President – Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- I had a wonderful time visiting with Christine Atkins, daughter of famous All American Aggie running back Pervis Atkins. His number – 27 – was retired some years ago. When I was named President, being the 27th President of NMSU and the 27th Governor of New Mexico, the Aggie baseball team gave me a jersey with the number 27 and Alumni provided a license plate with the number 27 on it. It was then Charlie Rogers, NMSU alum extraordinaire, pointed out that that number had been retired and contacted Pervis to see if I could borrow it. He graciously consented and sent his daughter Christine to present a football jersey with my name and his number on it at the Boston College game. It is on loan only and will be re-retired when I leave this post. Thanks to Charlie and to Pervis for this gesture. I sent Pervis my number 27 alumni license plate as collateral for the loan. By the way I was a student at NMSU when Atkins played here and he was terrific!

- As I arrived at my office very early Saturday morning the NMSU ROTC was raising the Garrison Flag borrowed from the Military to help us celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful dedication and service of all of our military. I hope you can drive by Hadley Hall and see this huge American Flag.

- I received a call from the Governor’s office officials, seeking some support and counsel on a number of issues the Governor may wish to submit to the coming session of the legislature. We discussed increasing funding for water resources research and planning, reintroduction of the Technology Research Collaborative (which I once chaired and was dedicated to forming national laboratory, university, and private sector partnerships to develop and commercialize intellectual property), development of a venture capital fund using funding from the State Investment Council, and the modification of the Faculty/scholarship endowment legislation to specify that the faculty chairs would focus on the three science universities and the development of intellectual property. All good for NMSU! The Governor did veto the Endowment Bill last year but seems open to proposing funding if modified to be more specific to disciplines.

- I dropped by the Alumni Office one day and, on another day, provided pizza to the Aggie Pride Call Center to thank them for their good work on behalf of NMSU. The Homecoming events were fantastic. The call center is doing a great job of reconnecting NMSU with our alums and they have identified some very generous donors who are now reengaged with our great enterprise.

- We sponsored a reception of Dr. John (Jack) Wright, this year’s recipient of the Westhafer Award for teaching, and all former Westhafer winners. The Provost did an excellent job of giving us some of the history of Westhafer, a mathematics professor at NMSU from 1946-1957 who passed away at a relatively young age. His
wife established the award in his name and it remains to top recognition of excellence in both teaching and research at NMSU. Congratulations Jack, who says he is “just warming up”. He teaches geography without a book!

- Anna Price, Angela Throneberry, and ASNMSU President David Maestas met to begin negotiations on a new agreement with students regarding tuition and fee increases. NMSU has a long history of having an agreement with students and to my knowledge both have always respected the 5 year stipulations.

- The Marketing Committee met and agreed upon 4 goals and some strategies to meet these goals. Of significance, Dr. Sautter has influenced the committee to begin by marketing NMSU internally so we each have an appreciation for all of the good work that is going on. Del Esparza, a College of Business Alum and owner of a marketing/public relations firm, was on the call and has agreed to help us refine our marketing approach.

- I visited with my old friend Sam Bone, President of the NAACP organization in New Mexico. Mostly a courtesy call but he expressed some concerns that we were no longer teaching a Black History class.

- The Provost and I participated in the NMSU segment of the Culture of Lawlessness Conference, sponsored by NMSU and Universities in Juarez. Thanks to Cornell Menking and his associates for rekindling our relationship with these Universities. Also along for the conference were a number of Attorney Generals from Mexico and our own NMSU Alum Attorney General Gary King, who made a very nice presentation on his work with Mexican law enforcement officials.

- AD Mac Boston, Deputy AD David McCollum, and Communications Director Maureen Howard and I visited with Duane Taylor reference the branding of the Western Athletic Conference, now that it is no longer a football conference. Following our NMSU – it is all about discovery; I suggested the WAC is all about Olympic sports.

