




New Mexico State University Weekly Activity Report

October 6-10, 2014

President Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

- The big event of the week was the Regents meeting at NMSU Grants. The Regents periodically meet at one of our two year campuses so we can get better acquainted with their successes and challenges. Highlights of this trip include:
 - President Felicia Casados was her usual very hospitable and cooperative self. She provided an opportunity for the Provost, me and Liz Ellis to have a town hall meeting with their faculty and staff. There was some discussion of articulation and our support of their request for a local GO Bond issue for a new building. NMSU Grants has never had a local GO Bond issue.
 - NMSU Grants is the only one of the two-year campuses to be HLC accredited with NMSU as the rest are separately accredited by the same agency. Dona Ana Community College was reaccredited last week with the provision that they would have a focused review on some issues in 2016. HLC continues to question and openly wonder about how the NMSU system is organized. This has been an ongoing concern of HLC for years and was once again noted in the Dona Ana Community College report, so I have decided to hold a major summit right after this semester to discuss how we can build a much stronger and more collaborative system. Issues include articulation, loan default rates, recruiting, financial aid, legislative liaison, governance and the control and development of curriculum, as well as websites and common branding. (To their credit and my pleasure, NMSU Grants personnel wear NMSU gear on Thursday to represent their affiliation.)
 - Several of our party joined Speaker of the House Kenny Martinez, Senator Clemente Sanchez, and Representative Lee Alcon for dinner and discussions. Speaker Martinez views NMSU Grants as the headquarters of NMSU. Lots of talk about who will control the New Mexico House of Representatives and how that might affect assignments.
 - The Regents approved the bylaws for Aggie Development, Inc. and heard about some of the projects that Ben Woods is working on.
 - I spent some time with Grants Superintendent of Schools Dr. Space and Chair of the Board William Estevan regarding the GO bond issue and how our College of Education could be helpful in increasing the pool of secondary education teaching professionals. Dr. Space also wondered if we still offered the Educational Specialist Degree. He wants to serve on any committee dealing with the Woodrow Wilson/NMSU grant from the Public Education Department grant to develop an educationally focused MBA degree. Steve Elias serves as the principal investigator for this grant.
 - The Regents approved the naming of Max Evans as an honorary doctoral degree recipient at the fall commencement. Max is a cowboy, artist, writer, script writer who has published over 40



books and articles and has had two movies made from his books – *The Rounder's* and the *Hi Lo Country*. More on him in this week's press release on this subject.

- I attended the Rounder's Awards ceremony at the Governor's Residence. The Rounder's Award is given to those who have promoted and exemplified the western way of life. It is named for the book and movie "The Rounder's", written by Max Evans of Albuquerque referenced above. This year's recipient was Sonny Rivera, an Albuquerque sculptor who grew up in Dona Ana County, was a barber who decided to go to Art school and the rest is history!
- Sharon Jones and I discussed a government gross receipts tax issue with Secretary of Tax and Revenue Department Padilla and her Deputy Ryan Gleason. Since the early 90's the state has been charging a 5% gross receipts tax on our earnings for the money games NMSU plays. Apparently, other Universities may have ignored this law/rule. This past week we received \$975,000 for being handed our shoulder pads by LSU and this will be taxed. No one at Tax and Revenue could think of why the State had such a tax except "they must have needed the money when it was passed". It was after my term!
- Angela Throneberry and I will represent NMSU on the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Board of Trustees. It is not a fiduciary board but is advisory on all things academic. Angela and I will donate any Board fees to scholarships. The first Board meeting was short and to the point – all seems to be going well leading up to a site visit of the accrediting board October 16th. On Friday, the Higher Education Department said they would issue the requisite state license for this College.

Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Dan Howard

- I began the week in Denver where I attended part of the annual conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. Among the highlights of the conference for me was a discussion of educational partnerships between Mexico and the United States. Mexico would like to have 100,000 students per year studying in the United States. Currently, 15,000 students from Mexico study at universities and colleges in the United States. New Mexico State University is currently in active negotiations with organizations in Mexico to bring more Mexican students to our campus. Another highlight was a discussion of internship opportunities at the United States Department of Agriculture for students from Hispanic serving institutions. The USDA supports 180 of these internships a year and they can lead to permanent jobs in the agency. NMSU students should be very competitive for these openings.
- On Tuesday, I met with Dr. James Ulvestad, the Director of the Division of Astronomical Sciences at the National Science Foundation, Dr. Jon Holtzman, Head of the Department of Astronomy, and Dr. James McAteer, Assistant Professor of Astronomy. We discussed the future of the Sacramento Peak Solar Observatory. Although this is currently the best solar observatory on earth, it is scheduled to be replaced by the Inouye telescope in Hawaii in mid-2017. The question is whether enough good science and student training can be accomplished at Sac Peak to merit continued NSF and NMSU investment in the site. The discussions were frank and cordial, but a final decision is still some months away.
- On Wednesday, I visited La Semilla Food Center to learn more about its efforts to improve access to healthy foods to the neediest families in Dona Ana County. La Semilla combines a small farming operation with education programs, cooking programs, and farm fresh programs. The aims of La Semilla are consistent with those of NMSU and I offered the organization my support as we look for ways to collaborate.

