Dean, College of Business - Dr. Garrey Carruthers
• (Nothing to report at this time- Traveling)

Associate Dean of Academics - Dr. Kathy Brook
• Susan Beck and Cindy Pierard from the Library met with Jim Bishop, Doug Gegax, Mike Hyman, and Phil Benson to discuss reductions in the serials budget currently under way as well as the priorities of the library for future funding (inflation, funding of relatively new doctoral programs including the DED, and STEM research tools).

• I met with Jim Libbin and Terry Crawford from the College of ACES to discuss potential College of Business involvement in a project in Costa Rica. The project could involve delivery of an MBA with a specialization in agribusiness, similar to our existing program.

• The students serving on the Collegiate Advisory Board for the El Paso branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank heard from Vice President in Charge of the El Paso branch, Bill Gilmer, concerning “Oil, Natural Gas and Regional Growth.”

• The Business Council held its final meeting of the year electing a new ASNMSU Senator, Dominic Filosa, to represent the college – filling a vacancy created by the election of David Maestas as VP of ASNMSU. Breanna Sylvas, the new ASNMSU president (also from CoB) was also in attendance. New Business Council officers were also elected including Malcolm Winston as president.

• I attended a reception associated with the Academic Program Review process. As you may know there was a pilot project this year that involved Family and Consumer Science, English, and Counseling and Educational Psychology. The process will proceed during the next academic year, but the CoB has been excused from participation in 2012-13 because of our AACSB visit.

• With Jim Peach, I attended a celebration of the life of Brad Blake, anthropologist and faculty member extraordinaire. Brad once reported on participating in a PhD oral in math where he asked the candidate to take the square root of his social security number.

Associate Dean, Research & Economic Development - Dr. Kevin Boberg
• (Nothing to report at this time)
Arrowhead Center – Dr. Kevin Boberg

- Entrepreneurship Institute staff members are preparing for Camp Innoventure 2012, a component of Innoventure programming for middle school-age students. Participants attend a week-long camp focused on entrepreneurship, marketing, and product development, culminating in sale of products at the Las Cruces Farmers Market.

- Arrowhead Technology Incubator (ATI) Director Chris Penner presented an overview of Arrowhead Center services at a Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce event on Wednesday, April 25th. The event turned out to be very productive: one potential investor, five potential clients and two offers to conduct workshops and provide consulting (financial advice from Wells Fargo and security fraud issues from the State of NM’s Securities Division) to Arrowhead Center clients emerged.

- ATI hosted its first New Mexico Programming Group meet up Thursday, April 26th. Thirty NMSU faculty, staff, students and private industry guests gathered to listen to Jon Cook [Associate Professor, Computer Science Department] present on the Principles of Agile Software Development, network, and collaborate on project development. The next meeting is planned for May 31st at 5:30 PM.

Assistant Dean, Development – Dr. Andrea Tawney

- The Albuquerque COB alumni event was a huge success. We had about 90 people in attendance and everyone had such high enthusiasm that we were there. This is really the first event we’ve put on for our business alumni in ABQ so we clearly see the need for having an event each year and providing a consistent activity for our students, alumni and faculty to get together up North. Thanks to our faculty who made the quick day trip, this means so much to our alumni.

- The donor reception hosted by Dean and Mrs. Carruthers was well attended with about 100 supporters of the College. This is the largest turn out since initiating this event.

- The Dean and I had another successful trip to Houston where we met with alumni and donors. In the two day trip we had 8 meetings.

- During our two day trip to Dallas, the Dean and I visited with about 10 alumni/donors. A major result of this trip that is nearly final is a $50k per year scholarship contribution (indefinately) that will support a full ride scholarship for a COB student made by a generous COB alum/former golf player. He will also be our executive in residence for the fall, stay tuned.

- Sponsorships for the Domenici Conference are well underway and we have already raised nearly the amount we raised last year with $85k in commitments and we still have over 4 months to go and have not yet finalized all of our speakers.
Daniels Ethics Program Chair – Dr. Bruce Huhmann

- 2011 Fellows David Daniel, Ed Pines, and J. Phillip King spoke on ethics at the 57th Transportation Engineering Conference on Friday April 27 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Over 300 engineers attended.