- VPR Chaitanya and I represented NMSU at the initial meeting of the New Mexico Collaborative Research and Development Council, founded by our two U.S. Senators Udall and Heinrich and focused on bringing the three science universities, the 5 national laboratories and the Senators into an organization to pursue more collaboration among all parties and the prospects of further developing jointly operated centers of excellence. Dr. Chaitanya and Dr. Boberg will serve as the delegates to this Council representing NMSU.

- I will be in Washington, D.C. most of next week at the APLU meeting and visiting with our Congressional delegates and prospective donors.

**Executive Vice President and Provost – Dr. Dan Howard**

- Met with Superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools, Stan Rounds. We discussed the teaching of reading at all grade levels, professional development opportunities for teachers in New Mexico, and teacher training in Colleges of Education in New Mexico.
• Met with personnel from the Educational Advisory Board to discuss new services they are selling and the importance of early academic progress for graduation success. Important indicators of progress are the following: completion of English composition courses in the first year, completion of more than 24 credits in the first year, and completion of college math requirements in the first year. Moreover, there are a variety of course grades that predict academic success. For example, success in introductory biology is more predictive than success in introductory chemistry.

• Distributed the *Issues in Science and Technology* article, "The New Normal in Funding University Science", to the faculty and staff of NMSU. The article, which was written by Frank Laird and me, argues that the low success rates for grant proposals submitted to federal agencies calls for new models of funding science and engineering research on university campuses. I discussed our thinking at the national meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences in Jacksonville Florida on November 9. The message seemed to be well received by the audience, mostly associate deans for research in Colleges of Arts and Sciences.

SVP Administration and Finance – Angela Throneberry

• Administration and Finance held its 1st Semi-Annual Showcase Event. The showcase “Discover LIFE at Administration and Finance” was held on November 4th and 5th in the Corbett Center Ballrooms. Business Affairs (L), Information and Communication Technologies (I), Facilities and Services (F) and Auxiliary Services (E) provided information and activities to showcase their units and departments. More than 500 employees attended and explored services provided by their colleagues.

Auxiliary Services

• Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU continued their generous donations to the campus community events with $100 towards the purchase of 2 I-Pad Minis for the Veteran Affairs annual picnic, age appropriate books for the Student National
Education Association at NMSU for their 2\textsuperscript{nd} annual book drive, prizes to the Administration & Finance “Discover Life” event at Corbett Center, and an Adidas t-shirt for the Grants & Contracts luncheon. Thank you B&N!

- NMSU Transportation & Parking Services along with Housing & Campus Life and the Special Events staff collaborated on a pilot Campus Host Program on Saturday to welcome participants and visitors to the Tournament of Bands event at the Aggie Memorial Stadium. Hosts wore “Ask Me” buttons, provided maps and directions, and general visitor information. The host program was well received and is expected to continue.

Facilities and Services

- FS Fire was recently contacted by the NM State Fire Marshal’s Office and advised that the County was successful in an application for the FY14 Fire Protection Grant that would benefit the NMSU Fire Department. As part of this grant, the Fire Department identified the need and requested assistance in financing a vehicle exhaust removal system for its emergency fire apparatus. Currently, our fire apparatus are housed in an indoor garage that is connected to both the firefighter dormitory and kitchen. Once installed, this equipment will provide for a safer environment for our staff, students and visitors. The estimated cost for the vehicle exhaust removal system is estimated at $46,625.

- Facilities and Services procured a new Garrison Flag for NMSU. The flag measures 20’ x 38’ and will be flown on special occasions as directed by the President’s Office. Raising and lowering ceremonies will be performed by NMSU’s ROTC Cadet Corps. This was a collaborative effort between Military Science and the Grounds departments. Facilities and Services was honored to participate in this task since it provided an opportunity to work with the NMSU students.
• Facilities and Services Electric shop has been busy replacing inefficient lighting with high efficiency LED lighting. Performing these replacements saves the campus money on the electric bill but also increases the light quality which improved visibility and safety for our campus. The recent replacements include:
  o 6 new fixtures in the Pan Am North Parking lot
  o 4 new fixtures in the Barnes & Noble South Parking lot
  o 7 new fixtures in the Equine Education Center Parking Areas
  o 19 new fixtures in the DACC north Parking areas.
  o 2 streetlights on Wells street and 6 in the north parking lot of Pan Am.
  o 19 fixtures on 12 poles Parking lot 68 and 69 located on the north side of DACC.