- On Thursday morning I visited the Gadsden School District to meet with Superintendent Efen Yturralde and his staff. We discussed the new admissions standards at NMSU as well as the Aggie Pathway to the Baccalaureate. Superintendent Yturralde has expressed his concerns about the new admissions standards, but he is a strong supporter of community colleges and agrees that they can be a great beginning to a four year degree. He has agreed to serve on the Aggie Pathway Advisory Committee and I look forward to working with him and his staff to increase the number of students from the Gadsden District who attain a baccalaureate degree at NMSU.
- Later in the day, President Carruthers and I had an open meeting with the faculty and staff of NMSU Grants. It was a good meeting that allowed us to describe new initiatives such as the Aggie Pathway to the Baccalaureate and our desire to build a stronger NMSU system. At the same time, faculty and staff were able to express their concerns about the need for more online bachelor's degree programs emanating from the main campus and more opportunities for teaching on the Grants campus. In a tour of the campus, I visited the Early Childhood Development Center, which is clearly in dire need of replacement. The President and I are supportive of a local bond to support the construction of a new center.
- The Regents meeting on Friday featured an enrollment update from Vice President Bernadette Montoya. The good news is that the number of new students entering NMSU has flattened out. Basically, the same number of new students entered NMSU in the fall of 2014 as in the fall of 2013. However, student head counts and student credit hours continue to decline because large entering classes of four, five, and six years ago are now graduating. Other good news includes an increase in our six year graduation rate and new initiatives to encourage enrollment and degree completion.

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

Cooperative Extension Service

- Sandoval County Agent Steve Lucero partnered with Hidalgo County Extension and offered a beef cattle pregnancy check school in Lordsburg. There were 15 area producers that learned about beef fertility and how to preform palpations on beef cattle to determine pregnancy. Three university personnel participated in the training: two Animal Science professors, Adam, Summers and Scholjerdes presented along with Extension Veterinarian, Dr. John Wenzel.

Media Productions/Learning Games Lab

- More than 2,000 new users have downloaded Media Production's 4-H Livestock Record app in the past week, thanks to a Facebook post by National 4-H. The 4-H Livestock Record reached an impressive rank of 65th among Productivity apps in the Apple Store Oct. 1. A total of 3,624 users have downloaded the app since its release in late July, an average of around 50 users per day. The app helps users monitor animal weight, feed, health, income, expenses and assets on their iPhones or iPads.

Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology (FWCE)

- The Natural Resource Career Track (NRCT) program through FWCE (developed by Dr. Martha Desmond) is hosting a 90-minute panel presentation next week at the Society for the Advancement of Chicano and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in Los Angeles, CA. This panel is entitled "The mentor/mentee experience: making connections from school to career" and will be run by four faculty from New Mexico and Puerto Rico institutions, one Forest Service employee in the Civil Rights Office, and students from NMSU and exchange students from Puerto Rico.

Animal and Range Science

- About 1750 prospective students and their parents attended the AGGIE EXPERIENCE Program in Pan Am Center on Saturday, October 4. The Animal and Range Sciences table was one of 64 booths at the event and was visited by many individuals. Thanks to **Megan Coleson** and **Kris Robles** for designing the display and also to Megan and Dr. Dennis Hallford for the exceptional job of describing the program to visitors.
- The Smokin' Animal and Range Science team comprised of **Nick Petersen, Dr. Eric Scholljegerdes, Dr. Tim Ross, Brian Samson, and Dr. Clint Löest**, took first place honors at the Rootin' Tootin' Rib Cook-Off at the Mesilla Valley Maze on October 5.

Animal and Range Science-Continued

- Animal and Range Sciences faculty and students participated in the University Research Fair. Presenting were **Dr. Amanda Ashley** (“Therapeutic targets for doxorubicin resistant breast cancer”); **Colleen Buck** (“Effects of ad libitum supplement containing increasing levels of microalgae, *Scenedesmus sp.*, on site and extent of digestion in beef heifers consuming a forage-based diet,” M.S. student working with **Dr. Eric Scholljegerdes**); and **Brandon Smythe** (“Behavioral responses of cattle under naturally-occurring population of horn flies (Diptera:Muscidae)” and “Query-driven database of registered pesticides for management of animal ectoparasites in New Mexico”, Ph.D. student working with **Dr. Mark Wise**).
- **Dr. Ryan Ashley**, assistant professor of animal science, was recently awarded a \$48,000 grant from the Cowboys for Cancer Research Foundation, for his proposal titled “Understanding the role of membrane progesterone receptor alpha signaling in breast cancer.”



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

- Dean Slaton, Associate Dean Brown, Jon Holtzman and Jason Jackiewicz (Astronomy) and James Ulvestad (NSF) met to discuss possible future uses of the Sacramento Peak observatory. Dean Slaton and Associate Dean Brown attended a meeting with Foundation and Engineering representatives about the Keck Foundation. The College of Arts and Sciences hosted a Webinar from Lewis-Burke about funding opportunities in the social sciences and humanities. The Arts and Sciences Research Center staff and Dr. Brown reviewed a potential revision in COGNOS grant reporting developed by Grace LaTorra. Associate Dean Brown attended CADRe and participated in an interdisciplinary meeting about seeking a multi-university Science and Technology Center based at NMSU. Associate Deans Brown and Van Winkle attended the College of Arts and Sciences Global Connections presentation by Rani Alexander (Anthropology) about the Sundt Honors Scholars project in Yucatán.
- Enrico Pontelli (Dean's Office) received \$264,165 from NSF for the GARDE program. He also received \$8,000 from UTEP. Hwiman Chung (Journalism & Mass Communications) has had an article “Processing Anti-Smoking Ad Among College Students: The Role of Emotional Response and Level of Smoking” accepted by the Journal of Promotion Management. Ralph Preszler received \$380,000 from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.
- Dr. Don Pepion (Anthropology) will attend the American Indigenous Research Association Conference on October 10-11. Since it is being held at Salish-Kootenai College in Montana, he will also visit the Blackfeet Indian Reservation on October 7-9 to discuss with two tribal elders a project to document one of the last gatherings of esteemed tribal leaders held in 1986 (most of them are now deceased).

