




New Mexico State University

Weekly Activity Report

February 24 - 28, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- A very productive week in academics/administration was somewhat interrupted by the NMSU/Utah Valley University basketball game event which took on national prominence. I have apologized to the President of UVU who was gracious in our discussion and indicated that some of his students did not behave properly. Two of our players were penalized and the issue of students “storming the court” is still to be discussed by the league. Our coaches acted very well in an effort to control the situation.
- Vimal Chaitanya and Steve Stochaj brought by a group from the Air Force Research Laboratory in Albuquerque, who are in search of closer relationships with NMSU faculty and students. They expend a rather large amount of contract money but a good share of it goes out of state. This looks like a real good opportunity to partner with this somewhat unknown but large laboratory to the North. Casey, the lady who was leading the delegation, has a son at NMSU and thinks highly of our University.
- Some years ago there was an effort to streamline our Policy and Procedures Manual but that effort was stopped by a previous administration. I have asked Lisa Warren to restart the process and we will walk through the manual, chapter by chapter. The objective will be to separate policy from procedure (policy requires Regent approval, procedure is an administration responsibility). I will be asking each unit to respond to Lisa’s request in a timely manner so we can clean up our rather dysfunctional P and P manual.
- Angela Throneberry and friends met with me and David Maestas to discuss the outcome of the Student Fee Committee report and recommendations. Their recommendation must be approved by me. Fees are usually considered in the same conversation as tuition so approval will occur when we finally make up our minds on tuition which will only happen after the Governor takes action on the budget. The students recommended just over a 1 percent increase in student fees and were very generous in their distribution of funds.
- I had a very nice breakfast with Orlando Cervantes who is seeking ways he can give back to NMSU. Andrea Tawney and Patricia Sullivan are working on how we can accommodate this donor.
- Dan Howard and I joined the Finance team to discuss NMSU with Moody’s the bond rating company. It was a nice discussion. Apparently they expressed some concern regarding our decline in enrollment. They will issue a finding soon regarding the NMSU bond rating, which at the moment is very good.
- Ben Wood, Dan Howard, and I spent most of a day at WSMR, listening to briefings of a wide array of customers and military units. I was amazed at the range of customers at WSMR and the NASA site and the number of employees (around 10,000) working

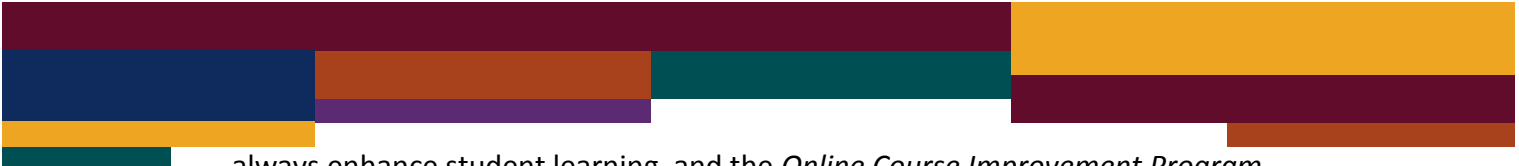


at these installations. General Bingham called the summit with Universities – NMSU, UTEP, UNM, and Tech – to operationalize the MOU that was signed by WSMR and the Universities some months ago. Ben Woods will be our point of contact and the next meeting of the Summit will be at NMSU this fall. There are a number of opportunities for both our faculty and students at the facility. I suggested we might have more faculty exchanges with scientific/engineering units at WSMR.

- I spoke to an event welcoming DACC transfers to NMSU. The student speaker was a mother of five who now has her eye on a bachelor's degree here and graduate studies at UNM. I visited with many in the crowd and was impressed with how DACC is giving both young and even folks in my age cohort a pathway to continued higher education. One lady told me she was doing this because she just wanted to learn. Bernadette Montoya and Valerie Pickett and associates, kudos of doing this and for offering me an opportunity engage with these students.
- Sharon Jones and I visited several officials in Santa Fe to thank them for their support during the legislative session and to remind them of our priorities. In general the conversations went well. I am concerned that there may be some vetoes on appropriations, particularly for those items not in the regular budget. They are items sponsored by legislators that were not in the regular budgetary process. It appears the administration is bent on developing the funding formula and I committed that we would do the needful to help them develop a simple and understandable system.
- I played in the National Agricultural Marketing Association golf tournament for the first time. What a big event. Want to see some students who really know how to organize an event, check in with the NAMA students.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

