



New Mexico State University

Weekly Activity Report

February 3 - 7, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- Once again, this past week was all about the legislature and the budget:
 - After over three hours of debate (the rules allow for three) the House voted 34 in favor and 34 opposed to the House Appropriations and Finance recommended budget. This would have been a good budget for Higher Education in that it represented over a 3 percent increase in I & G funding plus it included an additional 1.5 percent increase in faculty and staff compensation. During the debate on amendments, the Republican leader moved to have the 1.5 percent reduced to .5 percent, stating that there should be sufficient funding in the overall appropriation to fund salary increases. All amendments, including this one, died as the result of an earlier 34-34 vote. The negotiations go on with the hurdle being how to fund public education – below the line or above the line. Above the line means the money goes to school districts and they allocate as they see fit. Below the line means the money is allocated to districts for a purpose and the districts are held accountable.
 - There is some talk about legislating a freeze on tuition at Universities and Colleges. I don't know if that can be done in that the Regents tend to control tuition levels.
 - I am still attempting to get the General Obligation Bond level for Jett Hall and others moved from \$19.2 million to the original request of \$21.3 million. Some progress but nothing concrete until the bill is moved to the floor.
 - I spent some time discussing a House/Senate bill to redesign the Technology Research Collaborative with both legislators and the Governor's office. This issue, if approved, would provide funding for our "Proof of Concept" center at Arrowhead Center. I think I was able to get all parties on the same sheet of music.
 - The Council of University Presidents had a very nice dinner with Senators and staff of the Senate Finance Committee (SFC). The SFC seems to be supportive of Higher Education and if the House Appropriations bill moves over to the Senate, I think the changes for higher education will be minimal.
 - Senator Mary Kay Papen remains very open and helpful to NMSU.
 - Coach Lou Henson and Coach Rocky Ward coached the House of Representatives Aggies against the Senate Lobos in the annual dual of the legislators for basketball bragging rights. The Senate won! It was actually a lot of fun to watch folks who were generally a few years beyond their basketball prime play the game. In addition to the two Coaches, NMSU was represented by our Cheerleaders and Pistol Pete.
- Congratulations to Coach Martin and his staff for an outstanding recruiting season. At every session I attended, Coach Martin first gave credit to all of the faculty members who assisted him in recruiting these athletes and indicated how impressed the families of the athletes were to have faculty representatives at the luncheon for potential recruits.
- I attended a very nice Aggie Athletic Club reception at the business of one of our NMSU graduates. Great spirit in this Aggie bunch.


- I will be returning to the legislature this week for at least two days.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- The next stage in the development of the Arrowhead Center Research Park is the construction of an incubation center. Kevin Boberg, Wayne Savage, Kathy Hanson, Angela Throneberry and I discussed the EDA grant proposal that is being planned to fund this project. As is true with most federal grants, matching is required and the challenge for NMSU is to find about 1.6 million in matching funds.
- At the February meeting of the SaVE Act Task Force, the decision was made to use SABA as the platform through which students, faculty, staff, and other campus occupants will be trained with regard to policies and best practices associated with preventing sexual violence at NMSU. Three sub-committees were established to further plan: training content; policies associated with reporting and helping victims of sexual violence; and, outreach to students. Jerry Nevarez will chair the first sub-committee, Chief Lopez will chair the second sub-committee, and Dr. Bernadette Montoya will chair the third sub-committee.
- Dr. Christobal Rodriguez and I met to discuss how NMSU might improve its outreach to under-served communities in the state and how to make the Guaranteed Track that has been proposed as part of the new admission standards of NMSU really work for the students who are placed into it. A lot of our discussion focused on the issues of creating a college-going culture in high school; helping students achieve a 2.75 GPA, and providing adequate support for students in the community colleges and on the Las Cruces campus. We plan to continue these discussions over the course of the next several months.

