Dean, College of Business - Dr. Garrey Carruthers

- I had my first individual monthly visit with Interim Provost Jay Jordan. Waded started the practice of having Deans come by monthly to go over issues and it has proven to be a valuable method of communicating with Administration. I asked Jay to assign an NSMU priority to one of our current students interested in the minority Ph.D. program, in which the State and NMSU support students who go out of state for a Ph.D. and then return to a tenure track position. He has used the program in the past and likes it. As the result of pending financial challenges, he indicated the following:
  - All faculty lines are frozen until after the smoke clears from the legislative session. I had requested that we retain the Ben Matta line in the College.
  - It may be more difficult to grant all sabbatical leave requests until we return to financial health.
  - Jennifer Taylor and the Provost had attended a seminar on gaining efficiencies in the operation of Universities and I would expect we will learn more about the recommended approach of cutting budgets while gaining stakeholder support soon, particularly if the legislative cuts are very deep.

- I had sent out a message last week regarding an opportunity for a faculty member to join me in doing some development work on the Daniels Ethics Initiative. Apparently, the message was not received by all so I have resent it this morning. This is principally an administrative opportunity. It will involve, given Human Resources approval, supplementary compensation for those who are now full time occupied, which I assume is everyone.

- Several members of the College family attended the Annual Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe gathering. Sylvia Acosta and her husband Joe Graham arranged for about 20 students to join us. I gave them a brief overview of the legislative process and a tour of the Roundhouse so they could observe the legislature doing their thing. I think the students were most impressed with my picture in the House Gallery when I had color in my hair and was 20 pounds lighter. I had also invited Deans Adera and Arnold from Health and Social Services to join me in the tour. I introduced them to legislators who are champions of health legislation.

- On the good news side, Representative Joni Gutierrez was able to restore the funding for the Doctorate of Economic Development program in House Bill 2. It is also included in the Governor’s proposal so hopefully it will stick this time and we can get much needed support for this rapidly growing program.
Associate Dean of Academics - Dr. Kathy Brook

- I partook of three “free” lunches this week as I substituted for the dean in the meetings with candidates for the position of Dean of the College of Engineering. It is an impressive group. Two of the four who have been interviewed so far have been deans, one is an associate dean in a college which combines engineering with a number of STEM disciplines, and Ricardo Jacquez, of course, is our interim associate provost. There is one more interview to be completed.

- Following up on the discussion of academic dishonesty at the convocation, Grace Ann Rosile has agreed to call a meeting of the task force consisting of Richard Oliver, Jennifer Kreie and David Boje.

- The new version of disenrollment has been wonderfully peaceful. In contrast to the rather massive disenrollments which have occurred in the past, we had only 21 undergraduate students affected on Wednesday. No graduate students were disenrolled.

- Many thanks to Nate Whitten as well as the rest of the advising staff and to Yolanda Sanchez for their work with MBA students, current and prospective, in recent months – in addition to their usual responsibilities. All have been very gracious in helping out.

- We have been invited by Santa Fe Community College to include information about our MBA course offerings on their campus in their Schedule of Classes.

- Many thanks to Renee Brown, Sherry Mills, and Liz Ellis for their work on the web page. All P&T guidelines are now accessible on the web and we are developing a public portion of the web page where assurance of learning information will be available to students and other stakeholders.

Associate Dean, Research & Economic Development - Dr. K. Boberg
(Nothing to report at this time)

Assistant Dean, Development & Public Relations - Sylvia Acosta

- Planning the trip to Santa Fe with 16 students. Did a mini training for the students so that they could be prepared for the events in Santa Fe. We will be leaving on Sunday morning and will return on Monday late afternoon or early evening. Letters of excuse from the Dean have been given to each of the students to submit to their professors. If the professors have any questions, they can contact me at 575-646-4917.

- Set up meetings in Santa Fe with alumni. We are meeting with a key prospect to work out the details on a gift to the COB. That meeting will take place on Sunday evening.

- Retooling some of the current gift agreements to update them and make sure that we are meeting the donors’ needs.