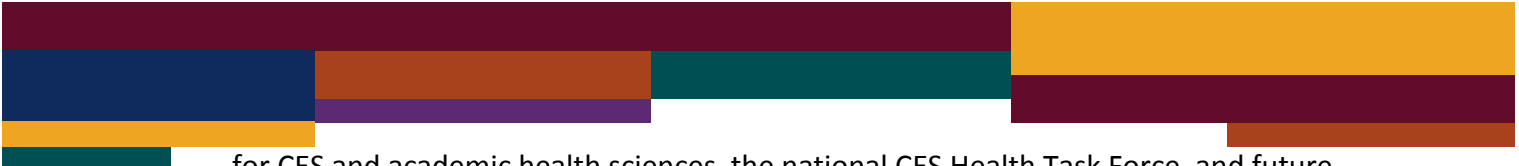
- At the Academic Support Summit at White Sands Missile Range held on February 26th the theme was communicate, coordinate, and collaborate. There are many opportunities for the research universities in the region to collaborate with White Sands Missile Range on testing and evaluation projects. Moreover, there are numerous internship, clerkship, and permanent job opportunities for NMSU students. The challenge is making students and faculty aware of the opportunities. The conversation will continue at the next meeting of NMSU, UNM, NM Tech, UTEP, and the White Sands Missile Range that will take place at NMSU in August of 2014.
- It was a genuine pleasure to attend a Spring Teaching Academy Workshop event, “New Models for Teaching and Learning: Opportunities and Challenges at NMSU”, organized by Professor Elise “Pookie” Sautter. At the workshop, three of the most distinguished teachers at NMSU: Professor Sautter, Regents Professor James Shearer, and Associate Professor Michele Shuster discussed their experiences in adopting new models of teaching and learning. Some take away lessons for me were: the online environment can be surprisingly effective in conveying musical knowledge to students, case studies and peer instructors have led to improved performance of students in introductory biology classes, flipped classrooms do not



always enhance student learning, and the *Online Course Improvement Program* offered by NMSU really improves the quality of an online course offering. Dr. Sautter made four points after her presentation: 1) students need a process by which to learn Canvas; 2) NMSU should exhibit more flexibility in scheduling classes; 3) NMSU needs a centralized testing facility; and 4) teachers must clearly articulate what they are trying to accomplish in their teaching.

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

- Plant and Environmental Sciences Department had a Donor Recognition dinner on February 27th to honor and say thank you to all their scholarship, research and endowed professorship donors. The dinner was well attended.
- Dr. John Mexal, Distinguished Professor and Assistant Department Head of Plant and Environmental Sciences, retired. In his honor the Department raised \$5700.00 to support Dr. Mexal's two endowed scholarships.
- A two day urban tree care conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The conference was put on by Think Trees New Mexico, an educational non-profit and ACES Extension Plant Sciences department. The conference provided four NMDA Pesticide Applicator CEU credits, and 10-13 International Society of Arboriculture CEU credits as well as Society of American Forester CEU credits. ACES has a strong involvement by providing leadership to Think Trees NM and obtain national-caliber speakers from other universities and the private sector as well as our own local ACES experts.
- Media Productions/Ag Communications hosted an Ohio State University team of Extension specialists and administrators who requested training and exploration of a New Mexico State University-Ohio State University partnership. ACES team focuses largely on production, the OSU team focuses on training. Ag Communications is exploring ways to jointly pursue grants for the Learning Games Lab to create media and mobile applications to support Extension work in 4-H, agriculture and consumer sciences in Ohio –while also reaching national audiences.
- The Department of Animal and Range Science conducted a training session on NMSU campus farm for the 85th Civil Affairs Brigade and 80th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Bliss on February 26 and 27th. NMSU personnel conducting the training were Dr. Raed Halalsheh (temp staff), Consuelo Gurule (undergrad), Megan Coleson (Grad Student) and Dr. Tim Ross, Department Head. The training provided information for soldiers assigned to work with citizens in Eastern Europe and East Asia with sheep enterprises.
- ACES Cooperative Extension Service's leadership, NMSU College of Health and Social Services, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service and Medical School, Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service, and the Community Health Sciences in the UNM Health Science Center met to discuss and coordinate Health Extension programs. Discussions included the future Health Extension model




for CES and academic health sciences, the national CES Health Task Force, and future partnership opportunities to meet community health needs.

- ACES Fabian Garcia Research Center is demonstrating the viability of a year round commercial salt water shrimp industry in New Mexico. They have demonstrated that four to five crops of Pacific White shrimp can be grown in one year with a potential market value of \$15+ per pound. The student run NM Shrimp Company sold the first harvest of shrimp raised in our AES/Industry sponsored shrimp aquaculture facility over the weekend.
- The Agricultural Experiment Station hosted two representatives of an international agricultural startup company (Landlife Company, <http://www.landlifecompany.com/>) from the Netherlands. We are establishing a collaborative research venture to test a promising product that has a huge potential in riparian restoration efforts. Currently this company is working in South Africa, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Morocco, Argentina, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Australia. This NMSU collaboration will be their foray into the United States.

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

- We held the spring meeting of the Dean's Advisory Council and skyped in participants from California and Kentucky. Director of Bands, Chris Hughes and several students from the band presented information on activities and funding needs of the band. The college provided an additional \$16,000 for the Roadrunner Revue and Sundancers to attend the WAC tournament.
- Lisa Bond-Maupin and I met with Natalie Kellner, Miriam Chaiken, and Bill Quintana to discuss academic program review and to establish timelines and criteria for proceeding with academic review of programs in Arts and Sciences.
- Jeff Brown met with the College of Arts and Sciences Research Affairs Committee when it reviewed faculty mini-grant applications. He also completed discussions with the VPR, the College of Engineering, and the Department of Astronomy for a mandatory cost share aspect of the NASA-EPSCoR proposal for which Jason Jackiewicz will be the PI.
- Jason Jackiewicz received a five-year NSF-CAREER award for solar astronomical research. Giancarlo Lopez-Martinez (Biology) will receive a \$42,887 transfer USDA award. Christopher Churchill (Astronomy) will receive \$15,750 from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.
- Beth Pollack participated in the USDA HIS review of limited submissions to select NMSU proposals; attended the 55th Counselors Conference Luncheon; met with EPCC Counselors regarding articulation and transfer students; represented Arts and Sciences at the DACC to NMSU Transfer Reception; and attended the CADRe meeting for the Lewis-Burke presentation.
- Lisa Bond –Maupin met with Ken Hacker about assessment activities in Communication Studies; participated in the final meeting of the Online Infrastructure Taskforce and the University Diversity Council, which was hosted by Arts and Sciences. She met with the Interim Director of Advising Center and



participated in the furniture walk through in the remodeled Advising Center. She served as acting dean while Dean Slaton was on annual leave.


Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook

- The college's ad hoc online MBA committee met with IIQ staff member Sandy Johnson to discuss the use of her services in enhancing our existing online MBA courses. Later in the week the deans and department heads agreed to start the online MBA program in Spring 2015, allowing time to recruit students and get them into background knowledge courses that they may need in the summer and next fall.
- The associate deans and I completed our meetings with department heads concerning faculty evaluations.
- With Associate Dean Liz Ellis and Jim Peach, I attended the Chamber of Commerce update luncheon at which Mayor Ken Miyagishima (alum of the College of Business) and County Manager Julia Brown provided information on the state of the city and the county.
- MBA Advisor John Shonk participated in El Paso Electric education fairs in Las Cruces and in El Paso.
- Associate Dean Liz Ellis gave a presentation on February 19th at the Teaching Academy on *Daily Quizzes as a Tool of Student Engagement and Accountability*.
- The College Ambassadors recently met with La Posta owner Jerean Hutchinson and with former restaurant manager and cookbook author Kelly Coffeen for discussions of ethics and leadership respectively.
- Mihai Niculescu and Collin Payne (Marketing) provided a tour of the consumer behavior lab to development officers Anthony Casaus, Barbara Wise, Elaine Stachera, and Christina Martinez. The lab is an interdisciplinary resource for studying human behavior and decision making.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

Report from Dr. Michael Morehead, Dean:

- Accepted a ten thousand dollar check from Aprendamos and DTS for the Edgar Garret Speech and Hearing Clinic, also welcomed over 200 participants to a conference coordinated by our Special Education and Communication Disorders Department on Autism and Reading. Conducted evaluation reviews for two departments this week and I am consistently impressed with the work of our faculty and the creativity, teaching and leadership provided by them in the state and nation. It is amazing the things accomplished each year by our faculty, students and staff. I continued interviewing candidates and making job offers, very exciting time for our college as we prepare for the next generation of educational leaders in our college. Met with perspective students from Santa Teresa High School and discussed the importance of becoming a teacher. Had lunch with two future Board of Advocates, Efreem Yturalde and Rico Gonzales, and both have agreed to participate on our Board. Rene Guillaume and I met with Dan Burrell to discuss future plans for the



New Mexico Leadership Institute formerly known as the Rosemont Scholars program. We discussed the sustainability of the program at NMSU and plans for the future integration of scholars once they are on campus. Mr. Burrell reaffirmed his commitment to the program and his support for the future. We continued the discussion and planning for the Mongolian delegation visit, and future plans with MSUE. Dr. Boberg met with Dr. Schwarz and Dr. Salas Provance and me to discuss next steps for the new College of Education Economic Entrepreneurial initiative. This future endeavor will involve the possible development of an LLC in collaboration with Arrowhead Research Park. The college has some very innovative and interesting initiatives being considered.

Report from Adelina Rodriguez Student Program Coordinator:

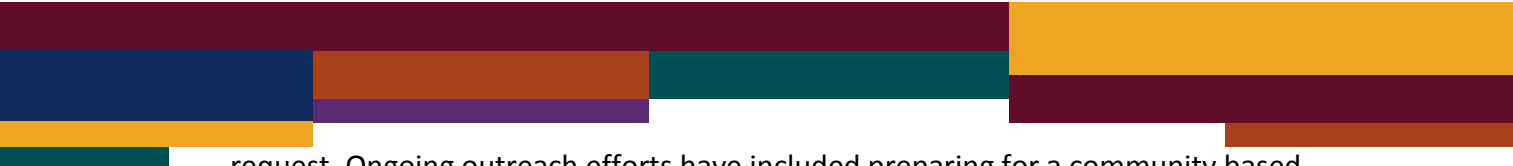
- This week the focus has been on coordinating the delegation visit from Mongolian State University of Education. We have created a robust agenda for the delegation as they will be visiting our campus for only one day. A power point presentation of the College of Education was created to give them an overview of the college. We have scheduled tours of the Learning Technology Laboratory in O'Donnell Hall, our STEM program, and the Children's Village. We will also be giving a presentation on Online Learning. Discussions will continue in regards to the MOU, collaborative research opportunities, faculty and student exchange and program/ classroom information and visits. We will host them for both lunch and dinner. In the area of alumni relations we finalized the campaign letter that was mailed out to our fall 2013 graduates (170 letters). The Executive Board for our College of Education Student Council met to discuss changes to the Constitution as well as the need to elect for the VP and Treasure positions. We also met with our current ASNMSU College of Education Senators to discuss the process for the election of the open Senate seat that was vacated this semester. We plan to publicize the vacancy to our current students and will ask that they be formally elected by the Education Council by our next meeting on March 12th.