- The College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium Series will include the following Fall 2014 presentations. All will be in the Carol Walker and Elbert Walker Room, Science Hall 107, on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:15.
 - October 13, Timothy Ketelaar, NMSU Department of Psychology, “William James and the Transition to a Modern Science of Psychology”
 - October 20, Brook Milligan, NMSU Department of Biology, “Transitions in Genomics: Science Opportunities, Citizen Participation and Ethical Dilemmas”
 - November 10, Keith Sockman, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Biology, “Behavioral Flexibility During Social Transitions: A Lesson from Songbirds”
- Dean Slaton has provided \$5,891 in travel grants for 12 graduate students for the period September 2014 through January 2015 to ease the financial burden of conference costs. The recipients, chosen by the college’s Graduate Affairs Committee, are as follows:
 - Kenza Arraki, Diane Feuillet and Michael Hayden, Astronomy doctoral students, each received a \$500 award. Arraki attended the 11th Potsdam ThinkShop: Satellite Galaxies and Dwarfs in Potsdam, Germany with an oral presentation titled “Comparing Evolving Properties of Satellite and Isolated Dwarf Galaxies.” Feuillet and Hayden will attend the American Astronomical Society conference in Seattle, Washington. Both will present orally, with Feuillet talking about “The Abundance History of the Solar Neighborhood” and Hayden examining “Chemical Cartography APOGEE.” Mark Brown, Geological Sciences student, received a \$500 award to attend the Geological Society of America conference in Vancouver, Canada, where he will present a sedimentology poster titled “Stratigraphy and Provenance of Mesoproterozoic Strata of the Keweenaw Supergroup within the Midcontinent Rift System, Northern Michigan.” Quan Do, Computer Science doctoral student, will attend the International Conference on Advances in Interdisciplinary Studies and Combinatronics in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he will present orally on “Modeling Multimodal Healthcare Big Data.” Do received \$500. Matthew Gould, Biology doctoral student, received a \$391 award to attend The Wildlife Society Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He will present a poster titled “Estimating the Abundance and Density of Black Bears in NM Using Non-Invasive Genetic Analysis. Workshop on Scientific Publication and Review.”
 - Abraham Meles and Gonaduwege Darshana Nadeeshan Perera, Physics doctoral students, each received \$500 to aid with attendance costs. Meles will attend the 4th American Physical Society Division of Nuclear Physics and Physical Society of Japan conference in Waikoloa, Hawaii with an oral presentation titled “Extracting W Single Spin Asymmetry in Longitudinally Polarized pp Collisions at PHENIX Forward Arms.” Perera will attend the same conference with an oral presentation titled “Efforts to Measure Drell-Yan Cross Section and Longitudinal Spin Asymmetry in PHENIX Experiment at RHIC.” David Morales Andrade and Richard Wright, Anthropology students, each received a \$500 award. Andrade will attend the III Encuentro de Antropologia Social conference in Tlaxcala, Mexico with an oral presentation titled “‘Sabores y Saberes’ The Relationship of Food and Culture of Mexican Transmigrants to Portales, NM.” Wright will attend the American Anthropological Association conference in Washington, D.C. with an oral presentation titled “Why Would People Sign up If They Can Come Anyway? The Affordable Care Act on the Ground in the US Southwest.” Weizhong Tian and David Zheng Wei, Mathematical Sciences doctoral students, each received a \$500 award. Tian will attend the 8th International Conference of Thailand Econometric Society in Chiang Mai, Thailand with an oral presentation titled “Distortion Risk Measures under Normal Skew Settings.” Wei will attend the 2015 Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Antonio, Texas. His presentation will focus on the “Joint Belief Function and Shapley Value for the Joint Cooperative Game.”


- In addition to student awards, College of Arts and Sciences faculty members received travel grants in two categories. The tenure track recipients for Fall 2014 are Melisa Galvan and Elizabeth Horodowich (History); Thomas Hearn (Physics); Jessika Edgar (Art); Carmen Gimenez Smith (English); Michael Hout (Psychology) Zach Toups (Computer Science) and Jim Murphy (Astronomy). The college track recipients are Michael DeAntonio (Physics) and Elizabeth Wilcoxon (English). The award selections were made by the College's Awards Committee.
- The College announced course release awards chosen by the College Awards Committee chaired by Associate Dean Van Winkle for Mary Alice Scott (Anthropology), Daniel Chand (Government), Rachel Stevens (Art), and Mark J. Waltermire (Languages and Linguistics). These awards may be used in Spring 2015 or Fall 2015.
- Associate Dean Van Winkle chaired the second meeting of the J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium Committee, this year's theme is Justice for Migrant Children and Youth from Central America and Mexico.
- We held our "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Door Decorating Contest judged by Eddie Bernaldez, VP of Arts and Sciences Student Ambassadors, Amy Beusing, Directing of UNM/NMSU Cooperative Pharmacy Program and breast cancer survivor and Heather Pollard, member of the Dean's Council College of Arts and Sciences. Congratulations to our winners! First place went to English, "Treasure Your Chest"; Second Place to Criminal Justice, "Tell the Truth" and Third Place to Aerospace Studies, "Ready for Battle Against Breast Cancer". Three doors received Honorable Mention (in alphabetical order): Geological Sciences, Government and Sociology. Congratulations to Geological Sciences for winning the Facebook Fan Favorite.