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

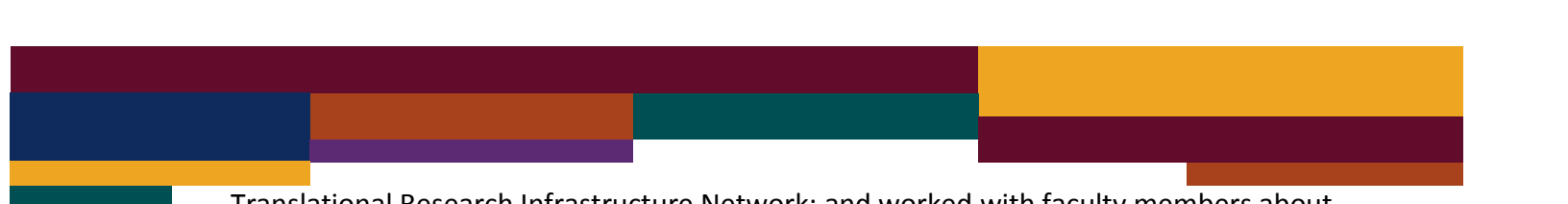
- Agricultural Communications/Media Production has collaborated with a team from the colleges of Education and Arts and Science on a NSF-funded project, Math Snacks, to create an educational game called *Gate*. This game, freely available on the web, has been used effectively with students in the 2nd – 7th grades to help them understand place value (ones, tens, hundreds), “chunking” of numbers, fractions and decimals. *Gate* has been distributed through various educational portals, including the teacher site Edmodo.com, Merlot (the California State Multimedia Resource for Online Education and Teaching), game repositories like PlayfulEdu and ClarkChart.
- Hidalgo County Extension under the direction of John Allen has been working on a community garden project for the past two years. Hidalgo County only has one grocery store and can be listed as a “food desert” which is a term that was created to describe a limited access to healthy fresh foods. Attached is a link to a news story done by channel 9. <http://www.ktsm.com/news/food-desert-creates-obstacles-healthy-eating>
- Dr. Wanda Eastman from the Family and Consumer Sciences Department took seven master’s students who are completing their dietetic internships to Santa Fe to learn about the legislative process and meet with state legislators. The students reported that they learned a great deal from the experience.
- Dr. Marcel Montanez from the Family and Consumer Sciences Department and Jason Turner from Animal and Range Sciences Department presented a workshop for the Advancing



Leaders program on February 7th. Marcel used horses to teach qualities of successful leaders.

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

- Associate Deans, the Director of Development and I attended the Alumni Reception in Santa Fe. Our college provided the musical entertainment with Professor Pancho Romero leading an outstanding student jazz band. The college also sponsored the trip for Art students to showcase their art work at the Zane Gallery. Our students are truly impressive.
- The Associate Deans, Cathy Thomas, and I held an intensive planning retreat in Santa Fe in between the Alumni reception on Friday and the college exhibit at the state capital on Monday. We established our goals for the coming year, assessed our progress on a number of projects and goals from the previous year, and shifted responsibilities among associate deans. The college will be the home of the first Shared Service Center to provide more responsive and integrated support for funded research. This will entail increased responsibilities for Associate Dean Jeff Brown. Associate Dean Lisa Bond-Maupin is assuming responsibilities for Outcomes Assessment, Core Curriculum Review, Academic Program Review, and Space Allocation. She will shift oversight of the Advising Center to Associate Dean Ken Van Winkle. Associate Dean Beth Pollack will add graduate programs and graduate students to her responsibilities.
- CMI Department Head Jim Maupin and I met with Carmen Gonzales and faculty members at Santa Fe Community College to discuss collaboration in creative media. We took a tour of their impressive facilities.
- We met with candidates for faculty positions in seven departments.
- The Art Department hosted a “Coffee with the Deans” in the University Art Gallery. Faculty from across the college gathered for informal discussions and to view the wonderful exhibit of the Art Department’s Visiting Faculty.
- I hosted a discussion lunch with the College of Arts and Sciences senators and associate deans.
- I met with the Music Department Head and the Director of Bands and Director of the Pride Band to discuss band performance at basketball games and at the WAC tournament and discussed ways to increase financial support for the various bands in the Music Department and the Sun Dancers.
- Associate Dean Jeff Brown and I met with Vice President for Economic Development Kevin Boberg to discuss an innovative internship program he wishes to establish. We gave our enthusiastic support. We expressed our strong commitment to community engagement.
- Associate Dean Lisa Bond-Maupin met with two department heads regarding improvement of outcomes assessment in their departmental programs; participated in an NSR planning meeting; and continued with J Paul Taylor Symposium planning.
- Associate Dean Jeff Brown met with the Shared Service Center Task Force and held a separate meeting involving SPA, ASRC and ICT to determine the best ways to provide faculty with the information that they need about grant budgets. He also worked on several space issues involving moving faculty, staff, students, and costumes to other locations on campus; met with Associate Vice President Luis Vazquez, Dr. Miriam Chaiken and Dr. Wanda Eastman about IRB procedures; joined a meeting involving the Mountain West Clinical



Translational Research Infrastructure Network; and worked with faculty members about NASA-EPSCoR pre-proposals and other applications.