• Facilities and Services Energy Management Department was busy this month finalizing the automation controls installation at the Well-16 job site. This is a joint effort between the City of Las Cruces and New Mexico State University to provide domestic water service to both parties. The automation system was designed by FS Energy Management Department and jointly installed by NMSU and the City of Las Cruces. The control system is a dual mode design and has the capability that allows the selection of NMSU or the City of Las Cruces as the end user of the water services. Remote monitoring capability has been incorporated to allow both parties to monitor production even when the system is not under their direct control. An enhanced chemical injection system is also a part of this design which allows for precise chlorination making our water safer for the community.

• Facilities and Services Plumbing shop completed the annual servicing of 1200 heaters for housing in a six week period. They are now going back and replacing wall heaters and central forced air heaters that were bad and producing carbon monoxide. This year was not too bad, they found 11 wall heaters, 17 under the window heaters, and 3 forced air heaters that had cracked heat exchangers. The electric shop and the HVAC shop assisted by sharing two of their men from each shop to clean the heaters.
SVP External Relations / Chief of Staff – Ben Woods

- Completed initial logistical planning for both the December BoR and January BoR meetings.
- Completed annual review of University Boards and recommended revisions.
- Called third meeting of Tailgate Committee and developed recommended actions for Fall 2014 to include establishment of a formal advisory committee and the addition of food service to student tailgate activities.
- Completed initial review on the Hotel RFP with central Purchasing.
- Completed negotiations with HVS for the updated Market Study and working to execute a PSC agreement so they can proceed.
- Developing concepts for NMSU Wall of Honor where all past major award recipients are memorialized.

VP Student Affairs/Enrollment Services – Dr. Bernadette Montoya

- SAEM staff voted on a new mission statement at the SAEM staff picnic on October 25. The new mission statement is: **SAEM empowers students by engaging them in all aspects of the student experience. We encourage students to learn through discovery of self, others, and their world to become effective members of their community.** This aligns most closely with NMSU’s Vision 2020 goals of graduation and diversity.
- Dr. Montoya and President Garrey Carruthers collaborated on their preparation for a presidential panel on strategic planning at 2013 Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Annual Meeting. Dr. Carruthers will be a panelist and Dr. Montoya will be a moderator.
- SAEM colleagues were able to win a lunch with the Vice President at our Homecoming event, and on November 5, Dr. Montoya enjoyed a lunch with Tey Price of the Counseling Center. Tey started working at NMSU as a student employee in Athletics in 2008; he moved to SAEM in 2011 as a graduate assistant and has been with us since then.

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- On November 6, Student Success Center and the University of Nebraska Lincoln hosted three workshops: Planning and Preparing for Graduate School, Why Summer Research, and Life as a Graduate student. The workshops were for juniors and seniors who are planning on attending graduate school.

Student Life, Dr. Michael Jasek

- On November 2, students from NMSU-LC, DACC, and NMSU-C attended the Student Leadership Conference, hosted by Student Leadership
Programs and Greek Affairs. Presentations by students and staff focused on a wide range of leadership development topics. Speakers included Dr. Montoya, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; Dr. Michael Jasek, Dean of Students; and Justin Jones-Fosu, a speaker on leadership.

- Inter-Fraternity Council elected its new slate of officers, who will serve from January–December 2014. Brenner Thome, Sigma Chi, was elected president and Alexander Avila, Tau Kappa Epsilon, was elected executive vice president.

