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DATE: March 10, 2016
TO: All Employees, All Campuses
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor 
SUBJECT: Town Hall Thank You and Follow Up

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Town Hall meeting yesterday when we discussed the NM Legislative update and our FY 17 budget priorities. An open dialogue is critical to managing our financial challenges and I appreciate the genuine interest and candid comments from many of our faculty and staff who attended both in-person and online.

For those who could not participate in the Town Hall, the presentations are available on my website at <https://president.nmsu.edu/march-9-2016-town-hall/>. Please forward any additional questions to me at president@nmsu.edu.

One piece of good news that I did not share during the meeting is that we are lifting the hiring moratorium on non-I&G positions, effective April 1. Pending direction on the budget from the Board of Regents during the May meeting, we also will consider lifting the I&G hiring moratorium.

As Provost Howard described during the Town Hall meeting, our path forward includes many bright spots despite the difficult economic outlook. NMSU is a great university because of the many staff and faculty who work hard every day to support our students and the communities we serve. Thank you for your continuing efforts.

We will have another opportunity to continue our dialogue at the Employee Council Forum on Monday, March 21, Corbett Center Student Union Ballrooms, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. At this forum we will discuss progress on the project to **Transform NMSU into a 21st Century University**. I look forward to seeing you there.