- Gary Eiceman (Chemistry and Biochemistry) received approval from ChemRing Detection Systems, Inc. for a \$246,000 award involving tandem differential mobility spectrometry. Stefan Zollner (Physics) received \$299,759 from the Department of Defense for his previously-confirmed award to acquire a high-resolution, high-intensity X-Ray diffractometer.

Interim Dean, College of Business, Dr. Kathleen Brook

- Students in Michelle Jasso's Promotion Management class will create videos this semester to promote both NMSU and the College of Business using the tagline *All About Discovery*. Videos will be posted on both NMSU and College of Business YouTube channels and all related social media outlets.
- Bruce Huhmann (Marketing) met with Pat Hynes to provide marketing assistance for the 10th anniversary International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight.
- Doug Gegax and Larry Blank (Economics, Applied Statistics and International Business) delivered a full day training course on cost-based ratemaking for the Las Cruces Utilities Board.
- Richard Oliver mentored SuperComputing Challenge teams in Deming. One of the teams is continuing a project from last year centered on the spread of flu and flu vaccines. The second team is interested in the transmission of small pox.
- With Kevin Boberg I met with a representative of Cummins who is a graduate of the College of Engineering, has been recruiting engineers to Cummins from NMSU and now wants to recruit business students.
- It was great to see our business alum Breeana Sylvas honored for her work as ASNMSU president at the Dona Ana County Black Expo Banquet.


Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

- Dean Morehead attended Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe and presented at the LESC on two bills being proposed in legislation. Dean Morehead also worked with PED staff and LESC staff to restructure the Adjunct Licensure Bill.
- Dr. Valverde for the Alliance finalized the scope of work and budget for the curriculum mapping and unit assessment project. Four NMSU faculty members formed a team and are proposing to support Regional Educational Cooperative #8 and its four small rural districts. Math and Science are the two content areas of focus and the team will also address instructional leadership support.
- Ashley Jurado met with Julie Hughes from University Communications to discuss all of the College of Education's upcoming events for the spring. We currently have 15 stories that we are preparing for February and March events. We also discussed what changes to make to our newsletter and social media sites. Ashley assisted Sara Melendrez and Dr. Candace Kaye in the planning of the Reggio Emilia Tour and the Virtual International Symposium.
- The College sponsored a thank you luncheon for faculty and staff working at NMSU who have donated to the College of Education Foundation scholarships.

- Dean Morehead met with Kevin Boberg and others to begin the planning of an Entrepreneurial partnership for the College of Education.
- Dr. Jonathan Schwartz the Associate Dean for Research and Outreach held the monthly grant club, providing feedback on a grant due at the end of this month. He also travelled to Santa Fe to testify in support of additional funding for the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. Dr. Schwartz also submitted a grant that would provide more services through the College of Education Mental Health Clinic to community clients who do not have resources for counseling.
- Associate Dean, James O'Donnell continued preparations for the review and implementation of the new accreditation process with the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP, the new NCATE). A meeting is planned for the week of February 10th, for all teacher education program directors within and outside of the CoEd (e.g. Ax ED, FCS, and Music). He reviewed performance evaluations for the Department of HPDR and C&I. Jim provided assistance with a student teacher issue. Dr. O'Donnell assisted Dr. DeNecochea and Dr. Dziwenka identifying sources for data collection for selected benchmarks.
- Dr. DeNecochea, in consultation with various college staff, coordinated the final revision and upload of the FY 2013-2020 CoEd Strategic Plan onto the College of Education website. It is presented online in two formats: as a downloadable PDF document as well as a multi-page, interactive document. Both formats are accessible via the weblink provided below: <http://college.education.nmsu.edu/education-front-page/college-overview/strategic-plan/>
- Dr. Ron Dziwenka, Program Manager for Assessment of the College of Ed, attended the Unit Administrator Training for Tk20 (our college's assessment system) in Austin Texas from Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, he prepared a report on the upcoming new directions in the Tk20 system, worked with Program Coordinators and GAs to coordinate and troubleshoot data inputting. The team began preparation with relevant colleagues for the upcoming Title II Reports due in April and coordinated data collection for the "SMTI Teacher Production Data for AY13 Report" due later this month. Dr. Dziwenka coordinated the compiling of Tk20 reports for each Key Assessment, Observation and Assignment in all (sections of all) courses since FA12, and began re-organizing the college's Tk20 system based on the new directions garnered from the Tk20 training.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

- Dan Arvizu, alum of Mechanical Engineering, is among the recently elected class to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). Dr. Arvizu is the Director and Chief Executive of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and Chairman of the National Science Board. According to the NAE, election to its membership is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to "engineering research, practice, or education, including, where appropriate, significant contributions to the engineering literature," and to the "pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/implementing innovative approaches to engineering education." Dr. Arvizu is a leading, global expert on renewable and sustainable energy. Since 2005, as director of NREL, he has overseen an R&D budget with a contract value of over \$2.5B. In 2010, Dr. Arvizu was reappointed by President Barack Obama to a second 6-




year term, on the National Science Board, which is the governing board of the National Science Foundation, and the national science policy advisory to the President and Congress. In 2012, he was elected as Chairman of the National Science Board.

