Dean, College of Business—Dr. Garrey Carruthers

- I attended the first official meeting of the Daniels Fund Ethics Consortium in Denver. All 8 Deans from the participating Universities were present. Each Dean presented the unique attributes of their proposals. The Daniels Fund likes that each University has some unique features and they are especially pleased that NMSU and UNM are collaborating on outreach to other two and four year colleges and universities in New Mexico. We will meet again in May in Santa Fe and the coordinator/director from each university will join the Deans for a one day conference.

- Ben Woods, Janet Green, Sharon Jones, Bob McNeil and I traveled to Santa Fe for several functions. I testified before the Board of Finance with Dr. Corture and Dr. Schmidly (President of UNM) regarding their rule making that, if imposed, would adversely affect the operation of the Arrowhead Research and Business Park. The rule was promulgated as the result of UNM trying to develop residential and office buildings on their old North Golf Course. In addition, I testified before the Senate Finance Committee on the Committee on Government Efficiency recommendations. They have already introduced 5 bills to consolidate cabinet agencies, as the result of the report.

- Dr. Corture and her husband Paul attended a reception for legislators at the Gov’s house and the following day, the Governor’s Prayer Breakfast and the Amigos Luncheon – all traditional activities during the opening week of the session. She seems to be really getting into the swing of things in Santa Fe and I am hearing great reports about her personality and professionalism.

- Lydia Nesbitt Valenzuela of the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez is taking a “mini sabbatical” with us this semester, working principally with Kevin Boberg on regional economic development activities. Lydia will also participate in our Current Events and Public Policy class and may lead a session on the violence in Juarez and the effect on American public policy.

Associate Dean of Academics—Dr. Kathy Brook

- Debra Cardinali will be joining the student services staff in a couple of weeks, filling the position left vacant by Celina Talamantes’ retirement. Debra has advising experience at NMSU as well as having worked with an MBA program at another institution. I anticipate that she will quickly adjust to being an undergraduate business advisor and will certainly be warmly received by those of us who are bridging the gap in staffing.

- Candle Turner, star graduate assistant in the MBA office, has left for an internship with Sandia National Labs but she will be working to complete her own MBA program.
Before leaving she briefed incoming advisor, John Shonk, about the operation of the office.

- I represented the College of Business at the interview with a candidate for Dean of the College of Engineering. Pius Egbeulu is a former dean and current faculty member at LSU and has had several appointments at NSF.

- I participated in a conference call with the provost and other personnel from University of Vermont so that they could quiz me about the implementation of Digital Measures at a land grant institution.

**Associate Dean, Research & Economic Development—Dr. K. Boberg**

- Dawn Hommer, Matt Elgersma, Pam Wood and Tony Burris met with William P. Hett-Dobricky of the New Mexico Procurement Technical Assistance Program (NMPTAP) in Las Cruces. Mr. Dobricky will be holding a workshop titled: Government and Business Opportunities in National Security at the 2nd Annual National Security Conference. In addition, he has offered to conduct workshops for Arrowhead Center clients, staff and students to learn about the government contracting processes.

- Chris Kientz met with Lydia Nesbitt Valenzuela from the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez to discuss Intellectual Property policies and business incubation practices. Ms Valenzuela will be spending some part of her sabbatical from the UACJ with the College of Business and the Arrowhead Center through the end of the fiscal year. In addition to studying intellectual property management and incubation practices, Ms Valenzuela will be seeking to identify collaborative opportunities for faculty and students from both universities.

- Matt Elgerersma, Sara Sanders, and Chris Penner (who holds a joint appointment with Physical Sciences Laboratory and Arrowhead Center) reviewed client project submissions for Spring Semester. Slightly more than one dozen were selected from the 34 submitted and assigned to graduate assistants in the AHC. The balance was referred to independent studies, other instructors, and other service providers; others still invited to use the entrepreneurship institute resources on their own; and, finally, some were deferred to summer.

- Vickie Galindo and Leo Delgado participated in a conference call with staff members of the NM Department of Workforce solutions to kick off the LMI Green Jobs project. Topics included instrumentation, IRP procedures, sampling plan, and survey methodologies. Hien Nguyen, a candidate in the Doctorate of Economic Development program, will be participating in the project over the next year to meet her internship requirement, the first candidate to do so with the AHC.