- Students Kelsey Campbell, Daniel Cueto, Isra Gadri, Max Haake, AJ Molina, and Matthew Ogaz along with Coach Bruce Huhmann represented NMSU at the Inaugural Daniels Fund Case Competition in Denver, April 12-14.

- 2012 Daniels Fund Ethics Fellows have been selected. This was our most competitive year yet. Requests totaled over $242,000, but only half that much was available for fellowships. Congratulations to Cindy Seipel, Rusty Calk, Rich Fortin, Sarah Fischbach, Winnie Lee, David Daniel, Dale Spencer, Grace Ann Rosile, David Boje, Gregory Cajete, Ed Breeding, Don Pepion (Anthropology), Phil Baca (NMMI), Phil Lewis (Creative Media), Lori Keleher (Philosophy), Andrea Joseph (Criminal Justice), Ed Pines (Engineering), Lisa Ramirez (English), and Nancy Hastings (English).

Accounting & Information Systems Department - Dr. Ed Scribner

- Departmental Administrative Assistant Patti Benzie received the College of Business Gold Standard Staff Award for outstanding service in 2011-2012. In addition to shepherding the faculty, Patti manages the Facebook pages that help alumni keep up with happenings in the College of Business as well as in the information systems and accounting disciplines.

- Bill Smith was out on the recruiting trail again this week, speaking to Conlee Elementary School students on the many opportunities in business and the importance of education and staying in school.

- Josh Trujillo of REDW, LLC, Albuquerque, spoke to the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) on Monday and the accounting honorary fraternity Beta Alpha Psi on Thursday on transition from student to professional and the hallmarks of team members who distinguish themselves in organizations.

- Jennifer Kreie attended the first meeting of the New Mexico Programming Group, held at Arrowhead’s Genesis Center. The topic was Agile Development, an approach to information systems development that emphasizes rapid, efficient deployment of value-adding applications.

- Rusty Calk, Kevin Melendrez, and Cindy Seipel met with Brandon Fryar and John Michael Ordoñez of Moss Adams, LLP, Albuquerque, who were on campus identifying students to participate in a firm-wide orientation program to be held at the San Francisco office.

- On April 23, the department held a farewell dinner for Leona Silva, long-time departmental administrative assistant extraordinaire who retired April 1. All the living former Accounting & IS department heads and a host of current and retired faculty and College of Business staff came to honor Leona and her husband, David.
Economics/International Business Department - Dr. Rick Adkisson

- Ben Widner served on a MPA oral exam committee.
- Congratulations to Juan Liu on her successful completion of the MS in Applied Statistics. Dr. Clason was the chair of the committee, and Dr. Steiner served as a committee member.
- Rick Adkisson reviewed a manuscript for *Social Science Journal*.
- David Daniel spoke on ethics at the 57th Transportation Engineering Conference on Friday April 27 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Finance Department - Dr. Liz Ellis

- Ken Martin was notified that his paper “Customizing Employment Arbitration”, co-authored with Randall Thomas and Erin O’Hara O’Connor was accepted for publication at the Iowa Law Review.
- Nina Compton is the Faculty Project Advisor for Honors Thesis student Melissa Dominguez, and sponsored her research presentation at the annual NMSU Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium on April 20th. This annual event showcases the works of Honors students who will graduate with Full University Honors. Ms. Dominguez is an International Business major within the COB, and her thesis topic is on Employment at Will. This Symposium is sponsored every year by Deans Carruthers, Eamon and Morehead.
- On April 27th, Rich Fortin participated in the Hillrise Elementary Career Day program by speaking to 4 Third grade classes about a career as a Finance College Professor.
- On April 25, Liz Ellis, Ken Martin and Violeta Diaz attended the College donor reception at the home of Dean Garrey and Mrs. Kathy Carruthers.
- On April 27, Liz Ellis joined Andrea Tawney at lunch with Raymond Welborn and Orlene Lucas of First American bank. The topics discussed included internship and management trainee opportunities at First American, as well as student recruiting strategies.