- The NMSU Engineering New Mexico Resource Network sent four faculty members to the Lean LaunchPad for Educators workshop at UC Berkeley. The Lean LaunchPad, taught at Stanford, Berkeley, Columbia, Caltech and adopted by the National Science Foundation, emphasizes experiential learning, a flipped classroom and immediate feedback as a way to engage students with real world entrepreneurship. Through funding provided by the Halliburton Foundation, NMSU faculty were able to participate in the program to learn Best Practices for integration of innovation and entrepreneurship into the undergraduate curriculum. The four faculty included Dr. Phillip DeLeon, Dr. Jessica Houston, Dr. Rolfe Sassenfeld and Dr. Stephen Kanim. These faculty members also serve as advisors to the newly created Aggie Innovation Space in the College of Engineering and will be leading college-wide efforts to integrate innovation and entrepreneurship into various aspects of the engineering curriculum.
- Civil Engineering and Civil Engineering Technology students competed in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) 27th Annual Student Competition in Reno, Nevada, February 5th – 8th. Over 143 teams comprising 1,200 students came together to show their skills in solving construction-related problems such as estimating, scheduling, safety, and risk management. This intense three day competition provides the students with important leadership skills, team building skills, presentation skills and overall self-confidence. The event culminated with a job fair with over 70 construction employers hiring for internships, co-ops, and full time employment.

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

- Dean Adera traveled to Santa Fe for Las Cruces Day and Albuquerque. He met with legislators, university officials, and donors. He also visited with Social Work staff at the Albuquerque Center.
- Dr. Joe Tomaka met with Drs. Bob Langer and James Kenyon from the Mountain West Consortium. They are here to announce their recent call for proposals for the second round of CTR-IN funding for clinical and translational research grants through the Consortium.
- Public Health Science faculty Chuck Kozel, Sue Forster-Cox, and Cindy Kratzke are working on a national SOPHE Community College Task Force. The purpose is to develop course outlines within a Public Health Generalist associate degree track. The courses may transfer to a 4-year program as a pipeline.
- Cindy Kratzke, PHS, attended a New Mexico Public Health Association Board Meeting on February 6th to discuss the 2014 NMPHA Annual Conference.
- Associate Dean for Research Joe Tomaka met with members of Clinical Outreach Subcommittee of the College Advisory Committee. Members included Ann Debooy and Sabrina Martin. We decided that the Committee will focus on increasing CEU credits and facilitating Clinical Placements for students.
- The Director of the School of Social Work, Dr. Tina Hancock, attended the “Santa Fe Alumni Chapter Pre-Legislature Reception” at the Zane Bennett Contemporary Art Gallery in Santa Fe, NM on January 31st.

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- A meeting of the college's grant club convened by Dr. Joe Tomaka, focused on (a) applying to the Mountain West CTR-IN Pilot Grant program and (b) constructing the Specific Aims or Executive Summary section of a grant. Approximately 15 attendees learned about the Mountain West opportunity and strategies for, and importance of, this section of any grant application.

Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Loui Reyes

- Collaborated with Admission Office for Admission Audit initiative.
- Met and participated with the Graduate Council Executive Committee to ensure graduate-faculty is active over academic matters pertaining to graduate degree programs.
- Addressed institution-wide graduate issues through the graduate education policy alignment committee meetings: graduate school, financial aid, admission, and registrars.
- Working with Registrar's Office on doctoral titles in commencement program.
- Awarding and review of conference travel awards for students.
- Posting and announcing of Graduate School Awards:
<http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/gradschool/announcements.html>