**Assistant Dean, Development & Public Relations—Sylvia Acosta**

- Working on Case statements for the Domenici Institute and the Domenici Conference

- Planning trips to San Antonio, Austin and Albuquerque to visit with alumni for matching of a possible professorship

- Working on the talking points for a major ask for the College
• Developing a training seminar for all Development Officers at NMSU

**Accounting & Information Systems Department—Dr. Ed Scribner**

• "A Course Format for Problem-Based Learning in Accounting," has been selected as the 2010 Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Section Best Manuscript by the American Accounting Association Southwest Region. Authors Rusty Calk (Accounting & IS) and Pamela Carr (Arkansas Tech) will be honored March 5 in Dallas.

• “Charismatic Leadership Up Close: The Entrepreneur & Charisma,” was nominated for the Distinguished Paper Award for the Southwest Academy of Management meeting. Authors Richard Oliver (Information Systems), Janice Black and Jon Howell (Management), and Lori Paris (CSU-Bakersfield) will be honored March 4 in Dallas.

**Economics/International Business Department—Dr. Tony Popp**

• Larry Blank completed a detailed review of a viability study for the reorganization of the Rio Grande Natural Gas Association (“RGNGA”). RGNGA is a natural gas distribution utility jointly operated by the City of Las Cruces and the Village of Hatch. Larry was appointed by Hatch to serve as a volunteer member of a task force evaluating reorganization scenarios.

• Masters graduate Luis Saenz accepted a rates analyst position with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Mr. Saenz completed the regulatory option in Economics which provided him the set of skills necessary for public utility regulation.

**Finance Department – Dr. Liz Ellis**

• Greg Roth arranged for representatives from NMSU Career Services to speak with each of his three classes on Tuesday, January 19. These representatives provided an overview of the services offered to assist students in finding jobs.

• Liz Ellis met with Diane Calhoun at the NMSU Foundation to discuss scholarship issues specific to the Finance Department and Insurance Center.

**Management Department—Dr. Bonnie Daily**

• Dr. Boje and co-authors D. Kopf and I.M. Torres had their paper, “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Dialogical Ethics and Market Information,” published in the *Journal of Business Ethics*, Special Issue on Critical Management Studies and Business Ethics.

• Dr. Boje and co-author K.M. Jørgensen had their paper, "Resituating narrative and story in business ethics" accepted for publication in the journal, *Business Ethics: A European Review*.

• Drs. Boje and Rosile hosted visiting scholar Lynette Drevin from South Africa, who presented her work on IT, security, ethics, and ante-narrative analysis to faculty and doctoral students on Thursday, Jan 21, 4-5:30pm in BC 247.

• Dr. Minjoon Jun had a paper, entitled “Examining the Relationships between Internal Service Quality and Its Dimensions, and Internal Customer Satisfaction,” accepted for publication in the *Total Quality Management and Business Excellence Journal*. 
• Dr. Pia Albinsson with Dr. Sautter and Mgt doctoral student Yasanthi Perera had their paper, “Shifting Students’ Perspective of Marketing: Pedagogical Tools and Challenges,” accepted to the Marketing Educators’ Conference.

Marketing Department—Dr. Pookie Sautter
• The NMSU Marketing Department will be well represented at this year's Marketing Educator's Conference in April 2010. Several papers were accepted for conference publication including: "Shifting Students’ Perspective of Marketing: Pedagogical Tools and Challenges" by co-authors Pia Albinsson (Phd 2009), Yasanthi Perera (MGT PhD candidate) and Pookie Sautter, "The Emergence of Global Learning Brands With the Myth of a 'New Global Knowledge Society" by co-authors Dr. Kelly Tian and Cuauhtemoc Luna-Nevarez (MKTG PhD student), and "Living the Brand': The Evolution and Conceptualization of a Philosophy-driven Strategy of Building Organizational Brands Through People" by co-authors Dr. Kelly Tian and Miguel Zuniga (MKTG PhD student).

• Dr. Collin Payne presented "Mindless Eating" to the Rio Grande Rotary Club after, not before, they ate their lunch.

• Dr. Robin Peterson developed materials for an invited visiting professor position at Chaing-Mai University (Thailand).

School of Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management
• Congratulation to Dr. Betsy Stringam and Ms. Julie Correa. They applied for and were accepted into the Online Course Improvement Program available through the College of Extended Learning.

• Daren Bloomquist will visit Zia Middle School mid February. Daren has been an excellent HRTM representative in the public school system in the last couple of years. He will be visiting as many middle and high schools as possible this semester to encourage students to enter NMSU and HRTM.

• The Las Cruces Convention Center has a goal date of October 2010 for completion, and meetings will start being held in the Center January 2011. HRTM will have several internships available to students once the Center gets up and running.

• Janet Green has been invited as a panelist on the Dona Ana County Spaceport Community Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 26. She will give a presentation on the tourism impacts of Spaceport America.

Domenici Institute – Ann Morgan
(Nothing to report at this time)