Dean, College of Business, Dr. James Hoffman

- On October 8, Jim Hoffman, Kathy Brook and Anthony Casaus met with Glen Haubold (Associate Vice President for Facilities) to discuss a renovation of Guthrie Hall with an appraisal of good, better, and best.
- Jim Peach attended the Sun Belt Conference meetings in New Orleans, October 5-6. With major changes on the way in the NCAA, how individual conferences respond was a major topic at the conference. Peach attended the conference in his role as Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA.
- Rick Adkisson participated in an executive board meeting of the Center for Latin American and Border Studies (CLABS) on October 7. On October 8, Rick and Inigo Garcia-Bryce (CLABS) met with Patrick Schaefer (Hunt Institute) to discuss ideas for CLABS.
- Bruce Huhmann and the other members of the Aggie Leadership Training Academy (ALTA) continue to plan for a leadership program to leaders within NMSU. This program will include modules to develop ethical leadership.

Dean, College of Education, Dr. Michael Morehead

- Dr. Morehead attended a meeting in Denver that had 150 colleges of education who have a research designation. This group discussed several items during the meeting, the most pressing is the continuous drop nationally in the number of students entering traditional teacher education program and the proliferation of alternative programs to prepare teachers. The shortage of teachers in many states is reaching a crisis stage. Dean Morehead met with Patti and Pres Askew who are donors and live in the Denver area, we shared a letter from their scholarship recipient and discussed future support for students in the College of Education. Several department heads and faculty met with Dr. Mychaskiw to discuss future collaboration with the Burrell School of Osteopathic Medicine, the



potential for collaboration is significant. Dr. Jeanette Haynes Writer informed the dean that the department of Curriculum and Instruction passed the proposal to offer an online degree in Spanish with a focus to serve United States Citizens and students from Mexico and Central America.

James O'Donnell, Associate Dean

- Reviewed proposed program goals and budget adjustments for grant award from PED.
- Met with faculty, staff and department heads regarding data for Alternative Licensure candidates for CAEP accreditation.
- Met with Judy Bosland and department heads to review data for strategic plan.

Juanita Hannan, Director for Research and Budget

- Prepared and requested distribution of funds to departments according to internal budgets.
- Met and advised a coupled of prospective students looking for an online option.
- Met with new student coordinator for the psychopharmacology program to discuss status of current students and the admission of the new cohort.

Ron Dziwenka, Program Manager for Assessment

- Dr. Dziwenka continued running new reports on data collection and organization for all 4 Programs in Tk20, including reports number 002, 015, 016, 060, 067 and LTI 001.
- Along with Associate Dean Jim O'Donnell, he met with the Program Coordinators and administrative assistants dealing with the Alternative Licensure Program. The purpose was to establish the areas of data collection for the major yearly reports due in the SP15 semester.
- He continued to collect the data from the ELED Program Coordinator to input into this new functionality, and began creating the field experience binders in Tk20 for these key assessments.
- He worked with the SPED Program Coordinator to set up a tk20 workshop to be held in November, during which all key assessment data for this FA14 semester would be inputted by faculty, instructors and students. This would be the model for future data collection for SPED.
- Dr. Dziwenka met with Dr. Villa to go over various data loading and other issues concerning Tk20, to establish a more efficient process of Tk20 system usage.

Michelle Valverde & Karen Trujillo, Community Outreach


- We continued getting ready for the COG Project, the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Literacy Expo and also facilitated the monthly BoCES Advisory Committee meeting.
- Provided input into the Idea team (with Dr. Boberg
- Attended the Doña Ana County Place Matters meeting.

Advancement Team

- Met with Martha Benz to thank her for her continued support for her father and mother's scholarship, the James and Peggy Delamater Scholarship.
- Confirmed with the Dean the honorees for the 2015 Aggie Cornerstone Award! We will start the planning and sponsorships for this event next month.
- Confirmed details for this year's Donor Appreciation Breakfast on November 7.

Dean, College of Engineering, Dr. Ricardo Jacquez

- The College of Engineering held the BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) Robotics practice day at the Mesilla Valley Mall. Some 200 plus middle and high school students from throughout the state and El Paso came to test their robots before the final competition to be held on Oct. 18. More than 700 students are expected for the competition.
- The Manufacturing Technology and Engineering Center is collaborating with NMSU Agricultural Experiment Station to develop a device to address New Mexico's growing tumbleweed problem. M-TEC has gathered a team of subject matter experts, including plant specialists, range scientists, professors of agriculture, local agricultural businesspeople, and a former mechanical engineering



professor from NMSU who completed research 25 years ago on tumbleweed eradication. M-TEC will conduct pertinent research and testing to determine tumbleweed plant characteristics for future design and development of a device that will deal with the tumbleweed problem where it is most needed. This will include concept creation, prototype development and testing, and data collection.


- The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded The University of Texas at El Paso a four-year, \$1 million grant to create and lead the multi-institution program, I-Discover, that includes the NMSU College of Engineering Industrial Engineering Department led by Dr. Delia Julietta Valles-Rosales. Its goal is to accelerate student research on time-critical, global sustainability issues, like clean water recycling, green energy systems, food safety and food sustainability. I-Discover will consist of a team of interdisciplinary faculty from three universities: UTEP, The University of Texas at San Antonio and New Mexico State University. Together, the institutions will develop a new type of distance research education so students can design and carry out hands-on experiments under the guidance of university and USDA researchers.

