is a priority of the state.

• During the month of August, our Human Resources folks processed over 5100 transactions to hire student workers, graduate assistants, & temporary faculty. We appreciate their work to get the semester off to a great start.

SVP Administration and Finance – Angela Throneberry

Auxiliary Services

• Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU welcomes Roman Coronado as the DACC Bookstore Manager. He comes from TCU as the textbook manager. We are happy to have him as part of our team.
• The NMSU Golf Course hosted the annual Cowboys for Cancer fund raiser with over 240 golfers. The course was in great shape, participants had a great time and the event was a big success.

• The Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU helped support the Aggies with College Color Days. The team put their best Aggie Spirit gear on to cheered on our school.

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Information Communication Technologies

• On September 11, 2013, Information and Communication Technologies will host NMSU’s 8th annual Technology Day on the first floor of Corbett Center. A mainstay of the fall semester, Technology Day has expanded to 19 hands-on and general information tables where students, faculty, staff, and university visitors can experience the latest in computing and communication technologies used at NMSU; interact with technology professionals; and learn about the offerings of the university’s technology partners. In addition to booths by ICT which include the Help Desk, Network Security Group, Student Technology, Technology Rental and Computer Labs; partners including the Roundup, DACC, IIQ, CLPD - Training Central, iTunes U, NMSU Library, Career Services, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, ASNMSU, and Student Success will also have booths. Drawings for hourly prizes will be held throughout the day and the winner of the grand prize will be selected at 2:00 p.m. Prizes were donated by NMDA, RETA, Sodexo, Einstein Bagels, Gila Grill, Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell, Blakes, Dicks, TCBY, the Ag Floral Team, KRUX, ASNMSU, The Roundup, NMSU Athletics and Sony. We hope everyone can come and join in the fun and become more informed.

• A Wifi hotspot allows computers, smartphones, or other devices to connect to the Internet or to communicate with one another wirelessly. Nationally the number of WiFi hotspots is set to triple by 2015 and NMSU is no exception. NMSU’s WiFi usage has tripled in the last three years so it is crucial that WiFi access is available and
managed correctly and efficiently. ICT implemented Cisco Prime Infrastructure which provides a converged wired and wireless management including configuration management, radio frequency planning, and reporting. The following are some of the usage graphs provided by our management systems and which show how wireless usage grows at the start of the Fall Semester.

**Simultaneously WiFi usage on Las Cruces Campus over the Last Four Weeks**

[Graph showing WiFi usage on Las Cruces Campus over the last four weeks]

**Snapshot of Wireless Bandwidth Usage for September 5, 2013**

[Graph showing the snapshot of wireless bandwidth usage on September 5, 2013]
Snapshot of Wireless Bandwidth Usage over the last Six Weeks
(Week 34 was the Start of Fall Semester)

Facilities and Services
- September is **Campus Fire Safety Month**! As part of this fire safety proclamation, FS Fire conducted fire drills this week in designated educational buildings on campus as well as fire drills in student housing. As part of the fire drills, we do spot inspections on exit lighting, emergency lighting, and smoke detectors and ensure exits are not blocked. Inspection results and recommendations are shared with building monitors and the Housing Director.
The new Milton Hall Multi-Media Center was very successful due to the joint efforts of our FS Project Development & Engineering (PD&E) Team. Robert Segreto with Facilities and Services deserves much of the credit for organizing an outstanding effort to complete a difficult project with many obstacles; those who came before him, an incredibly aggressive schedule and the ability to lead the architectural firm of Nine Degrees, Facilities and Services Shops, ICT Data and Video Support and LC Structural Inc. Special thanks need to also go out to Al Flores (Facility Maintenance Director), Jose Loera PD&E (Project Manager), Ron Logan and Robert Flora from ICT Telecomm and Networking. Dr. Jeffrey Brown, Dr. Hwiman Chung and Staff have also been incredibly supportive and patient throughout the project completion.

James Nunez with PD & E is overseeing the re-paving of Frenger Street.

In the past six weeks FS Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) has accomplished six major shipments of hazardous waste, universal waste, biological waste, and highly toxic gas cylinders through four different contractors. Approximately 12,000 pounds of Las Cruces campus waste were sent off in total, at an estimated cost of $40,000. The EH&S waste management team lead by Andrew (Drew) Kaczmarek keeps the focus on safely and cost effectively disposing of all NMSU special waste. If a material cannot go down the drain or in the trash, it basically it comes to EH&S for final disposal. Of particular note, five toxic gas cylinders were returned to the manufacturer for recycling at a cost of $0. If we had sent the cylinders off as
hazardous waste with our standard disposal contractor the cost would have been $7,500. It is more work and time to deal with multiple contractors and their systems, but in going the extra mile we have found sustainable processes that minimize the costs.