Dean, Honors College, Dr. William Eamon

No Report Submitted

Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

- The Library received a donation of \$27,704 from a private donor to begin a new endowment for the acquisition of history journals which support the instructional and research programs of the NMSU Department of History.
- Library staff are participating in a cross-departmental program to support outreach to Sierra Middle School students with two "media day" visits on Jan 28th and Feb 28th. The program, which supports Sierra's mass media magnet program, is being coordinated by Journalism & Mass Communications Professor Mary Lamonica.
- The NMSU Library, NMSU Journalism & Mass Communications Department, and donor Tim Parker are co-sponsoring a Sunshine Week infographic contest open to all NMSU students. In recognition of Sunshine Week, contestants will create an infographic to inform citizens about one of New Mexico's Sunshine Laws, the Open Meetings Act (10-15-1 NMSA 1978 et seq) or Inspection of Public Records Act (14-2-1 NMSA 1978 et seq).
- The Dean has established a NMSU Library Task Force on Digital Measures. Theresa Westbrook, Associate Professor, NMSU Library, is Chair.
- The New Mexico Library Foundation Board has awarded Nirmala Gunapala, Assistant Professor, NMSU Library, a \$4400 STEM Innovation Grant. The grant provides students training in the fundamental skill of scientific poster design.

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Issuance of Subordinate Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds, Series 2014** – At the 1/31/14 meeting, NMSU Board of Regents approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of Subordinate Lien Improvement Revenue Bonds. The issuance will provide about \$16 million

to fund various energy cost savings improvements throughout the University's campus. The Board is expected to grant final approval for the issuance during March 2014.

- **Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract** – At the 1/31/14 meeting, NMSU Board of Regents granted approval for administration to proceed with execution of an Energy Performance Contract with Ameresco, Inc. The project to be funded through issuance of bonds, will provide the University with guaranteed energy savings sufficient to offset the associated debt service and other related expenses. See <http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/10027/nmsu-to-achieve-guaranteed-utility-savings-through-energy-performance-contract> for more information.
- **Student Fee Review Board** – Representatives from Athletics, Health & Wellness, Golf Course, Corbett Center Student Union and Special Events presented their annual requests and reports to the Student Fee Review Board on February 6th.
- **On-Campus Interviews Continue for Vice President of University Advancement/Foundation President** – The last two finalists for the position of Vice President for University Advancement will visit the NMSU campus on February 11th and 13th. Interview schedules and other candidate information are available at <http://webcomm.nmsu.edu/hire/vpuafps/>.
- **NMSU Campus Dining Services** - hosted for our students the Taste of Seattle on February 4th in the Taos Restaurant in Corbett Center Student Union featuring various gourmet desserts, a coffee bar, and student acoustic musicians. On February 6th, as part of the African Heritage Cultural Luncheons, guests in the Taos Restaurant enjoyed New Orleans cuisine such as Bourbon Pecan Catfish, Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Bayou Best Sandwich, and Beignets with Bourbignon Sauce.
- **Barnes & Noble at NMSU** - On February 1st and 2nd the Bookstore held two events in the reading room for their guests. The children enjoyed Biscuit the Dog and EJ Runyon visited with our more advanced readers.
- **NMSU's data storage capacity increases by 20%**. In order to meet the data storage needs of NMSU, ICT storage administrators have increased NMSU's data storage capacity by 108 terabytes with the installation of industrial-grade, high speed storage devices to the storage area network. NMSU can now store the equivalent of approximately 75 million copies of War and Peace in .pdf format.
- **ICT Help Desk answers 4,000 help requests in the month of January.** Of the 4,000 requests for help, more than 2,700 requests were password related. ICT is reviewing the data in an effort to determine how to improve/streamline the password set and reset process.
- **Environmental Health & Safety discovers a new recycling opportunity.** Luis Morales EH&S environmental manager lead a new initiative to recycle NMSU sealed lead acid batteries and non-PCB ballasts with local recycler USA Can Recycling Warehouse. A meeting with USA Can management and a tour of the facility resulted in the facility being deemed acceptable for receipt of NMSU materials. USA Can will also pay NMSU by the pound for sealed lead acid batteries and non-PCB ballasts received for recycling. EH&S delivered approximately 3,000 pounds of batteries and ballasts and NMSU received a rebate check for approximately \$600. In the past NMSU batteries and ballasts were sent to Phoenix for recycling for a modest fee, moving forward sealed lead acid batteries and Non-PCB ballasts will now continue to be recycled in Las Cruces which will result in additional cost savings/direct rebate checks.