Interim Dean, College of Health and Social Services, Dr. Donna Wagner

- Interim Dean, Donna Wagner, has been appointed to join the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, Informal Caregivers for Older Adults study committee. The committee will provide oversight of the development of a report that includes recommendations for policy, practice and education to address the issues related to this topic. Dr. Wagner is an expert in the intersection of work and family and has been conducting research and writing about this topic most of her career.
- The Laerdahl Simulation Mannikin, The SimMan (paid for by the President's Performance Funds) was installed in the new Nursing Skills Lab HSS132 along with equipment used to study relaxation and sleep function. CHSS is grateful to Senator Mary Kay Papen for advocating for the resources to purchase the EnergyPod. A SimMan was also installed at the NMSU Grants Campus to train students working towards a bachelor's degree in nursing.
- Southern Area Health Education Center's Bea Favela resigned as Program Director. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. Dr. Joe Tomaka will manage the organizational changes at SoAHEC for the interim period.
- Dr. Tomaka met with representatives from the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation (PDNHF) regarding requirements and expectations for the Two Should Know initiative evaluation and technical assistance RFP. Dr. Tomaka is preparing grant submissions and working to position the Survey Research Center as a center for Survey Research and Program Evaluation.

Dean, Honors College, Dr. Miriam Chaiken

- The week started with the President's Academic Council meeting where we discussed a number of important issues, including the notable success of the activities surrounding the "Pink Week" for breast cancer awareness and fundraising for research.
- All of the Deans met with Cheryl Harrelson, the VP for Advancement, to discuss fundraising goals and strategies, staffing, and accountability.
- My goal is to continue to remain active in my own area of professional scholarship, and towards that end I worked my collaborator, Dr. Michele Companion of University of Colorado-Colorado Springs to organize multiple paper sessions for the March 2015 Society for Applied Anthropology meetings. Our work on the topic of resilience and vulnerability in international development is receiving a good deal of interest and we have so far received 14 papers for our sessions (likely 3 or 4 panels on



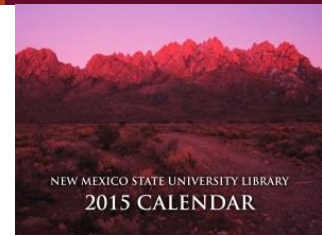
this theme). Ultimately we plan to do an edited volume on this topic, drawing some papers from the 2015 meetings as well as some from a previous conference we organized on this topic.

- The Search Committee that is assisting in identifying the appropriate candidate for the Associate Dean of the Honors College reviewed the applicants' materials and identified four people for the list of finalists. We set up a schedule for interviews for all four finalists to spend time with the Search Committee, the Provost, with me, and at a reception to permit Honors College faculty and students to chat with these finalists.
- I am serving on the Search Committee for the Dean of the Graduate School position, and I reviewed the remaining 40 or so applications that comprise the pool and made notes on each candidate's suitability for the post. I confess to being very surprised at how few of the applicants took the time to address all aspects of the job requirements, notably addressing the priorities discussed in Vision 2020. I was far less impressed with those that submitted a boilerplate application that simply outlined their sterling credentials, than with the applicants who took the time to discuss how their experiences and insights could shape the future of the Graduate School at NMSU in the context of our strategic initiatives. I forwarded to Dean Michael Morehead my list of top 7 names, per his request. The search committee will be meeting soon to move towards the process of phone interviews.
- In collaboration with the Provost's office, ballots were distributed electronically to select the faculty members to serve on the Search Committee for the next Dean of the College of Education. Once these ballots have been completed and the final membership of the Committee has been identified, we will convene the first meeting of the Search Committee.
- I met with several Honors College and Anthropology graduate students to discuss internships, senior or MA theses, and career questions.
- On Saturday I hosted several members of our Circle for Excellence, our community supporters, for lunch in Mesilla. We discussed ways to energize this group and work toward greater success in advancement activities.

Dean, University Library, Dr. Elizabeth Titus

- All the Deans met with Cheryl Harrelson, VP Office of Advancement to have conversations on various fundraising topics.
- Andrew Pena, Assistant VP for Human Resources, met with Dean, Associate Dean, the Library HR Liaison, and library department heads to review HR's requests for information re: interrogatories.
- The Dean met with Maureen Howard and Jo Cassidy to be updated on new website design initiatives and had the opportunity to see some of their current work on redesigns.
- The Dean and Associate Dean met with the newly formed Library Student Advocacy and Advisory Council for their first meeting. This council will be meeting twice in the fall and spring semesters.
- There were a number of facilities related activities going on in both library buildings this week including replacement of lighting fixtures in student areas in the first floor of Zuhl Library, work on penthouses in Branson Library for HVAC improvements, and asbestos abatement in Branson Library which required relocations of staff for a brief time. We appreciate the cooperation of all those using our libraries during these activities and we appreciate their flexibility and adaptability!

- The New Mexico State University Library 2015 Calendar will be available for purchase shortly. The calendar theme is “A national treasure, the many faces of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks”. The photographs displayed in the calendar are from the library’s photographic collections in our Archives and Special Collections Department.



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



- The 4th Annual Cultural Bazaar was held on Saturday, Oct. 11 in front of the Branigan Cultural Center during the weekly farmer’s market. Co-organized by IBP and the Cultural Center, the event was very well attended, with tables by student organizations from Indonesia, Belize, Saudi Arabia, Iran, China, Jordan, and Sri Lanka.