- FS Operations has performed the final clean-up of the old equipment boneyard that was located East of the NMSU Rodeo Arena. This task was started in March 2011 and was a team effort with EH&S, College of Engineering, College of Agriculture, PSL, ICT, and the Property Office. All of the property tagged items and old vehicles were processed and sold via auction. All scrap metal items were collected and recycled. EH&S helped the team coordinate clean-up of spilled oil, and disposal of old spent paint, vehicle fluids, and old batteries. Any old concrete structures and pile of concrete debris were broken into smaller pieces and disposed of as clean fill at the City of Las Cruces green waste yard. The chain link fencing was removed and recycled. The area is now being returned to its natural desert state. The only remaining storage areas are the fenced yard for ICT and the 4H area.

before

After
SVP External Relations / Chief of Staff – Ben Woods
No report

VP Student Affairs/Enrollment Services – Dr. Bernadette Montoya
Office of the Vice President, Dr. Bernadette Montoya
• Bernadette Montoya plus Jeremy Witte and Lydia Hammond of ASNMSU attended
  the second of three Senate Memorial 101 Working Group meetings. They presented
  a proposal to address the Lottery Fund solvency problem that addresses state-wide
  higher education goals of access, completion, and solvency.
• The SAEM Assessment Team drafted their mission statement this week: “SAEM
  Assessment builds a culture of evidence within our division to continuously improve
  the programs, services, and experiences provided to NMSU students.”

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett
• The recruiting season for Fall 2014 is underway! Recruiters are traveling to College
  Days in New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona, and recruiters from International and
  Border Programs have started a 2-week swing through South America. See more at
  http://prospective.nmsu.edu/general/recruitment-events.html.

University Financial Aid and Scholarship Services, Ms. Janie Merchant
• The Scholar Dollars system paid over $7.2 million to students for the 2013–2014
  fiscal year so far. This total includes endowed scholarships, current use scholarships,
  grants, fellowships, and athletic aid.

University Registrar, Mr. Mike Zimmerman
• NMSU students system-wide completed 649 degrees at the end of the summer 2013
  term: 229 associate degrees, 280 bachelor degrees, and 140 graduate degrees.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook
• Career Services presented the 2012–2013 Candidate Survey of Employment Status
  Analysis of Results to the Presidents’ Advisory Council. The primary objective of the
  survey is to determine NMSU student employment status after graduation.
• Career Service’s Resume AggieMania started on September 4 and runs through September
  10. Career Services staff review student resumes at various locations around campus, including the
  Business Complex Lobby, the Engineering College, Corbett Center Student Union, O’Donnell Hall, and
  the Gerald Thomas Lobby.

Student Life, Dr. Michael Jasek
• Campus Activities hosted CLUB RUSH on Tuesday and Thursday at the Corbett Center Student Union.
  This event gave students a chance to learn about campus organizations. All space available was
  occupied both days by clubs interested in outreach.

David Lynn, President of the Inter-Fraternity Counsel, rides a mechanical bull at a Rush event.
• Campus Activities visited to four sections of University 150 to discuss the benefits of campus involvement for all students.
• Greek Affairs: 98 men accepted bids to join one of the 10 fraternities on campus.
• Dean of Students and representatives from the Round Up developed a plan to address concerns the paper has about a lack of support by the University.
• Michael Jasek presented “Assessment 201: Tools for Documenting Learning” to about a dozen staff members from SAEM. These workshops present assessment tools and techniques to any member of SAEM interested in improving our practices and outcomes.

No report: Health and Wellness, Student Diversity and Outreach, and the Albuquerque Center

Interim VP Economic Development – Dr. Kevin Boberg

Arrowhead Center in the News
• *Entrepreneur in Residence Susanna Kass*
  
  A detailed news release on Arrowhead Innovation Network (AIN) Entrepreneur in Residence Susanna Kass was published through NMSU Communications this week. The piece highlights Kass’ impressive entrepreneurial and professional experience and provides an overview of the expertise she is bringing to AIN. The release may be viewed at http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/9689/susanna-kass-named-entrepreneur-residence-nmsus-arrowhead-center.

35 Solar
• Arrowhead-based startup 35 Solar continues to attract media attention, providing an interview to KRWG-FM. 35 Solar co-founder and Arrowhead Program Manager Kramer Winingham spoke with KRWG’s Sloan Patton, discussing 35 Solar’s basic business proposition and investments to date. The interview also included basic information on Arrowhead Center, with a focus on the Studio G student/alumni business incubator. The interview may be seen at http://krwg.org/post/local-solar-startup-aims-produce-panels-locally.