- This week, Campus Activities draped spider webs over their Wild West Homecoming decorations for Halloween and hosted a special double feature horror movie night for students. We also hosted the 22nd Halloween Howl on the Intramural Fields, which featured about 35 student organizations and over 200 participants.

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

- The Sexual & Gender Diversity Resource Center hosted six panels serving over 300 students during October. These panels are made of students, faculty, staff, and community members who are GLBTQ and allies who tell their coming out or ally story and answer audience questions. Panels were provided to classes for ENLACE/Exito, Human Growth and Behavior, Human Sexuality, and Multicultural Education.

- On October 31, the American Indian Program announced their “How Well Do You Know New Mexico” app to help educate the public on the location of the 22 American Indian Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes in New Mexico.

- Michael Ray and members of NMSU’s American Indian Science and Engineering Society Student Chapter attended the AISES National Conference Career Fair in Denver on November 1. Michael met with prospective undergraduate and graduate students who expressed an interest in attending NMSU.

Staff Highlights

- Chris Ray of Student Legal Services will retire on December 1, 2013 and had his last day at NMSU on November 8. We will miss Chris and wish him the best of luck.

Interim VP Economic Development – Dr. Kevin Boberg

Workshops/Training

- Arrowhead Innovation network Enterprise Advisor Estela Hartley (principal Innovation Strategist, E. Hartley Consulting and faculty member, NMSU Department
of Public Health Sciences) presented the first of a series of workshops in design thinking to Arrowhead staff members. Integration of principles of design thinking (a methodology that approaches problem-solving from a creative, interdisciplinary, collaborative perspective) is a key component in Arrowhead’s recently-awarded Economic Development Administration’s University Center grant.

Arrowhead Innovation Network

- Fourteen students currently employed by Arrowhead met with Arrowhead leadership and staff members for an AIN Roundtable meeting, the first student-focused meeting the network has sponsored. Students provided their perspectives on how AIN can increase student engagement in innovation and entrepreneurship; what Arrowhead/AIN can do to help students move ahead on their and their client’s projects; and what specific tools and resources they need to improve their ability to create and deliver technology/project pitches.

Global Entrepreneurship Week

- Arrowhead programs will have a presence at a number of Global Entrepreneurship Week (November 17-21, 2013; http://www.unleashingideas.org/) venues and events. Studio G student/alumni business incubator will host booths around the NMSU campus to reach out to potential student entrepreneurs. Studio G will also host an open house (November 19th, 3:00-5:00 PM; Academic Research A) with program information, food, and prizes. A coffee meet-up for student entrepreneurs from Studio G and Las Cruces Startup Weekend will be hosted November 20th at 5:00 PM at Milagro Coffee Y Espresso (1733 E. University Ave.). Finally, technology entrepreneurs and those interested in exploring such possibilities are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the New Mexico Programming Group (November 21st, 5:30 PM; Genesis Center C). This month’s meeting will feature a panel of entrepreneurs from early-stage startups to share their person stories. Those interested in attending this meeting are asked to RSVP to ati@nmsu.edu.

VP Research – Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

- Vimal Chaitanya attended the National National Science Foundation (NSF) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) meeting in Nashville where Pete Lammers gave an invited talk. Other delegates from NM included Jack Jekowski, EPSCoR State committee Chair; Bill Michener and Mary Jo Daniel from the State EPSCoR office and Bill Knauf, Advisor to the Governor.
- Vimal Chaitanya attended the AFRL’s Phillips Technology Institute (PTi) Economic Advisory Council in Albuquerque.
- Vimal Chaitanya attended the New Mexico Collaborative Research and Development Council kick-off event in Albuquerque. The event was presided over by Senator Udall and Senator Heinrich. The three research University Presidents, three VPRs, National/Federal Lab Directors and Defense base commanders among others attended the event.
- Peter Lammers from the Energy Research Laboratory presented an invited talk at the National NSF-EPSCoR meeting entitled: “Multiple Pathways for University-
Industry Innovation”. The talk presented two case studies. The first was the genesis, commercialization and eventual sale of the Genetic Testing Laboratories, itself an outgrowth of a federal grant awarded to the NMSU Molecular Biology Program and the Physical Science Laboratory in 1998. The second case study outlined current efforts toward the genesis of a new NMSU spin-off that will build on current grants to the Energy Research Laboratory team. Those grants include a NSF EPSCoR award and two awards from the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) division. All three awards were made in 2013 and include industry partners.