- On October 8 International Student and Scholar Services hosted its annual International Picnic to welcome international students to NMSU. 150 were served.
- IBP received a visit by Andres Venegas Beltran, Director General of the Instituto de Capacitación para el Trabajo del Estado de Chihuahua, which was organized by Eduardo Medina. The state of Chihuahua is seeking professional training in various areas and Dr. Menking is working with ACES to accommodate their needs.
- IBP received a visit by Rubén I. Zamora, Ambassador Permanent Representative to Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations. Mr. Zamora, guided by ACES’ Paul Gutierrez, is seeking technical assistance in agricultural sector in the country of El Salvador.
- Dr. Menking, Colin Large and Ashley Ryan had a video meeting with Capitán Álvaro Pinzón García, coordinator of international relations for the Colombian National Police. They are interested in large-scale training in both English and technical police training. Discussions will
- Dr. Menking attended the 20th annual Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration (CONAHEC) meeting held in Tucson, AZ. Networking about many avenues for expanded collaboration with Mexican partners occurred.

Senior Vice President Administration and Finance, Angela Throneberry

- **Solar Powered Parking Meters** – As part of a 90 day pilot program, the Transportation & Parking Office has replaced 15 campus parking meters with new solar powered meters which will accept coins and credit cards.
- **ICT Student Staff Provide Valuable Information at Aggie Experience** – Chasity McNeil, Student Technology Coordinator, and Lilian Diaz, Student Aide, staffed ICT’s information table at the Aggie Experience event. Chasity and Lilian spread the word to more than 300 high school students about the technology that is available to students at NMSU.



- **Undergraduate Learning Center** - The elevator shaft for the Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center is being formed this week. The new floor for the auditorium is also scheduled to be poured. The auditorium will have tables and mobile chairs to seat 220 students providing a more active learning environment.

- **The Library Catalog/Information System Upgrade** - ICT and the NMSU Library, in conjunction with the Exlibris Corporation, successfully upgraded the University's Library Catalog/Information System, Voyager. The latest version of Voyager is more secure and offers new functionality to the library patrons. Additionally, Voyager now resides on NMSU's internal cloud service, providing higher availability and faster response times while reducing electricity use and cooling needs.
- **National Student Day on October 9th** – Barnes & Noble Bookstore offered 4% off on I-Pad Airs, and 8% off on MacBooks to celebrate the students, faculty, and staff on campus.
- **Health and Social Services, Suites 102 & 132** – The School of Nursing has recently undergone some remodeling in suites 102 and 132. The shifting of staff has enabled them to accommodate a new Simulation room and an Energy Pod in Suite 132.



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

- Presented the Fall 2014 Enrollment Update to the Board of Regents on Friday, October 10 at the NMSU Grants Campus. SAEM is addressing drops in enrollment in recent years by ramping up campus visitation programs and more outreach to applicants. Retention is a crucial part of enrollment and is part of everybody's role at NMSU.
- Attended the HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities) Conference in Denver, Colorado on October 4–7. HACU's mission includes improving access to and quality of post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students.
- Last week, Dacia Sedillo was named the Interim Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. As in the past, this position will be a direct report to Vice President and will be responsible for the offices of University Admissions, Financial Aid and Registrar. Re-instating this position will allow us to maintain the work we have done in areas such as financial aid leveraging, management of course funding for the colleges, and strategic planning for the Enrollment Management Council. A national search has commenced to fill this position.

University Admissions, Ms. Valerie Pickett

- Aggie Experience, the largest recruitment event hosted by University Admissions, was held on Saturday, October 4. Almost 700 high school students and their families experienced a day in the life of an Aggie. We received 226 applications for admission for the Fall 2015 semester at this event.
- Schools in northwest New Mexico held College Days. Recruiters visited schools in Grants, Gallup, Farmington, Taos, and Espanola. Recruiters also visited Arizona College Days in Window Rock, Many Farms, and Chinle, Arizona.
- Recruiters participated in the National Association for College Admission Counseling Greater College Fairs in Roswell and Albuquerque on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5. Recruiters also La Cueva College Night, Cibola/Volcano Vista College Fair, and Santa Fe Community College Fair.
- El Paso was part of last week's recruitment efforts with visits to the El Paso Community College campuses of Rio Grande, Northwest, Transmountain, Mission Del Paso and high school visits to Hanks High School and Cesar Chavez Academy.
- About 160 students from schools in the Socorro Independent School District in El Paso were welcomed to campus.
- Graduate recruiting was the focus of fairs NMSU attended at University of San Francisco, San Francisco State campus and UC Berkeley Campus.



Valerie Pickett, Director of Admissions, President Carruthers, Regent Pino, and ASNMSU President Wesley Jackson sing the Aggie fight song at the Aggie Experience Welcome Presentation.

- University Admissions is investigating partnering with the Geography Department to better understand patterns of enrollment through applications of GIS (Geographical Information Systems).

Student Engagement, Dr. Terry Cook

- Chase Scholars Mentor Program: On October 7, Carol Sullivan, Retention Coordinator and Ginny Bush, Executive Secretary from the Chase Foundation in Artesia, NM hosted a dinner for Chase Scholars attending NMSU. Sarah Tutor and Sarah Solano, sophomore Chase Scholars, shared encouragement and advice with incoming first year Scholars. Currently, 20 first-year and transfer students are receiving peer mentoring through NMSU's Mentoring Program.
- The Office of Military and Veterans Programs and the College of Engineering have been recognized in *Military Advanced Education*. NMSU was highlighted in the October edition, which features the importance of STEM education and potential careers for service members and veterans. The article includes a sidebar item written by Ruben Arauz, a student who worked for MVP for 5 years and graduated with a Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering. The article is at http://issuu.com/kmi_media_group/docs/mae_9-8_final_d24d428985f317/11?e=3680005/9535662.
- Aggie Welcome & Orientation Coordinators Clarissa Maldonado and Mariana Ortega met with Mary Jaspers, Director of International Programs, Kristian Chervenock, Director of Study Abroad, and Lilianna Barraza, ISSS Registration/Admissions Specialist, to discuss enhancing orientation and registration for international students for Spring 2014 and Fall 2015.