Launch Proof of Concept Program
• Arrowhead Center’s third competitive funding round for the Launch proof of concept program is underway. Selected projects receive up to $25,000 and commercialization resources including business mentoring, market analyses, demonstration-validation services and access to investment networks. The start of the funding round was announced on NMSU Hotline and attracted inquiries from the first day of advertisement. To be considered for the 2013 Launch award, interested applicants are requested to submit a statement of intent by November 11, 2013. For more information, please contact Jason Koenig at 646-5398 or jkoenig@nmsu.edu.
Arrowhead Business and Research Park
- Arrowhead Park has fielded interesting inquiries and referrals for potential Park tenants (including an NMSU alum who is exploring relocating his company to southern New Mexico) and a prospective Arrowhead Technology Incubator client referred by NMSU’s Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Details on these developments are forthcoming.

VP Research – Dr. Vimal Chaitanya
- Vimal Chaitanya chaired the NMC Board meeting in Sevilleta where details about enhanced partnership between the NM research universities and LANL were discussed.
- Vimal Chaitanya called a meeting of NM stakeholders such as LANL, Sandia, AFRL and three research universities to re-invigorate the New Mexico Research Council (NMRC) which has not met in a while.
- This week proposals worth nearly $700,000 were submitted and awards worth $2.8 million were received.
- NMSGC is now accepting applications for scholarship ($5,000) and fellowship ($10,000). Applications are due: October 18. Students can apply online at: http://www.nmspacegrant.com/scholarshipsfellowshipsinternships.php
- For the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 NMSGC awarded 11 students scholarships and fellowships at NMSU totaling $90,000.
- OGC prepared and signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Titan for PSL.
- Assisted in the development of VPED agreement with SW NM Council of Governments for the NM Association of Regional Councils.
- Neta Fernandez presented PI Certification Training to almost fifty faculty members – many of them new faculty members.
- ORD released a new version of the Grants and Research Information Database (GRID; grid.research.nmsu.edu) that includes enhanced features in addition to a new look and feel. Users can now login by using their myNMSU username and password and take advantage of the collaboration tool linked with each funding opportunity to express interest and communicate with colleagues.
- Sudha Murthy Requested and participated in a debrief on a proposal that was submitted to USAID along with the PI. The debrief helped us understand the strengths and weaknesses of NMSU’s proposal.
- Hamid Rad Completed and disseminated the NMSU Research News, which is a quarterly publication that features awards and research conducted by NMSU faculty and staff.
- A contract award from Army/SLAD for a weather analysis tool was received by PSL.
- PSL is still awaiting the award of a ~$1M contract for the intelligence community.
• General Dynamics-Scottsdale continues to restructure the existing NMSU/PSL subcontract and to modify the follow-on effort to include GD-Las Cruces for the TDRSS upgrade contract.
• Several FAA HQ personnel are visiting NMSU/PSL next week to discuss operation of the NMSU UAS Flight Test Center as a Gold Standard for the congressionally directed UAS Flight Test Ranges.
• WRRI held roundtable conference “Transformational Solutions for Water in the West” co-sponsored by Sandia National Laboratories, Atlantic Council, and NM WRRI. Senator Tom Udall spoke and moderated the first afternoon session. State and national speakers were well received, and audience was actively engaged in discussion. Attendance at one day event held on UNM campus was over 200 people. Proceedings will be co-published as a technical document by the sponsors.
• Dr. Sam Fernald presented to Interstate Stream Commission regarding statewide water budget project at NM WRRI that is part of NSF-EPSCoR funding. Explored collaborative opportunities with State Engineer for work on statewide water budget, including participation in innovation workshop on the topic to be held in November.

Interim VP University Advancement – Dr. Tina Byford
• Nigel Holman, Director of Annual Fund, and I met with RuffaloCODY personnel to discuss strategic plans for the 13/14 calling year.
• I attended a reception welcoming New Mexico Legislative Health and Human Services Committee members on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.
• Corporate and Foundation Relations department received $2,000 from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for the Writers in the Schools program, and has submitted requests for $2,500 to El Paso Electric for the DuBois Rodeo Award (out of cycle, with EPE’s permission) and $30,000 to the Santa Fe Community Foundation for CHSS regarding a Health Impact Assessment on dairy workers. Several other projects remain in the pipeline including the Kleberg Foundation--$100,000+ request for Animal and Range Sciences and the Sloan Foundation--$300,000 request for support of the Freshman Year Experience (Engineering).
• This week, more than 100 alumni and friends attended the NMSU vs UT Austin Pre-game Alumni Association Tailgate before the game Saturday, August 31, 2013. The Alumni Association also purchased 875 pounds of chile from Jo Lytle ’83 at Hatch Chile Express and delivered to Sal Magallanez ’84, San Diego chapter leader, for the San Diego Chile Roast September 7, 2013.