Report for Dr. Ron Dziwenka, Program Manager for Assessment:

- Compiled summaries of Tk20 advantages for Students, Faculty and Administrators, and sent them to Program Coordinators currently using Tk20. Finalized with my GA the complete record of all the Tk20 reports for each Key Assessment, Observation and Assignment in all (sections of all) courses since FA12. This allowed the re-organizing the college's Tk20 system. The College made all existing (key) assessment tools in Tk20 accessible to all SP14 instructors for ELED program. Met with the ECED Program Coordinator to discuss and update program's key assessment matrix for data collection and disaggregation update ECED's Initial Program Unit Assessment Matrix. Communicated and worked with our Tk20 Program Consultant on how to most efficiently expand upon the ECED Program's use of student portfolios in Tk20 (which will be a model for other programs in the college).

Report from Dr. Michelle Valverde, Alliance and BOCES Coordinator:

- Our major activities this week have involved preparing for the next monthly Alliance internal advisory committee meeting (next Wednesday) and also providing additional information to Vicente Vargas pertaining to the Alliance expansion



request. Ongoing outreach efforts have included preparing for a community based event on March 22nd and meeting with a subcommittee of the Place Matters Initiative, the Director of the Institute for Community Engagement, and the Regional Office Manager of CYFD's Protective Services.

Report from Ashley Jurado, Student Program Coordinator:


- Ashley created and designed our new e-newsletter template. This is a monthly newsletter distributed via email, but the college has now upgraded to an email server that helps create a template and tracks all emails sent out. The first edition will be sent out March 15th, and will include options to visit the college's website, to donate, and follow social media sites all from within the e-newsletter. Ashley provided a tour to 15 high school students from Santa Teresa HS. She hosted an information session where program directors came to speak to the students, and provided them with info to help assist them as incoming freshmen. Ashley finalized all advertisement agreements with the LC Sun-News for the Aggie Cornerstone Award. Ads will begin on March 1st. She also started inviting the NMSU community, board members, and guests of the honorees. The dinner is scheduled for April 24th.

Report from Dr. Jon Schwartz, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach:

- The Associate Dean of Research office took part in the RISE grant evaluation. Dr. Schwartz attended a research team meeting to assist with research method questions. He also, assisted with Department Head faculty evaluations and ongoing departmental searches. Dr. Schwartz attended the Dona Ana Community College graduation reception. Finally, the Associate Dean for Research met with Lewis and Burke to discuss our collaborative work.
- Dr. James O'Donnell is in Belize working with student teachers and continuing to work on the educational partnerships there.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

- Dr. Valles-Rosales and IE undergraduate students attended the Emerging Researchers Conference National Conference in STEM sponsored by AAAS and NSF in Washington, DC:
 - Javier Garcia Mendoza, 1st place in Social & Behavioral Sciences Poster Competition
 - Janette Torres, 2nd place in Social & Behavioral Sciences Poster Competition
- Sandia National Laboratories sponsored a Design Competition focused on Image Compression in the Aggie Innovation Space for students and faculty. Michael Holmes and Travis Burkhard of SNL worked with Dr. Laura Boucheron (ECE) to organize a competition focused on image compression and a team-based competition. The winning team included Yifei Liu (graduate student, ECE), Chris Galvan (Engineering Physics), and Alejandro Baca (Information Engineering Technology).
- The College of Engineering hosted a busy and exciting week in celebration of National Engineering Week. The activities noted below engaged an estimated 2,000



individuals in various engineering related activities that included faculty, staff, students, and external partners:


- VEX Robotics State Championship: 295 students, teachers, parents, volunteers.
- Engineering Discovery Day: 400 plus students and teachers and engineering student volunteers.
- Aggie Innovation Space grand opening: 200 plus students, faculty, staff, corporate partners, alumni, and friends.
- Bromilow Lecture by Cummins VP Steve Charlton: 77 faculty, staff, students, and guests
- Cummins Mix and Mingle: 50 students, faculty and alums.
- NM High School Teachers and Counselors Conference: 80 teachers and counselors from across NM.
- Sisbarro/E-Council hot dog roast: 750 students, faculty, staff, alumni.
- Dean's Advisory Council: 30 alumni and corporate partners, faculty and staff.
- Volt Slide Rule Golf Classic: 100 alumni, corporate partners, friends, student organizations.

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

- The New Mexico State University School of Nursing is accepting applications for a new specialty, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program for the fall 2014 semester. The FNP specialty degree option in the DNP program is an online curriculum offered through the College of Health and Social Services. This degree plan is completed in three years of full-time study. All accepted students must be enrolled full-time and must be able to attend the Doctoral Summer Seminar, May 19-23rd, in Las Cruces.
- CHSS hosted a visit by Beti Thompson of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Beti is Co-Director of the outreach Core (with Dr. Rebecca Palacios) of the FHCRC-NMSU U54 grant on cancer health disparities. Beti gave a terrific presentation to about 50 students and faculty on community based participatory research, and how to get grant funding. We recorded the presentation for distribution to those who may be interested. I also met with Beti afterward to talk about research activities, future opportunities, and building a culture of research in the College of Health and Social Services.
- School of Nursing's Dr. Teresa Keller was featured in the state of address by Governor Martinez regarding New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC). Drs. Keller and Anita Reinhardt traveled to Albuquerque to attend the NMNEC statewide meeting.

Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Loui Reyes

- Meeting with the Graduate Council Standards, Fellowships/Assistantships, Retention and Degree Completion committees to discuss and draft graduate policies related to professional and research degrees, fractional grading, and graduate admission.

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- Addressed institution-wide graduate issues through the graduate education policy alignment committee meetings: graduate school, financial aid, admission, international border programs and registrars.
 - Website development: Graduating from NMSU with your Advanced Degree.
 - Individual meet/greet meetings with new NMSU faculty members.

Dean, Honors College, Dr. William Eamon

- Dean Eamon met with Honors College mentors and key partners for Living and Learning community's activities.
- Dean Eamon met with Elaine Stachua (Advancement Office) to discuss fundraising efforts for the Honors College.
- Yvonne Flores participated and met with students at the 3rd Annual DACC to NMSU Transfer Student Reception.
- Valerie Torres and Dr. Mark Andersen met to recommend applicants for the Phi Eta Sigma National Scholarship.

Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

- Liz Miller, the library's Faculty Senate representative held a library faculty meeting for a discussion on the proposed changes to the university's admissions policy.
- This week the shifting of the special collections from Branson Library West to Branson Library East will be completed. This will allow work on reconfiguration and shifting of collections on floors 2, 3, and 4 in Branson West to resume.
- Held an exploratory meeting with Cindy Watkins, the library's USAIN Western Rangelands representative, on co-hosting with the College of Agriculture a national rangelands conference next year.
- April Anaya, Library Development Officer, is representing NMSU Library at the Fiery Foods Festival being held on Friday-Sunday in Albuquerque, NM. Over 15,000 attend this event. We are highlighting our historical cookbook collection and our agriculture digital collections which both have recipes on cooking chile and agricultural information on chile's.

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Administration and Finance Website** – The website for Administration and Finance has been successfully migrated into NMSU Enterprise WordPress. The refreshed website which can be viewed at <http://af.nmsu.edu/> includes a new Administration and Finance forms page.
- **New Collections System** – Working in conjunction with the University Accounts Receivables Collections Department, ICT has implemented a new collections system. The system improves the efficiency of collections efforts by consolidating the different components of the collection process (correspondence, reporting, record keeping) into a “one-stop” shop.

- **Biology Annex Construction** – Facilities Maintenance, Building Maintenance Crew has completed the scheduled work in Biology Annex. The crew painted the hallways, classroom, restrooms, entryways, handrails, and the computer lab. They also replaced all damaged ceiling tiles, re-lamped light fixtures, replaced plumbing fixtures, and evaluated the flooring. The Custodial group performed restorative floor maintenance. Currently, they are scheduling a final walk through with Dr. Preszler, Dr. Brown, Dr. Holtzman and Amanda Luna.
- **University Budget Committee** – University Budget Committee (UBC) met this week to consider a request to retain an I&G staff position and an ERR funding waiver request. In addition, the UBC received a legislative update and held preliminary discussions regarding the FY15 I&G budget.



- **RecycleMania** - RecycleMania is in its fourth week and we are sixth out of 460 schools in the paper recycling category! The NMSU DanceSport team did a flash mob line dance to bring attention to the importance of taking that extra step (pun intended) to get those recyclables into the bin and not the trash. They made their own recycled box costumes. Thanks to

Hannah Cole and her students for discovering new ways to be Green Aggies.

- **Regents Budget Committee** – The Regents Budget committee met to discuss the outcome of the 2014 legislative session and discuss FY15 budget guidelines.
- **Golf Course Irrigation Project** – This project is approximately 50% complete with completion date estimated for early May 2014. The course remains open for play throughout this construction.
- **Corbett Center Student Union Construction Begins** – Wooten Construction crews kicked off the renovation of the student union this week. Updates will be made throughout the project regarding progress and availability of space
- **NMSU’s IT Compliance Officer to speak at governance conference** – Carlos Lobato has been invited to speak in the fall at the *Governance, Risk and Control Conference* held collaboratively by the Institute of Internal Auditors and ISACA. The topic of his presentation and one of the focuses of his work at NMSU is the critical need of IT compliance frameworks in organizations.
- **Education Services Construction** – Demolition is complete at the entrance at Education Services and new framing is underway. The photo to the right illustrates a rendering of the new space that is proposed.
- **NMSU Window Cleaning** - Facilities and Services Custodial Manager is meeting with the ClearVue Inc to establish the schedule for performing the annual exterior window



cleaning for NMSU. Recently, they were awarded a purchase order to clean the windows on 78 academic buildings. Art Lucero will be sending out the schedule after it is finalized.

- **Housing Evaluation Underway** –Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc., a program management firm working with NMSU on the evaluation and possible development of a public-private partnership housing model, visited campus to meet with several key university stakeholders. The initial focus is to issue a RFP for the replacement of student family housing as well as single housing such as Monagle Hall and Greek/Affiliated housing.

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

- RFQ for Hotel will go on the street on March 7th.
- Engaged in a broad team effort with VPED Kevin Boberg et al to develop conceptual arrangement for a third party educational partner in ARP.
- Supporting Board of Regents for upcoming meetings until such time that the new regent support position is identified and manned. Developing the legacy transition documents at this time.
- Working with NMSU Library to develop a plan for digitization of the official NMSU Board of Regents minutes for both preservation and on line research.