- **Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA) Central Region Supervisor’s Toolkit.** PD&E Assistant Directors Henry Espalin and Boyd Poirier, and Project Manager/Estimator Heidi Hubble, attended the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA) Central Region Supervisor’s Toolkit: The Nuts and Bolts of Facilities Supervision, hosted by NMSU. The course is designed to gain insight and learn about the best practices for supervisors in facilities management positions. In addition to participating in several structured sessions guided by APPA instructors, the attendees had the opportunity to touch base with facility professionals from other universities to see how they function and exchange ideas to assist in their leadership roles. Besides NMSU folks, other universities were represented at the training: University of Texas at El Paso, University of Texas at Austin, University of Nevada - Reno, El Paso Community College, Tulsa Community College, Dona Ana Community College, University of North Texas and Tec de Monterrey Campus in Guadalajara.

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

No Report Submitted

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

- Dr. Bernadette Montoya had lunch with ASNMSU students in Santa Fe and was joined by ASUNM Student Government president (yes, we ate with a Lobo). Dr. Montoya was impressed with ASNMSU’s leadership and their work with other student governments around the state.
- The SAEM Strategic Plan was released this week, showcasing SAEM accomplishments and milestones. The Leadership Team and Assessment Team will be working together this year on the next update. The plan is online at studentaffairs.nmsu.edu/plan.
- By the end of the week, about a dozen new Legislative Lottery Scholarship bills had been introduced. SAEM continues to provide analysis and recommendations regarding these bills as the legislative session enters the second half.

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- Undergraduate recruiters are visiting high schools to encourage students to apply for admissions and submit the Scholar Dollar\$ application prior to the March 3rd deadline. Recruiters visited the local high schools, high schools in west central New Mexico, and Central New Mexico Community College. Norma Palomino attended the graduate fair at New Mexico Tech.
- This is National School Counseling Week. University Admissions honored our New Mexico and west Texas counselors with notes of appreciation and customized NMSU chocolates.



Sylvia Castillo, University Admissions (left), Adelina Rodriguez, College of Education, and other NMSU colleges and departments tabled at the Rotunda in Santa Fe for Las Cruces Days. Aggie giveaways were popular among legislators.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- The 9th annual Career Connections was held this week at the CCSU Ballrooms and attracted 91 employers, an increase of 10 percent over last year's event. Employers conducted informational sessions, resume workshops, and interviews.
- Career Services staff reviewed resumes across the NMSU campus in advance of Career Connections. In addition, a seminar and resumes review was conducted that was tailored to student veterans and military personnel.
- The Student Success Center and Student Support Services conducted workshops featuring "Time Management: Making Minutes Matter" and "FAFSA Extravaganza".

Student Life, Dr. Michael Jasek

- Dr. Karen Schaefer, Director of Counseling and Student Development, and Dr. Michael Jasek, Dean of Students, addressed Human Resources on issues students face. This presentation supports the ongoing effort to talk about mental health issues faced by our students and how the campus can create a caring environment.
- Trudy Luken, Director of Student Accessibility Services, served on a panel addressing NMSU Policy: Companion and Assistive Animals at DACC's ADA Council Meeting.
- Students from ASNMSU attended Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe and talked with legislators about NMSU, student needs, and concerns about the Lottery Scholarship. ASNMSU was represented by David Maestas, Student Body President; Wesley Jackson, Student Body Vice President; Jeremy Witte, Director of Governmental Affairs; and the Student Advocacy Board.



Dr. Bernadette Montoya and members of ASNMSU in front of the capitol building in Santa Fe.

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

- The Sexual & Gender Diversity Resource Center (SGDRC) hosted several Safe Zone Trainings and panels in January. Safe Zone Training educates NMSU students, faculty, and staff on how to provide support to members of the LGBTQ community.
- Two welcome back events were hosted this week: Chicano Programs hosted its event on the Frenger Mall and the American Indian Program hosted a reception and pep rally at the NMSU-Bakersfield basketball game.
- On February 5th, Jessica Spohn, Coordinator, and Luke Allen, Assistant Coordinator of SGDRC, met with Provost Howard to discuss revising gender-neutral restroom policies and guidelines for the NMSU-Las Cruces Campus.



On January 29–February 2, Jessica Spohn (right), Luke Allen (left), and Derek Beckford of the Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center attended the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change Conference in Houston, Texas.

- On February 1st, Chicano Programs began this spring's Generaciones programs with 60 mothers and 60 girls from Vado Elementary and North Valley Elementary in Southern Doña Ana County. Generaciones is a program for 5th grade girls and their mothers to help establish a good relationship, personal goals, and self-esteem.
- On February 1st, Black Programs kicked off Black History Month with events including an African-American Step Show with more than 450 attendees; the Ben Hazard Art Exhibition; movie night featuring "Barack Obama: The Power of Hope"; and a game show called "Politically Incorrect Improv".
- On February 3rd, the Native American Business Student Association (NABSA) and the American Indian Program hosted AMERIND at the American Indian Student Center. AMERIND helps students obtain internships and jobs.