Management Department - Dr. Steven Elias

- Terry Adler served as the Dean’s Representative on Alfred Chavez’s Master’s Thesis Defense. Alfred “Paul” passed his written and oral comprehensive exams from the NMSU Communications Department.
- Terry Adler along with Sam Gray developed a new approach for the College of Business capstone course, MGT 449, to measure critical thinking and writing. This assignment will be used as the basis for assessing two of the four undergraduate goals for the college starting in Fall 2012.
• Grace Ann Rosile and Management doctoral students Melissa Cast and Rohny Saylors met with Dr. David Just from Cornell University after his talk on Thursday, April 26. They discussed the possibility of a research project related to Just’s healthy school lunch research to be set up here in Las Cruces. Many thanks to Collin Payne for arranging Dr. Just’s visit!

• Dr. Azadegan was among the speakers in Mexico's Manufacturing Supply Chain Summit this past week. His talk focused on the importance of selecting the right number and the right relationship with supply chain members when designing a supply network in Mexico. List of other speakers at the event and the program can be found at: http://www.mexicosupplychainsummit.com/speakers.php

Marketing Department - Dr. Pookie Sautter
• Mihai Niculescu reviewed three papers for ACR and one paper for the European Journal of marketing. He also submitted a manuscript with Collin Payne and Vijaykumar Palghat (Northern Illinois) to Journal of Business-to-Business Marketing.

• Bruce Huhmann reviewed a manuscript on the effectiveness of SEC and FTC regulation of financial services advertising for the journal Law & Policy.

• Collin Payne coordinated the college presentation by David Just on the business of school lunch. Potential cross-departmental/community collaboration may result (Marketing/Management-Grace Ann & David; Las Cruces Public Schools; El Paso Department of Health). Drs. Rosile, Adkisson, Sautter, Niculescu, Peterson, Benson, and community members were in attendance.

• Doctoral student Temo Luna-Nevarez and Dr. Michael Hyman received a revise and resubmit for their manuscript in the Journal of Destination Marketing and Management. Temo also reviewed three manuscripts for this fall’s ACR conference.

• Doctoral candidate Sarah Fischbach successfully passed her comprehensive exam.

• Doctoral candidate Miguel Zuniga has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Morgan State University in Baltimore for Fall 2012.

• Doctoral candidate Suzanne Conner has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at American University in Dubai for the Fall 2012.

• Pookie Sautter attended a meeting of the College of Business Building Committee and completed a review for McGraw Hill for new teaching materials.

School of Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management - Dr. Janet Green
• The Hilton Hotel Corporation recently interviewed 964 applicants, including international students, for the Latin American and Caribbean Elevator Program, a management trainee program. Out of the 964, fourteen students were chosen as finalists, and two of those were HRTM students: Cynthia Mondragon and Daniel Maldonado. Out of the 14
finalists, six students, including Cynthia and Daniel, were chosen to join the Hilton Worldwide Graduate Management Trainee Program.

- Megan Skipper, HRTM student, will be completing an internship in London this summer called Study Chefs Abroad. She received support from Aggies Go Global for travel arrangements.

- Dr. Green attended the Dona Ana Community College Hospitality and Tourism Advisory Council on April 5th, held at the East Mesa Campus. Agenda items included fall classes and student support.

- The Bobby Lee Lawrence Academy of Wine is on schedule for construction. Plans are being made to teach at least two classes in the new room for the fall semester: Dr. Green for Dining and Business Etiquette, and Mr. Ed Linderman for the International Food and Wine class.

**Domenici Institute Program Manager – Sara Patricolo**
- Sara Patricolo is participating in a food drive, organized by Leadership Las Cruces, to benefit Casa de Peregrinos. If anyone would like to contribute to this collection, non-perishable food items can be donated at the Business Complex reception area (Dean’s Suite) by May 17. Call Sara at 646-2066 with any questions.

**Manager of Environmental Policy and Sustainability – joni newcomer**
- (Nothing to report at this time)