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DATE: March 31, 2017
TO: All NMSU Employees
FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor
SUBJECT: New president for NMSU Grants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Garrey Carruthers', written over a horizontal line.

I have appointed Mickey Best, the vice president for learning at South Arkansas Community College, as the new president of New Mexico State University – Grants, effective June 1.

I think he is an outstanding choice to lead our Grants campus. I was particularly impressed with how quickly he connected with the faculty and staff, as well as the Grants community. That bodes well for his future in New Mexico, where relationships are key to success. I look forward to seeing him lead the campus.

At South Arkansas Community College, he was the chief academic officer and coordinated with academic leadership and faculty to oversee the procedures for the annual assessment of student learning outcomes. He has also served as the executive dean of liberal arts at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, Texas, and as dean of arts, humanities and career technology at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, New Mexico. He has a bachelor's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University as well as a Master of Fine Arts and a Ph.D. from Texas Tech University.

I know he is excited to begin working at NMSU Grants. He has spoken about the important work ahead, especially the need to grow our enrollment. I know he also plans to work to develop additional 2 plus 2 programs between NMSU Grants and the university's Las Cruces campus, where students can attend the first two years of their studies in Grants and finish their degrees in Las Cruces or by taking distance education programs offered by the university.

Please join me in welcoming Mickey Best to New Mexico State University.