Athletics Director – Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.
No Report

Associate VP University Communications – Maureen Howard
• For the week of August 26 – September 1, news stories in both local and national
media totaled 146 placements. The top story covered by the media this week was the partnership between NMSU and Drexel University on a campaign to educate the public to avoid washing chicken before cooking. The team at the NMSU Media Productions Unit, led by Jeanne Gleason, developed animation, video and photos to help convey the message that washing chicken actually spreads germs. Several national media outlets carried the story including NPR, CNN and The Today Show on NBC.

- The weekend feature story for the Las Cruces Sun-News profiled Pat Gavin, his 20-year career at NMSU and his new role as department head for marketing in the College of Business.
- Monday’s Eye on Research story highlighted the one-of-a-kind research on bed bugs being conducted by Alvaro Romero, NMSU professor of urban entomology.
- KRWG TV partnered with a variety of producers to present programming during Hispanic Heritage Month. This week we featured the documentary “Papers: Stories of Undocumented Youth.”
- The NMSU new tagline “All About Discovery” was launched on the homepage. Templates are in development to include the line on additional web pages.

Assistant VP Government Relations – Ricardo Rel

State-Related Activities

- The Legislative Health and Human Services Committee met on the NMSU campus on September 4-5, 2013 and the Behavioral Health Subcommittee met on September 3, 2013. Dean Adera and Pamela Schultz, Ph.D. welcomed the Subcommittee on September 3, 2013. On September 4, 2013 the following NMSU faculty and staff presented before the committee:
  - Pamela Schultz – NMSU Doctor of Nurse Practitioner Program
  - Shelly Bucher and Ester Devall – Child Abuse Prevention
  - Ricardo Jacquez, Anthony Hyde, Patricia Sullivan, Cynthia Bejarano, and students – Engineering STEM Programs and CAMP
  - Ou Ma, Robert Wood and students – Presentation regarding the Reduced-Gravity and Biomechanics Lab and its work as it relates to falls in the Elderly
  - Kathleen Bettinger (DACC Dental Hygiene Program) – Dental Therapy

- Representative Jeff toured the American Indian Cultural Center.

Federal-Related Activities

- On September 10, Mr. Michael K. Yudin, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) at the U.S. Department of Education, will be coming to the NMSU campus to participate in an event and press conference to recognize Drs. Cronin and Rhein, faculty members in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders. The recognition is for the years of Department of Education Grants in Autism and Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology. Mr. Yudin will tour the department and speak to our students.
Director/Secretary, NMDA - Jeff M. Witte

- **Ag Day 2013** is here! The celebration starts on game day, Saturday, September 7 at the tailgating area north of Aggie Memorial Stadium from 2:00 p.m. to kickoff. The game is sponsored by organizations and companies involved in New Mexico agriculture. The street fair environment will feature fun for the whole family, including plenty of kids’ activities; sampling tasty New Mexico foods; getting your picture taken with El Whoppo, the giant New Mexico green chile cheeseburger; visiting with farmers and ranchers and others in New Mexico agriculture, and much more! For more information visit NMDA at www.nmda.nmsu.edu or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NMDepartmentofAg.

- **Green Chile Promotions**
  - September 5-8: Fresh Market Stores Washington, D.C. area, Alumni Event
  - September 13-14: Atlanta/Miami

- **2013 New Mexico State Fair**
  - Green Chile Cheeseburger Challenge – September 11
  - NEW MEXICO-Taste the Tradition® Day – September 15
  - Dairy Day – September 20
  - Farmers’ Market Style Pizza Party – September 21

- **Eastern New Mexico State Fair** September 30-October 5, 2013
  - Nuts for New Mexico – October 4
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Upcoming Legislative Events
September 9: Investments & Pensions Oversight Committee – Santa Fe
September 10: Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee- Santa Fe
September 11: Jobs Council –Roswell
September 12 – 13: Economic & Rural Development Committee – Ruidoso
  • 3:00 pm – Value-Added Agriculture and Economic Development in New Mexico, Anthony Parra, New Mexico Department of Agriculture; David Lucero, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
September 12: Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force – Santa Fe
September 16 – 17: Courts, Corrections & Justice Committee – Las Cruces/J. Paul Taylor Center
September 18 – 19: Land Grant Committee – Juan Bautista Baldes Land Grant
September 25 – 27: Legislative Finance Committee