- Dr. Patricia Hynes was asked to serve on Senator Udall’s Academy Review Board this weekend.
- The video of Gwynne Shotwell presenting at International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight (ISPCS) has been added to our YouTube Channel at http://www.youtube.com/user/ISPCSTube. It has had over 1,000 views since Tuesday.
- Steve Hottman and several staff members met with an eastern New Mexico corporation to discuss their business model for expansion in the aerospace domain.
- Questions and the NASA answers related to the draft RFP for Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility (CSBF) are expected next week, a several week schedule slip for NASA. The proposal in response to the draft RFP continues to be produced.
- Several proposals are in process in the $100K range of funding for PSL.
- Neta Fernandez met with Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) to discuss grants with them and the appropriate vehicle for smooth contracting.
- Neta Fernandez met with two associate deans and the controller to discuss the origin of the five percent rule of PI charges to grants/contracts. We will continue to discuss and resolve any questions on the informal procedure.
- WRRI is preparing for an extremely busy month. Sam Fernald and staff are preparing for Statewide Water Budget workshop being held November 17-19, Water Bank meeting being held November 19th, Water Issues meeting being held November 20th, Annual Water Conference being held November 21-22, and the Acequia Congreso being held November 23rd.
- This week, $600,000 worth of proposals were submitted and $900,000 worth of new awards were received.

**Interim VP University Advancement – Dr. Tina Byford**

- I attended a briefing on planned improvements to the baseball stadium with Facilities & Services and Athletics. These improvements will be funded from a private donation from Mike and Judy Johnson.
- The VPUA Search Committee met with Greenwood/Asher and Associates, Inc. Dr. Betty Turner Asher, COO & Partner, provided us with their strategic search process and a very tentative timeline.
- I also attended a Space Committee meeting to review adoption of a space utilization plan for NMSU.
• John Cordova, incoming Chair of NMSU Foundation Board, and I met this week. We reviewed committee assignments, next year’s calendar of events/meetings, and discussed Board objectives for next year.

• The Alumni Association held their monthly Brew and Stir on Nov. 4. During the Brew and Stir the Alumni Association provides Development Officers with updated information on Alumni Association happenings including past and upcoming events, communications, and affinity programs. Brew and Stir is held the first Monday of each month.

• President Garrey Carruthers made a special visit to the Alumni Association on Nov. 4 congratulating them on a successful Homecoming.

• The Alumni Association held an El Paso Chapter kick-off meeting at the home of Lee Ellen Banks Nov. 6. Mallory Driggers and Katherine Vandertulip supported the event.

• Elaine Stachera, University Advancement Officer, has several projects in the works.
  o Six visits scheduled with seven donors in the greater San Jose (CA) area next week.
  o An alumna whom Elaine has been visiting since 2011 (when she was a discovery call) gifted $500. This was a big step -- she has given $50 more than 35 times since she graduated, and $100 a couple of times, but never a $500 gift.
  o Attended the Arts and Sciences Starry Nights award ceremony.
  o Mailing 150 Thanksgiving cards as stewardship.

• The NMSU Foundation just produced and distributed annual reports on the more than 1,800 endowments held at NMSU. Stories that highlighted the impact of long-standing endowments were included. One such story was of the Children of NMSU Employees Endowed Scholarship that has supported many students, among them Cynthia Bejarano and Megan McQueen, who now serve as faculty at NMSU. Sponsors of endowments have responded enthusiastically to the report, one donor wrote: “trust is built on good communication. Thank you.”