Student Diversity Programs

- This week, Dr. Laura Gutiérrez Spencer presented information about the services at Chicano Programs to students in Dr. Melisa Galván's two history classes.
- Staff members at Chicano Programs have been calling freshmen to inquire about their academic progress.



Chicano Program's Open House is part of regular efforts to reach out to students with support expertise.

- On Friday, October 10, Chicano Programs invited freshmen to attend a Haunted Open House at Chicano Programs and the Faculty Senate Chambers of Garcia Annex. Staff from the Writing Center, the Math Center, Trio Student Support Services, and Campus Tutoring assisted students at the Open House. An academic advisor from the College of Arts and Sciences was also present. Refreshments included pan dulce, coffee, and Mexican candy.
- Adán Delval provided information on Chicano Programs to visitors at Aggie Experience.

Vice President Economic Development, Dr. Kevin Boberg

Arrowhead Speaker Series

- On Monday, Arrowhead Center hosted James Ortiz and Bobbi Kay Nelson from REDW, LLC to discuss "Choosing the Right Entity for Your Start-Up." Mr. Ortiz and Ms. Nelson walked participants through the pros and cons of different types of entities and the tax considerations of each. Because there are numerous forms to choose from, each with their advantages and disadvantages, choice of entity can be, absent expertise, a daunting task.

Center for Bio-mediated & Bio-inspired Geotechnics

- Last summer, a team of faculty from Arizona State University (ASU, lead institution), Georgia Tech, UC Davis, and Arrowhead Center from NMSU submitted a pre-proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF) for creation of the Engineering Research Center for Bio-mediated & Bio-inspired Geotechnics (CBBG). Of the two hundred proposals submitted from across the nation, the CBBG team was one of eight teams invited by the NSF for a site visit. Arrowhead Center CEO, Kathy Hansen, will represent NMSU during the NSF site visit to ASU.



Vice President Research, Dr. Vimal Chaitanya

- Vimal Chaitanya and Sudha Murthy made a presentation to the NM State Secretary for Environmental Protection during his campus visit about the current WRRI projects on water and NMSU projects on environment respectively.
- Vimal Chaitanya attended the Electrochemical Society meeting in Cancun where he organized General poster session for the students, served on the Education Committee of the Society and as executive member of the Governing Board of Dielectric Science and Technology Division. One of the themes during this conference was on water-energy nexus sponsored with support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- VPR office sponsored the annual URC Fair in conjunction with annual New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) meeting on October 3 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Faculty and graduate students displayed 29 posters that were judged by volunteering peers for awards to be announced later.
- Vimal Chaitanya continued meeting various departmental faculty members to present the state of NMSU research enterprise emphasizing the need to continue to pursue external funding for opportunities of strength to NMSU, strengthen research partnerships for interdisciplinary research and offered assistance from his office. The Departments visited during this period include mathematical Sciences, Fish and Wildlife Sciences and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.
- This week, over 275 leaders in the commercial space industry and 21 NMSU faculty and students will be attending the 10th Annual International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Space (ISPCS) at Las Cruces Farm and Ranch Museum for three days. Events start with the Community Partnership luncheon Keynote speaker Stuart Witt, Director of Mojave Air and Space Port on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday speakers include Master Moderator and New Mexican, Wayne Hale, former Shuttle Program Manager; Dr. George Sowers, VP Strategic Architecture, United Launch Alliance; William Gerstenmaier, NASA, Associate Administrator of Human Exploration and Operations; Douglas Loverro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; George Whitesides President of Virgin Galactic; John Shannon, Program Manager, International Space Station, Boeing Space Exploration; and 35 other outstanding speakers.
- Sudha Murthy attended the NM State Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) State Committee meeting held on the New Mexico Tech campus.
- Luis Vazquez, presented at the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) Student Research Conference on October 3, 2014 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Dr. Vazquez's presentation was on "The Ethics of Research," where he addressed responsible conduct of research in relation to the lab, collegial relationships with other students in the program, and the relationships of students and their research mentors, along with authorship, conflict of interest, and accountability to others.
- Sam Fernald presented the institute's Research and Public Service Program (RPSP) FY 16 expansion request to New Mexico's Higher Education Department (HED) in Santa Fe on October 10. Dr. Fernald has been working with the Government Affairs Office to prepare for the RPSP hearings.
- Sam Fernald participated in the *Water Resilience in a Time of Uncertainty* conference hosted by the University of New Mexico's Utton Transboundary Resources Center on October 9-10.



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

- Received \$6,000 from the Thornburg Foundation for Early Childhood Learning Center in the College of Education.
- Received \$10,000 from the Halliburton Foundation for Innovation for A Global Community initiative in the College of Engineering.
- Submitted the renewal of the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative proposal for \$1.25 million on behalf of the College of Business. Special thanks to Bruce Huhmann, marketing faculty and director of the DFEI who was instrumental in the first phase activities along with President Carruthers. Bruce took the lead on pulling together the components for this submission.
- Received five year pledge commitment from donors in Las Vegas, NV for scholarships benefiting our community college and NMSU students with majors in the business disciplines. Total amount of the current use scholarships is \$110,000.
- Received a commitment for Williams Hall renovation of \$10,000 from local donor.
- Received a commitment for \$10,000 from an engineering graduate from Dallas in support of the Chemical Engineering Department following a recent visit to campus.
- Developed a coordinated plan for the president to steward donors who have left an estate/planned gift to NMSU once they have signed their commitment. They will receive thank you notes specialized for each donor signed by the president. In the past, a Thank You note typically wasn't sent from the president until after the planned gift had come to fruition and the donors have passed away.
- VP Harrelson visited Foundation Board members in Albuquerque area on October 9–10, 2014.