Staff Highlights

- Student Engagement welcomed two new staff members this week. Angelica Martinez will serve as an Academic Advisor for student athletes in the Academic Support Programs & Services Center. Lin Mendoza will provide Learning Specialist services through the Student Success Center in Corbett Center Student Union.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

New Mexico Technology Council – Women in Technology

- Zetdi Sloan, Director of the Arrowhead Technology Incubator, was nominated for the 2014 Women in Technology award, which celebrates the accolades of women who work in New Mexico's technology arena. 26 Nominees were invited from all across the state to attend a morning seminar in Albuquerque on February 8th, where they received recognition for their outstanding work.

2014 New Mexico Angels Annual Dinner


- Arrowhead Center representatives—Kathy Hansen, Jason Koenig, and Kramer Winingham—attended the 2014 New Mexico Angels Annual Dinner in Albuquerque. The AHC representatives hosted a booth to promote Arrowhead Center and NMSU technology. This event allowed the Arrowhead team to make several great contacts and facilitated the establishment of closer relationships with New Mexico angel investors.

Mechanical Engineering Technology Capstone course

- The Mechanical Engineering Technology Capstone course hosted a student presentation series this week in which four Arrowhead students – Brendan Sullivan, Ilya Pletenyuk, Leon Viveros and Oscar Torres – participated in hopes of having Arrowhead projects selected for further development. Of the Arrowhead participants, three projects were chosen representing Studio G, the Enterprise Research program, and NMSU IP. These projects afford the opportunity to make applied progress on Arrowhead projects by leveraging the expertise of the College of Engineering.


Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

No Report Submitted



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

- I joined events scheduled for the VPUA interviews. Glenna Beyer interviewed on Tuesday; Kevin Bean's interview will be rescheduled due to inclement weather preventing his travels.
- The NMSU Foundation Development, Communications & Marketing Committee met to review regular business. Additionally, a review of the charter was performed, a review of the Gift report, campaign consulting, and establishment of donor recognition levels.
- NMSU Foundation financial advisors, Nate Armstrong and Leonard Armstrong, hosted an Investment Committee member orientation. Dean Morehead has joined this committee in his ex-officio Foundation board member capacity.
- The 7th annual NMSU Women's Estate Planning Conference, at PSL Anderson Hall, kicked off on February 5th with a group of 31 women. The conference continues each Wednesday morning through February 26th (four days). Volunteer lead off speakers included Lauren Serrano, Scott-Hulse PC "Legal Aspects of Estate Planning" and Katherine N. Blackett, Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC "Elder Law and Estate Planning".
- Kristina Martinez, Regional Advancement Officer, met with the Library and the Huning family of Los Lunas to help accept a gift to Special Collections. Former Mayor Louie Huning sends his best regards to President Carruthers.
- Kristina also worked on scheduling four discovery visits for the month of February, connected with an Aggie Alum who has agreed to cater our Women's Estate planning Conference in Albuquerque and attended a Crimson Central Chapter Board meeting.
- The NMSU Alumni Association sent out 5,078 "happy anniversary" emails to alumni who graduated in 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 (five year increments). The responses were very positive, many emails thanking the Alumni Association for the thought and acknowledging they did not realize it was their anniversary.
- The NMSU Alumni Association welcomed ten new Alumni Association Student Delegates, a student leadership program within the association. The Delegates will work with the Alumni Association throughout the semester on student leadership projects and networking.
- The Mesilla Valley Alumni Chapter had 15 alumni walk and run as a chapter team in the Biggest Loser 5K on Jan 25th.
- The NMSU Alumni Association Executive Council elected three new Executive Council members and two International Board of Directors (IBD) members at their meeting Jan 23rd.
- Elaine A. Stachera, University Advancement Officer, met with eight alumni in the Denver and Colorado Springs area.
- Barbara Wise, University Advancement Officer, held discovery visits with five alumni in the Phoenix area. All were first meetings and information was presented regarding the goal to increase alumni participation. Graduates of the Business College received the 500 for \$500 campaign information. Three alumni are identified as possible major gift donors. Future visits will identify specific areas of interest. Two alumni are not major gift candidates, but will be consistent donors to the annual giving program.
- Terra V. Winter, Director of Development, College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences traveled to northwest New Mexico last week to visit with donors, alumni, county extension offices, and the Agricultural Science Center in Farmington. Terra engaged in some great conversations with all and is working on a donation of family papers



to the library system, payroll giving, and a possible scholarship enhancement. Furthermore, Terra reports on development activities within the College of ACES:


- The Chile Pepper Institute Development Leadership Council met this week during the Chile Pepper Conference. The chair is now at \$633,550 which is a \$133,550 increase since last year. Two large gifts are being cultivated in hopes of completing the chair in 2014.
- A committee has been assembled to discuss the Story Tree. The College of ACES will be collaborating with other entities to replace the story tree somewhere on campus.
- The Heritage Farm/Garden is moving forward and Terra is hoping for rough drafts to the President's Office before the end of February.
- Charles Tharp received the AROTC Distinguished Alumni Award for his service to our Country during the Korean Conflict. Provost Howard was guest Speaker, Debbie Widger presented award to Mr. Tharp.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- Coach Doug Martin and Athletics hosted a public announcement of his recruiting class for 2014. The class included 23 freshman and 2 Junior College players. The program was open to the public and was very well attended. Coach also talked about the role some faculty played in the recruiting process and felt their role was instrumental in successfully closing the recruiting process.
- *Albuquerque, The Magazine* hosted an outreach effort to provide Coach Martin a platform to share his 2014 recruiting class with donors, stakeholders and alums in Northern New Mexico. There were several individuals who joined the Goal Line Club and Football Success Fund to financially support the Football program. We were appreciative of President Carruthers presence at the event as well as his comments.
- Coach Lou Henson came out of retirement to coach the House in the traditional House/Senate basketball game. The game was well attended and raised over \$21,000 in support of cancer research. The Senate won for the first time in 14 years.
- Magellia and I supported the Black Programs Banquet featuring Dr. Cornell West in our commitment to Diversity and Black History month. Dr. West is a gifted and grounded ethnocentric intellectual. His messages provide for opportunities for debate and reflection. The event was nicely attended.

Academic Support Programs and Services Center -Athletics

- The Academic Support Programs and Services Center is proud to announce two new team members to the staff Dr. Carmen Rogers and Mrs. Angie Martinez. Dr. Rogers worked at UTEP in the College of Business as a lecture and program advisor and was hired as the Director of Academic Services for Student-Athletes. Dr. Rogers spent the last four years as a grant administrator and continues to lecture at Rutgers University in the School of Management and Labor Relations. She also was a staff member in the department of athletics at Robert Morris University within compliance and student services. Dr. Rogers was a former student-athlete in the sport of softball at Bethune-Cookman University.
- Mrs. Angie Martinez, who comes to us from the University of Texas, Austin, was hired as the Academic Coordinator. During her time at UT-Austin she worked as the program coordinator for the College of Education for the past two years. Prior to that Mrs. Martinez worked as an academic advisor with the Longhorn Scholars program. She is a high school



graduate of Canutillo High School in El Paso, Texas and was a member of the varsity soccer program where she earned All-District honors and was also a member of the volleyball program.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard

- The NM State Athletics Media Relations staff hosted an online recruiting day program for National Signing Day on February 5th. Fans could log-on to NMStateSports.com to see live up-to-the minute updates on the newest Aggie signees. Head coach Doug Martin also hosted a press conference in the Football Hall of Legends.
- This week's *Eye on Research* highlighted a public-private partnership that is helping the elderly. The Mobile Fall-Risk Prevention Laboratory, developed in collaboration between NMSU and LifeSupport Medical, is a tool that can be used to predict if older adults have an elevated risk of falling. The mobile lab, which is currently on a nationwide tour, was developed based on research by Bob Wood, a professor and academic department head of the Department of Human Performance, Dance and Recreation in the NMSU College of Education.
- This week's Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News focused on the NMSU Board of Regents vote on January 31st to approve an energy performance contract with Ameresco, an energy service company. The contract would allow NMSU to make improvements to 46 buildings, totaling more than 2.7 million gross square feet. The proposed improvements are based on seven energy conservation measures indicated by Ameresco during their seven-month-long investment-grade audit of all NMSU properties throughout the state, including the agricultural science centers and community colleges.
- KRWG- TV Newsmakers program continues interviews with the major candidates in the 2014 election. This week's program features Alan Webber, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

At Legislative Session in Santa Fe

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

- Staff attended the New Mexico Chile conference to discuss the upcoming seasonal issues.
- NMDA staff attended and participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Incident Command System Training Level 300 (Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents) in Socorro. This 300 level training was provided by the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- Staff participated in a webinar hosted by the Southwest Climate Science Center entitled "Storms, floods and climate change in the Southwest." The webinar focused on California, but included information that was also pertinent to New Mexico.