

UEC Minutes
October 28, 2013

Time: 0800

Place: Hadley Hall

Room: 130

Attendees: Garrey Carruthers, Dan Howard, Kevin Boberg, McKinley Boston, Tina Byford, Vimal Chaitanya (absent), Sharon Jones, Bruce Kite, Maureen Howard, Ross Justus, Bernadette Montoya, Ricardo Rel, Angela Throneberry (absent), Jeff Witte, Ben Woods,

Guests: Luis Vasquez, DAnne Stuart, Janet Green, Glen Haubold, Katrina Doolittle

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	FOLLOW UP ACTION	EXPECTED DATE
<p>I. Call to Order and Opening Comments</p>	<p>President Carruthers opened the meeting with comments on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The past weeks homecoming activities were a success. He especially enjoyed visiting with the alumni and feeling the excitement and energy they had. Special mention of the Class of '53. - Dr. Kevin Boberg is back and we are so glad to have him with us. - Good comments regarding the advertising campaign run in Albuquerque. Questions arose about the campaign locally and the extent to which it reaches into the broader region 			
<p>II. Follow Up Items from 10.14.13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VPUA search is underway, the committee next meets Nov 5th and interviews are scheduled for January - Dean of Business – Dean Lowell Catlett will chair the search and the committee should be named within the next 10 to 14 days with interviews scheduled for the spring - Hotel RFP is now being crafted with assistance from Renette Apodaca, Director of CPO. In addition we are reaching out to HVS to renew their market study. We will run the RFP past the Regents Real Estate 	<p>Maureen Howard</p> <p>President's Office</p>	<p>Provide official color code and swatch to President</p> <p>Arrange meeting for President et al with Mayor and City manager to discuss possible collaborative effort regarding water</p>	<p>Prior to next UEC</p> <p>Prior to next UEC</p>

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	<p>Committee prior to sending it out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kevin has indicated that he will have a response for Regent Mitchell on or about mid November - Signage about game day continues to grow with efforts underway now to also place banners along international mall suspended between light posts. - We discussed the need for a process for effective and efficient bill analysis during the legislative session. OGR and Provost are working to capture a process to paper for how we will organize and accomplish this 			
<p>III. Presentation on the DAC Hazard Mitigation Plan</p>	<p>Katrina Doolittle and Glen Haubold presented the Dona Ana County hazard Mitigation plan specific to NMSU to the group. Both Glen and Katrina worked for over 8 months as part of a county wide effort to draft the plans that consider the potential actions that can be taken to reduce the exposure to natural hazards for the region. By participating the university is eligible for FEMA grants to mitigate those issues identified. Eleven (11) issues are identified for NMSU with several being actions that were previously identified and already had some efforts moving forward. The plan was supported by the Emergency Planning Committee and sent to the President with the recommendation that he sign. Bruce Kite will review and president will sign.</p>	<p>Bruce Kite / Glen Haubold / Katrina Doolittle</p>	<p>Complete review and edit to resolution supporting the DAC Hazard Mitigation Plan and submit to President for signature</p>	<p>Prior to next UEC</p>
<p>IV. Update on Lottery Scholarship</p>	<p>Bernadette Montoya briefed the group on the internal meetings being held to discuss the potential loss of portions of the state lottery scholarship. The internal; working group has reached agreement on the letters that need to be sent. Those letters are to be signed by Janie Merchant, Director</p>	<p>Bernadette Montoya</p>	<p>Submit draft letters to both President Carruthers and Maureen Howard prior to sending out</p>	

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	of Financial Aid. We anticipate the letters going out in mid November. In addition, the task force has reached an agreement on a go forward position should there be a reduction in lottery funds for the spring 2014 semester.			
<p>V. Draft Policy Statement Regarding Leadership Succession</p>	<p>Bruce Kite provided a draft policy statement for consideration by the regents. The regents have requested that the university create a policy that recognizes the value of our current faculty and staff and creates opportunity for these individuals to successfully compete for internal openings that arise. The statement proposed attempts to capture those sentiments as a matter of policy. There were questions regarding the best means to carry the statement forward as well as the best place for such a statement to be embedded within policy.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued concerning how we might interact and engage faculty leadership in such conversations. Past chairs of the Faculty senate were discussed as were those faculty holding Regents Professorships.</p> <p>Greg Fant reminded the group of the efforts already in place thru the Department Head Academy and the Advancing Leaders Program. In addition the Center for Learning and Development is pursuing such a program for staff.</p>	<p>Greg Fant / Andrew Pena</p>	<p>Develop a program to describe the proposed efforts to be continued, strengthened or generated to move this plan forward</p>	<p>Present update at next UEC when Andrew is available</p>
<p>VI. President's Associates and Coordinated Ongoing Activities</p>	<p>Currently we have 61 students attending NMSU under the PA scholarship. The President asked what steps are taken to engage them with one another over the course of their career. He recently met with them and they represent some of the best and brightest students on campus. He is interested in seeing what we might be able to do to create</p>	<p>Tina Byford</p>	<p>Place concept of enhanced PA engagement before the PA Board for their comments and thoughts</p>	<p>As allowed</p>

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	more opportunity for these students to interact with one another.			
VII. Consideration of 1 SCH 'All About Discovery' Mini Mester	The President presented a concept for discussion. Might it be possible and a good thing to create a mini mester type course where we expose our students to the discovery taking place at NMSU. The concept would be to ask some of the successful NMSU researchers to share their "discovery" with these young students. There was ensuing discussion concerning the topic. Kevin Boberg felt that there may be NSF funding available to support such a class if it went on to link the research activity to further development.	Dan Howard	Follow up on concept of "Discovery" Mini mester course	
VIII. Upcoming University Events	We reviewed upcoming events such as this week's CUP meeting in Santa Fe			
IX. Open Comment	<p>The following comments were provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Provost briefed o the progress of the Research Process Task Force, entrance requirements, orientation for entering students and his recently published article on the future of research in the changing world of federal grants and contracts.. Further updates at next UEC - Maureen Howard informed the group that they will hold two focus groups in Albuquerque on Wednesday of this week. These are follow ups to prior meetings and will provide invaluable insight into how our ongoing efforts are being received 	Dan Howard	Meet with Kevin Boberg to discuss the possible use of the Arrowhead center as a vehicle to resolve the challenge of lab animal facilities on campus	Prior to next UEC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DAnne Stuart mentioned that the semiannual A&F staff meeting will focus on the theme of "Discover Life at NMSU" - Ricardo Rel informed the group that all interim committee meetings scheduled for the campus are completed. He commented on the success of the effort and how many positive comments it yielded from both staff and elected members of these committees. He is now scheduling capital visits with our local legislators as well as blocking times for the pre session briefings and leadership dinner. - Tina Byford discussed the past weeks Foundation Board meeting and reviewed comments received. She also mentioned the plan to review the past five years of fund raising by each College at next week's PAC. She is also reaching out to meet individually with each Dean. - Mac Boston informed the group of the success of our continued efforts to increase the 6 year graduation rate for our athletes. This next week a report will be released and we will increase from 70% to 73%. The men's basketball game on Tuesday will be free to the public and the start of what is anticipated to be a banner year. 			
X. Next Meeting : November 18, 2013	NOTE: We will clear the December BOR agenda electronically on 11 November and then discuss the agenda items in detail at the 18 November UEC.			