Athletics Director, Dr. McKinley Boston, Jr.

- The NMSU Women's Basketball program held their annual Tip-Off Banquet at Corbett Center last week. The event was well attended by staff and supporters of the program. It was a fun and special night for the team to be able to mingle with their fans and thank them for their support.
- I attended the Fall Sun Belt Conference meeting in New Orleans. The agenda for football was focus on stewardship efforts around Bowl partners from Cure Bowl, Go Daddy Bowl and Camila Bowl. We also had discussions about the new college football playoff and revenue distributing formulas for the five non power conferences. The revenue share will be prorated based upon conference winning percentage between Sun Belt, MAC, Mountain West, American & Conference USA.
- I participated in a national discussion regarding the decision by the NCAA Women's Committee to eliminate Equestrian as an emerging sport which will eliminate it as an NCAA Sportsmanship and raises lots of questions including whether Equestrian will be countable by OCR towards our Title IX compliance strategy.

Associate AD, Development-Fred Heinrich

- The Development Team is planning and preparing for Homecoming Weekend, including five individual sport reunions.
- I met with the President and VP of Aggie Athletic Club, to plan for the upcoming Board meeting, and made calls to Aggie Athletic Club (AAC) Board members to secure the renewal of their AAC donations.
- I participated in a meeting to plan for and develop resources for an exciting proposed Rodeo & Equestrian capital project.

Associate Vice President University Communications, Maureen Howard
No Activity to Report


Assistant Vice President Government Relations, Ricardo Rel

- October 13-15 – Legislative Education Study Committee – Santa Fe
 - UNM – Redesign of the College of Education
 - Farm to Table Appropriation Distribution
 - College Board Report
- October 15 – Legislative Education Study Committee Charter Schools Subcommittee
- October 16 – Jobs Council
 - Workforce Development Initiatives: Collaborating to Prepare for the Jobs of the Future
 - Science Early Education Pilot Program
 - Barriers to Agricultural Products Small Business Growth
- October 16 – Courts and Correction – DACC
 - **Welcome by Dr. Torres (Interim VP For Academic Affairs - DACC)**
- October 20- Legislative Health & Human Services Committee- Espanola, Santa Clara Hotel
- October 20-21- NM Finance Authority Oversight Committee- NMSU Barbara Hubbard Room
 - **Welcome – Dan Howard**
 - Proposed Legislation
 - Please note that the Cervantes family is hosting a reception in evening and you should receive an invite
- October 23 – 24 Revenue Stabilization & Tax Policy Committee- State Capitol, Rm. 311
 - Proposed Changes to the Angel Investment Tax Credit
- October 22 - Capitol Buildings Planning Commission – State Capitol
 - Proposed Legislation requested by the Capitol Buildings Planning Commission
 - Executive Agency Capital Outlay
- October 29-30 Indian Affairs Committee – NMSU
- October 27-28 – Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee – Albuquerque
 - Degree Plans Project
 - **Public Television – Glen Cerny will be on a panel**
 - Electric Grid Stability
 - Higher Education Endowment – Chaouki Abdallah, UNM
 - NM Tech Overview
- October 28 – 31- Legislative Finance Committee- State Capitol, Room 307
 - **October 30 – Cooperative Extension Service/Agricultural Experiment Station/NM Department of Agriculture**

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

- I presented the 2014 Rounders Award to two New Mexicans, on October 6, for contributing to the rich culture of the West through their body of work: bronze sculptor Reynaldo “Sonny” Rivera and Pat Evans, the editor and cover designer for her husband, the celebrated writer Max Evans.
- I attended the 23rd annual meeting of the Tri-National Agricultural Accord meeting that focuses on the long-standing province/state relationship among Canada, the United States (U.S.) and Mexico. State and Provincial delegates from five Canadian provinces, five Mexican states and fifteen U.S. states worked together to improve





understanding and strengthen collaboration among the agricultural sectors of the three North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) countries.

- Staff gave a presentation on organic certification to the Northern Rio Grande Vine and Wine Society in Moriarty on October 5. Organic methods of pest management for the Western Grapeleaf Skeletonizer were also discussed.
- NMDA staff met with the NM Cattle Growers and NM Farm & Livestock Bureau to brainstorm ideas related to the NM Farm and Ranch Museum's "Meet the Producer" exhibit.

Chief, NMSU Police, Stephen Lopez

- The Emergency Dispatch Center handled 227 Police Department calls for service, and 30 Fire Department calls for service.
- Police officers took 52 police reports, filed an additional 15 supplements, issued 7 traffic citations, and submitted 18 pieces of evidence.
- Automobile burglaries and bicycle thefts continue to be a challenge. A reminder to lock vehicles and use quality bicycle locks is being prepared for distribution to the NMSU community. (NOTE: This is a regional issue and not just something happening on campus.)
- The electronic submission of crime statistics for the past year was submitted to the US Department of Education for the Las Cruces and the DACC Central Campus. A reminder has been sent to the other campuses to make sure they submit by the deadline (October 15, 2014).