- Still working on the College Faculty Staff campaign. Please stay tuned in for additional solicitations from me.
Accounting & Information Systems Department - Dr. Ed Scribner

- Bill Smith (Accounting) reports that the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting (ALPFA) hosted Jorge DeLaRosa Burwick from the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU). He spoke on both internship and scholarship opportunities.

- Bill Foster (Accounting) has been accepted to teach accounting for three weeks in March at the Aalto School of Economics in Mikelli, Finland.

- Carlo Mora and Jennifer Kreie (Information Systems) met with Apple Computer representatives Sonata Perez (University/Diversity Recruiter) and Melissa Banks and Althea Gordon (University Recruiting Managers) regarding opportunities for NMSU students.

Economics/International Business Department - Dr. Tony Popp

- The NM State Senate officially confirmed Tony Popp’s appointment to the NM State Lands Trust Advisory Committee on Monday, Jan. 25th. His first official meeting will be on Feb. 2nd.

- Chris Erickson of the Economics, Hari Sankaran of Finance, Grace Ann Rosile as well as graduate students Manish Saxena and Prabhakar Teeleru presented to the Academy of Learning in Retirement on the general topic of India. Sessions were well attended, with the audience numbering around 100.

Finance Department - Dr. Liz Ellis

- Ken Martin presented a teacher workshop on the Stock Market Game Friday, January 29, at the NM Farm and Ranch Museum. The workshop was hosted by the New Mexico Jumpstart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

- Under the auspices of The Academy for Learning in Retirement lecture series, Dr. Hari Sankaran and Mr. Manish Saxena (our MBA student) made a two-hour long presentation on Indian culture, Economy and Politics on Monday January 18, 2010 in the auditorium at the Good Samaritan Society, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Dr. Chris Erickson coordinated the event from the NMSU side.

Management Department - Dr. Bonnie Daily

- On January 26th, Dr. Elias guest lectured in Dr. Daily’s Mgt 345 Quality class on “Business Ethics and Quality.” Drs. Elias and Daily also discussed with the class quality ethics cases such as the Ford Pinto and the current Toyota pedal situation. El Paso Times’ reporter Adriana Gomez sat in on the class and also interviewed the class and faculty for an article she is writing on business ethics curricula in academia. Ms. Gomez also interviewed the Dean regarding the Daniels’ Foundation grant.

- On January 27th, Yasanthi Perera did a presentation for the Good Samaritan Village in Las Cruces on “Social Entrepreneurship in South Asia: Case studies from India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.”
Marketing Department - Dr. Pookie Sautter

- Dr. Hyman completed an editorial review for Journal of Advertising.

- Dr. Collin Payne reviewed a chapter for an upcoming book called "Transformative Consumer Research for Personal and Collective Well-Being."

- PhD student Sarah Fischbach’s Retailing class is working on a project to build awareness of the museum with the Hispanic population. Museum administrator Julie Hansen is consulting with the students on the project.

School of Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management - Dr. Janet Green

- Elizabeth Albin and Dr. Greg Blanch are working on a joint writing venture on the development and history of the Las Cruces Convention Center. A first draft will be available soon.

- Elizabeth Albin will be attending the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) regional conference in Indianapolis Feb 18-21. Several students of the HRTM chapter of NSMH will be attending with Ms. Albin.

- Dr. Blanch reports there are 28 students interested in the Rome project. Information has been distributed and the next meeting will be February 1. The Hassler Hotel in Rome has 8 internships available which will be 12 weeks during the months of May-July. Criteria is being developed for the application process. The Hassler Hotel has indicated they would like to interview the students, and they would like them to have a “working knowledge” of Italian. Language workshops may be offered by HRTM. A fundraiser for the Rome project is being planned for April 22. More information will be forthcoming.

- HRTM students, as part of their culinary coursework, will once again be preparing and serving lunches, in Gerald Thomas 100W, beginning Tuesday, Feb 9. The cost is $8 per person, all inclusive, cash and/or checks only, please. Tuesday/Thursday will be buffet, with Wednesday/Friday a la carte. No reservations, doors open at 12 noon.

Domenici Institute – Ann Morgan

(Nothing to report at this time)