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TO: NMSU Community

FROM: Mónica F. Torres, Interim NMSU President

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Interim Chancellor NMSU Community Colleges

As you may know, on May 1, I became the interim president of NMSU as the Board of Regents conducts a search for the next permanent leader of the university system. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Andrew J. Burke has agreed to serve as interim chancellor of the NMSU community colleges.

Dr. Burke is not new to Las Cruces or the NMSU system. He was raised in Las Cruces and graduated from Las Cruces High School. He attended New Mexico State University, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with honors while majoring in Finance & Managerial Accounting, a Master of Accountancy degree, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Administration.

Over the course of 30 years, Dr. Burke has played critical roles within the NMSU system: as DACC's chief financial officer; as DACC's interim chief executive officer from 1997 to 1999 and again from 2013 to 2014; and as NMSU's Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance from 2017 to 2021.

Dr. Burke has served on many institutional committees, including those involving strategic planning, facilities planning, and institutional accreditation. He has served on the boards of several community organizations, including the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and the Bridge of Southern New Mexico, as well as on various statewide task forces, including several related to the higher education funding formula. Dr. Burke is currently on the board of the New Mexico Finance Authority.

He will officially begin his interim term on Thursday, May 16. Until that time, I will work with leaders at each of the community colleges to ensure that college and system business is taken care of.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Burke back to NMSU!