• Kristina Martinez, Regional Advancement Officer, attended the combined NMSU and Central New Mexico HRTM Board Meeting. Kristina has secured three speakers for the 2014 NMSU Women’s Estate Planning Conference to be held in Albuquerque.

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

• The WAC AD’s met in Denver, CO on November 5–6 to discuss NCAA Governance and issues emerging for the January NCAA Convention. The highest profile issue remains funding athletes Grant-in-aid to cover full cost of attendance likely to be a potential new budget issue of approximately $500,000. WAC Commissioner’s office is working on a new WAC Strategic Plan. We heard a presentation from a company the WAC hired to develop a Digital Network as a WAC revenue stream.

• Maureen Howard, Dave McCollum and I met with President Carruthers to engage in a conversation with Adrenalin, a marketing company the WAC Board of Directors hired to discuss and design a new brand strategy for the WAC that now operates without football oversight for the first time.
• NMSU Aggies hosted the WAC Women’s Soccer Tournament this past weekend. Seattle University the regular season champion won the tournament and will represent the WAC in the NCAA Tournament.

• The football Goal Line Club continues to host a coach’s luncheon every Friday before a home game. The luncheons are held at The Game Sports Bar & Grill. The special guest on Friday was Pervis Atkin’s daughter who represented her Father. Pervis’ number will be unretired and a framed #27 jersey and a #27 jersey we presented to President Carruthers during halftime on Saturday’s game.

• I celebrated my “59th” Birthday in Denver, CO at the WAC meeting with a Buffalo meal at Ted’s Bar & Grill. Ted Turner farms buffalo and is the feature meat at his restaurant in Denver.

Athletic Marketing
• Through a relationship with the Montana State athletic director, NM State and Montana State are working on a home-and-home men’s basketball series, something that NM State coaching staff has been pursuing the past few years.

• NM State athletics announced a special $1 ticket rate for military members, veterans and one guest as part of the annual military appreciation game. The field had a special paint motif, complete with white stars on a blue background in one end zone and red and white stripes in the other. Over 1,500 tickets were given to area military bases for this game.

• Student attendance at NM State football games has held relatively steady despite the W-L record heading into the Boston College game. While no students have won the coveted $2,000 prize, the $250 cash prize and black parking sticker have been claimed each game. T-shirt giveaways, food in the tailgate lot, and continuous advertising have also been used to encourage student attendance. To date, 9,391 students have been counted in attendance and all five games have had over 1,300 students.

Aggie Athletic Club
• From seat donations through November 4, we are at 405 members and $159,000 for the Aggie Athletic Club (excludes AD Cabinet members).

• Date was set for Aggies in Paradise Event – May 16, 2014.

• MBB Ticket Sales Program began. A contracted sales agent is making phone calls and conducting an Open House the evening of Nov. 8th. He is targeting ticket sales in the AAC Seat Donation sections of the Pan Am. To date, 8 season ticket packages have been sold.

• AAC Membership Renewal Calls – a fundraising intern is contacting 151 members that have yet to renew their membership with AAC.

• Happy Hour took place on November 4 at UMP 88, staff, coaches and guests joined together to watch the Green Bay vs. Chicago game and cheer on Davon House.

Office of the Deputy AD
• I made an NMSU Athletics presentation at breakfast meeting for Sunrise Lions Club on Thursday, November 7
Associate VP University Communications – Maureen Howard

• For the week of October 28 – November 3, news stories in both local and national media totaled 148 placements. The top stories covered by the media this week were the NMSU basketball exhibition game and the gift to establish an endowed chair in entrepreneurship and a scholarship for business students.

• This week’s Sunday feature in the Las Cruces Sun-News highlighted New Mexico State University volunteer soccer coach Kris Vaudrey, who spends afternoons and weekends coaching the goalkeepers for the Aggie soccer team. Vaudrey also teaches anatomy, physiology, and biology at Arrowhead Early College High School. The profile describes Vaudrey’s core values and mentorship of the soccer players, his high expectations for the team and his pride in the players’ achievements.