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

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- Dr. Montoya and Valerie Pickett of University Admissions discussed collaborating with Cooperative Extension Services on recruiting strategies. The Extension offices expand NMSU's presence into all of New Mexico's 33 counties.
- On February 28th, SAEM held a professional development workshop, "Improving Customer Services," presented by Tom Smith of the Theatre Arts Department. The session focused on behaviors that support excellent customer service.
- Dr. Montoya was interviewed by News 22's Gaby Lopez about changes to NMSU admission standards. The interview should air next week.



Dr. Montoya (right) addresses the crowd at the DACC to NMSU Transfer Reception.

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- University Admissions hosted the 3rd Annual DACC to NMSU Transfer Reception on February 26th. The program included a student speaker and a welcome from President Carruthers. In support of this event, University Admissions called over 500 DACC degree applicants and recent graduates to encourage their attendance.

- Admissions advisors attended recruitment fairs at Mesa Community College, Paradise Valley Community College, Chandler Community College, New Mexico Junior College, Dine College, and El Paso Community College. Advisors also met with high school students in Artesia, Carlsbad, Espanola, Penasco, Hatch, Anthony, and Las Cruces.
- Judy Weicherding, Dual Credit Coordinator, and Valerie Pickett met with the DACC dual credit staff to finalize upcoming registration programs at local high schools.

University Financial Aid and Scholarship Services, Ms. Janie Merchant

- Renovations that will improve student access to Financial Aid staff at the front window area are about a third of the way completed, and throughout the renovation, students will continue to access financial aid staff via the main office. The remodeling project is expected to be finished by mid-April.




A student completes a change of campus form at the DACC to NMSU Transfer Reception.

Health and Wellness, Ms. Lori McKee

- Lori McKee, Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin Diven, Medical Director, and Carol Nevarez, Nurse Supervisor, attended the New Mexico Department of Health POD Course on February 20th. NMSU is a POD, a point of distribution for dispensing of medications in a public health emergency. The course covered response methods and planning considerations for accessing emergency materials. NMSU is a member of the local area emergency planning committee.
- NMSU Outdoor Recreation Adventure Arts Series presented Adventure Film at the Rio Grande Theatre to over 200 attendees. The next Adventure Arts Series Event will be April 11th at the Rio Grande Theatre and will feature "The Wild and Scenic Film Festival," in conjunction with the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance.
- Michelle Mason, Rec Sport's Coordinator of Aquatics, attended the annual conference and exposition hosted by the Association of Aquatic Professionals (AOAP). This conference brought together professionals from aquatic facilities for dialogue regarding industry standards and issues.

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

- On February 19th, Laura Gutierrez Spencer, Director of Chicano Programs, met with program evaluators for NMSU's RISE Program regarding student success, faculty and staff collaboration, and program management.
- Justin McHorse, Director, and Mike Ray, Student Program Coordinator of the American Indian Program, met with 65 students at the Mescalero Apache Area School College and Career Fair.
- Luke Allen, Assistant Coordinator, and Jessica Spohn, Coordinator of the SGDRC, met with Jerry Nevarez, Director of the Office of Institutional Equity, to discuss the



Campus SAVE Act and inclusion of GLBTQ issues, gender-neutral restrooms at NMSU, and overall campus safety issues.

- The American Indian Program hosted Bridge students from community colleges in New Mexico and Arizona students and answered their questions about transferring to NMSU. The Bridge Program works with Native American students interested in baccalaureate programs in biomedical sciences.
- Black Programs concluded a successful Black History Month with the movie “Dark Girls” and a banquet for all students in Corbett Center.

Staff Highlights

- On February 27th and 28th, staff from several areas of SAEM attended the New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention (NMHEAR) Conference in Albuquerque, which focused on effective assessment. Michael Jasek, Ben Gabriel, and Melody Munson-McGee presented “Assessment? That’s Not My Job!”

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

Association of University Technology Management 2014 annual meeting

- Last weekend, Arrowhead Center, Inc.’s team members, Kramer Winingham and Terry Lombard attended the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) 2014 Annual Meeting held in San Francisco, CA. Attended by more than 3,500 members from a wide range of institutions and industries, the conference offered the Arrowhead team the opportunity to make contacts with other technology transfer managers and industry representatives, and to learn about emerging topics, trends and best practices in the field.

New Mexico Programming Group

- On February 27th, 26 folks from the community and campus attended the monthly meeting of the New Mexico Programming Group. This month’s featured speaker was Kenneth Ruble, senior mechanical engineer from NMSU’s College of Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Ruble discussed the fascinating world of 3-D printing and offered examples of NMSU’s 3-D printing endeavors, specifically looking at the MakerBot which is the model of 3-D printer utilized in the Aggie Innovation Space.


OneEighty Ribbon Cutting

- On February 28th, Arrowhead Center hosted a launch party and ribbon cutting event for OneEighty, a start-up company which helps merchants promote time-sensitive offers instantly to targeted local customers via text message. Since arriving approximately a year ago and contributing to its success, OneEighty has sponsored four student internships with the company. The launch party featured remarks from OneEighty co-founders Jon Forrest and Tim Swope and a keynote presentation from Scott Maloney, a board member of OneEighty and former Living Social executive. Mr. Forrest and Mr. Swope were also interviewed by KTSM and the Bulletin.



Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

- Vimal met with Dr. Dipankar Banerjee at breakfast. Dipankar from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics was hosted by James McAteer (Astronomy Department) following Dipankar's observation at the National Solar Observatory. India is a leading nation in solar observation and a number of collaborative opportunities were discussed.
- VPR office hosted visitors from the Medical Center of the Americas (MCA) in El Paso. There is an opportunity to attract a cancer diagnostics (focusing on colon cancer) company from Potsdam, Germany to open business either in El Paso or Las Cruces. Dr. Andre Rosenthal (Signature Diagnostics) and Mark Frazer (MCA) also met with Jorge Ramos (Arrowhead), Jeff Arterburn, Brad Shuster, Mary O'Connell, Ryan Ashley, Amanda Ashley, Sergei Smirnov and other cancer researchers on campus.
- VPR office hosted three members from the Lewis-Burke Associates LLC in D.C. Sara Spreitzer (Education), Naomi Webber (manufacturing, innovation, engineering) and Karen Mowrer (all things Health) met with the Provost, Deans and Associate Deans for Research and held open forums in parallel for faculty to discuss existing and future funding opportunities and funding trends.
- Pete Lammers presented an invited seminar for the Biochemistry Department at the University of Nebraska (UNL), Lincoln on February 25th entitled, "A Route to Algal Biofuels via EcoSystem Services: The Case for an Extremophile, *Galdieria sulphuraria*." The invitation was a result of interactions between UNL and NMSU started at the National Science Foundation (NSF) Experimental Program Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN this past November.
- Pat Hynes met with the five members of the New Mexico delegation this week in Washington. She updated them on the Space Grant, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Experimental Program Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight. She also attended the National Space Grant Annual and NASA EPSCoR Program meetings. At this meeting she met new Deputy Associate Administrator for Education, Roosevelt Johnson and new Aerospace Career Development Director, Lenell Allen.
- Neta Fernandez conducted Public Health Service Conflict of Interest training for faculty.
- OGC has now implemented new internal procedures on proposal submission. OGC will submit all proposals 30 minutes before due time, even if there is no time for review.
- Met with Jeff Brown and the contract administrators scheduled to move to the first service center. Discussed various aspects of the move and potential flow of work.
- Two members of the Office of Research Development attended the National Endowment of Humanities workshop hosted by the University of Texas at El Paso.
- WRRRI presented at National Groundwater Association Meeting February 24th "New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute (1964–present), and Institute-Supported



Hydrogeology-Related Studies in the Binational Mesilla Basin Region, USA and Mexico” John W. Hawley and Catherine T. Ortega Klett.

- Sam Fernald worked with NMSU Office of Government Relations to outline planned spending with legislature passed \$1M initiative for NM WRRRI that awaits Governor Martinez’ signature.
- Sam Fernald is planning, with Sudha Murthy of NMSU Office of Research Development (ORD), for NMSU response to US Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) FY2014 Water for Agriculture Request for Applications (RFA).
- We recorded about \$360,000 in new awards this week.

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

- Executive Director Dr. Tammie Campos met with representatives at Vanguard in Phoenix to discuss upcoming opportunities to engage NMSU graduates who work for Vanguard and to recognize Vanguard for the numerous employment opportunities the company provides NMSU graduates.
- Tammie Campos met with Joel Granger, Phoenix Chapter President, to plan alumni outreach in the Phoenix area including game watch parties, a senior send-off and a chile roast.
- Colleen Richardson, senior alumni relations officer, presented to a class of 100 students about NMSU history and traditions as well as the programs and events the Alumni Association offers students before and after graduation.
- Tammie Campos met with the NMSU Alumni Association Executive Council membership committee on February 25th to discuss membership opportunities throughout 2014.
- The 2014 7th NMSU Estate Planning Conference for Women concluded the four part series on February 9th. The success of the conference in made possible by the 23 prominent financial planners who volunteer their time and the University Advancement team coordinating the event. The curriculum offers the fundamentals of financial and estate planning, including Wills and Trusts, Asset Protection, Taxes, Charitable Giving, Elder Law, Money Management, and much more.
- Terra Winter, Director of Development, College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences traveled to Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Roswell visiting with donors and alumni. She had some great conversations with donors in Santa Fe regarding a new endowed fund in Animal and Range Sciences.
- ACES received a \$50,000 gift from Cactus Feeders for research at our Clayton Livestock Center and a \$15,000 gift from Aquatrols for Turf Research.
- A \$15,500 grant from the Fonda Family Foundation will support programming in Las Vegas, NM at the Memorial Middle School Extension offices.
- A \$9,500 grant from Health Care Services Corporation was received to support our Just Be It! Program.