• The Eye on Research story this week in the Las Cruces Sun-News outlined the work by members of the Wildlife Society student chapter at New Mexico State University to detect chronic wasting disease, similar to mad cow disease, a contagious neurological disease affecting deer, elk and moose. It causes a spongy degeneration of the brains of infected animals, resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and death. The NMSU Wildlife Society currently has a $5,000 contract with New Mexico Game and Fish to test tissue samples of deer and elk for chronic wasting disease.

• KRWG Development staff organized and manned the KRWG booth at the Renaissance Faire this past weekend. Patron Board members and staff from engineering and programming assisted in promoting KRWG and the importance of membership. This effort will become a part of our annual Corporation for Public Broadcasting report concerning dialog with listeners and viewers.

• Tyler Dunkel, assistant athletic director for media relations, helped the NM State equipment crew set up the locker room at the away football game in Louisiana. Pictures of the process were posted to the NM State Athletics Twitter account and to the NMSU News Facebook page, which gave fans a behind-the-scenes look at the locker room.

Assistant VP Government Relations – Ricardo Rel

State-Related Activities

• Aggie Saltman attended the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Legislative lunch, where Senators Joseph Cervantes, John Arthur Smith, and Representatives Terry McMillan, Bill McCamley and Mary Helen Garcia spoke. All the members agreed that the budget will continue to be tight for New Mexico and spoke about their priorities which included water, education, and the health insurance exchange. Representative McCamley said that he would support NMSU with a water research bill.

• Senator Soules attended capital outlay tour of the campus.

• Mr. Rel participated in a funding formula briefing with other higher education institution representatives for the Legislative Finance Committee staff and the Department of Finance and Administration staff. The Higher Education Department
was invited to participate but did not attend. I understand they were revising their funding formula from what was submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee on November 1, 2013.

**Upcoming Legislative Events**

**November 12:** Radioactive & Hazardous Materials Committee - Santa Fe
- Innovations in Water Treatment – Jaime Geronimo Vela, Doctoral Student NMSU and Dr. Antonio Lara, Professor of Chemistry NMSU.

**November 13-15:** Legislative Education Study Committee
- Agenda items related to early intervention and retention, literacy, teacher performance, high school graduation requirements and committee endorsed legislation.
- Higher Education Initiatives for American Indian Students (Nov 15).

**November 14-15:** Water & Natural Resources Committee - Santa Fe
- Consideration of Legislation.

**November 15:** Military & Veterans Affairs Committee - Santa Fe
- Continuing Education Requirements for Expedited Professional Licensure for Military Service Members, Their Spouses and Recent Veterans – Deputy Secretary Alan Martinez.

**November 18-19:** Science, Technology & Telecommunications Committee - Santa Fe
- State Investment Council Technology Investments.
- Proposed Legislation.

**Director/Secretary, NMDA - Jeff M. Witte**
- I participated in the "Farm Tour and Discussion" with Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham at Wagner Farms in Corrales. The gathering was hosted by the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council and Farm-to-Table.
- New Mexico Department of Agriculture has been charged with coordinating and hosting the New Mexico full scale exercise in March 2014. This exercise will include agencies across the broad spectrum of preparedness, response and recovery disciplines. The scenario will involve agriculture, food, and public health issues.
- In preparation for this exercise, the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT) course “Preparing Communities for Ag and Food Related Incidents” was given to 24 people at Roadrunner Food Bank in Albuquerque this week. Many of the attendees were new employees of the agency. The course was given to train personnel in preparation for the March 2014 Exercise; Playas Series II, Cascading Events.
- A Table Top Exercise was conducted this week with over 30 people attending in Albuquerque. The focus of the exercise was a weather related event in Socorro County, stranding cattle, and people. The exercise was held in preparation for the 2014 Exercise.