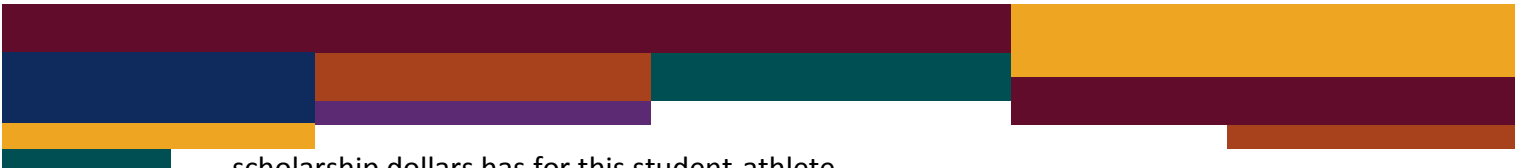
- We lost a very dear and special friend to the College of ACES. Fran Cotter passed February 10th. Terra celebrated her life at her memorial service with many faculty, students, and friends of the Plant and Environmental Sciences department.
- The Plant and Environmental Sciences department will be holding a donor appreciation dinner this evening to celebrate all of the continued commitment to our scholarship programs.
- Our NAMA (National Agri-Marketing Association) will be holding a social for alumni including their annual golf tournament this Friday and Saturday February 28th and March 1st. All of these funds help support student travel to competitions.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- Athletics had its monthly coaches meeting with a primary focus on outreach and IRS issues related to sponsorship of clinics and camps. We all agreed in a market size such as ours, camps and clinics are great vehicles for building town and gown relationships but it has to work for everyone if it is going to work.
- I attended one of our major donors, Wooten Construction 50th year in business celebration dinner on Saturday night. The event was held at the Farm & Ranch Museum. It was a nice event.
- I spent Thursday night and the weekend addressing the unfortunate incident that occurred at Utah Valley when their fans stormed the court after their overtime victory against the Aggies. The WAC suspended one NMSU player for two games and another player for one game. Utah Valley is conducting an internal investigation to determine whether it was students or fans that attacked our players during the fracas.

Aggie Athletic Club

- Aggie Athletic Club Memberships to date are 486 members, Athletic Director Cabinet members are 9. Revenue generated for the scholarship fund (FY13-14) is at \$281,313.
- Aggies in Paradise Committee met Wednesday with an on-site location for the upcoming event. Our location has been confirmed, it will be held North of Aggie Memorial along the All-American Pictures and north entrance. It is being referred to as the Football Pavilion.
- Our office has assisted Coach Martin with the Alumni Football Player Challenge. This campaign is geared toward football alumni and raises money specific for football recruiting, we have raised \$9,240 to date.
- We emailed our "Save the Date" information for the 4th Annual Alumni Football Spring Reunion. This event, centered around the Spring Game, is being held April 17th through April 19th. Coach Martin and his staff will be available at some of the activities to meet and greet the alumni.
- Held a student-athlete phone-a-thon for the Soccer team.
- Produced a student-athlete video that will be posted to our website and through the You Tube channel at the Foundation. This video captures the essence of the impact



scholarship dollars has for this student-athlete.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- This week's Eye on Research in the Las Cruces Sun-News focused on NMSU evaluating plastic beverage bottles as an alternative to seedling containers. Researchers at New Mexico State University are assessing the bottles as an alternative nursery seedling container where it is not cost-effective to import containers used in industrialized nations' nurseries.
- This week's NMSU Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted NMSU Dona Ana County Extension Office's program, which helps to teach adults and children in the community the basics through the Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition (ICAN) program. All the lessons include a cooking activity, which is what sets NMSU's program apart from other public health programs on nutrition.
- The News/Media Relations group launched a redesigned News Center this week. To see the new look, visit <http://newscenter.nmsu.edu>.
- Athletic Media Relations in partnership with Athletics Marketing launched a redesigned NMStateSports.com. This new look features larger front page photos and allows fans to easily navigate through the site.
- KRWG TV participated in a national event to raise funds at the conclusion of the fourth season of Downton Abbey. This PBS program has gained strong viewership and is popular with local supporters. The event aired last Sunday.
- Glen Cerny, Director of University Broadcasting, traveled to the American Public Television Stations (APTS) Summit in Washington, D.C. This annual gathering discusses policy, regulatory, technological and funding issues for Public Media. Along with Franz Joachim, General Manager of KNME, Albuquerque, Glen visited all five congressional offices to request continued support of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and other federal funding for the system.

Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

- OGR staff met with staff from DFA, HED, and PED to advocate for legislative priorities for NMSU Research Projects/ Service Projects and capital outlay projects.
- Roberta Derlin was appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, which advises the Secretary of Education on accreditation, certification and eligibility issues. Lewis-Burke Associates assisted and guided Bobbie Derlin and OGR in the appointment process.
- NMSU Alum Mike Connor was confirmed as Deputy Secretary of the Interior.
- Congressional staff from Senators Udall and Heinrich, and Congressman Pearce's offices attended the opening event for the Aggie Innovation Space.



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

- NMDA marketing staff went to Santa Fe/Albuquerque, for event planning meetings with Cycle Santa Fe (culinary) and FUZE SW (conference) and to attend the Fiery Foods Show.
- Final touches are being done for the upcoming AgriFuture Conference to be held in Albuquerque May 12-14th. This conference will target young potential agriculturists and returning veterans, who are interested in a career in production agriculture. The conference will feature discussions on entering agriculture production, programs available for new and young producers, issues associated with generation transfer, tours and much more.
- The New Mexico State Fair contacted the department regarding the possibility of assisting with the draft horse pulls and using our official weights in September 2014. We will work with them to see the possibilities of how we can assist them.