Dean, College of Business - Dr. Garrey Carruthers

- We had a nice retirement ceremony for four members of the College of Business Family – Dr. Ed Scribner, Dr. Peter Dorfman, Ms. Rose Clark, and Ms. Leona Silva. Dr. Dorfman could not attend as he had just undergone surgery. He is repairing well, albeit a little sore. Dr. Scribner was also roasted at the Beta Alpha Psi banquet. Drs. Bullock and Foster (who was dressed in a period costume from the early 1880’s) did a great job in reviewing the rich and humorous history of one Dr. Scribner.

- The NMSU Ethics Initiative will be featured in this year’s Daniels Foundation Annual Report. Congratulations to Dr. Bruce Huhmann and Gena Bermudez for their great work on this project. In addition, Bruce, Gena and I attended the UNM/NMSU Ethics training program for two and four year college faculty, held in Santa Fe on Thursday and Friday. UNM and their ethics champions O.C. and Linda Ferrell have been outstanding colleagues and collaborators as we designed and managed our Daniels Foundation program.

- While in Santa Fe, Bruce, Gena and I met with the State Personnel Director Gene Moser and his colleague Sandy Martinez to work on our proposal regarding the development of ethics on line training for all state employees. Once we have a three hour program, the Governor is expected to mandate that all state employees take the training courses.

- Congratulations to Dr. Ken Martin, who received the Teaching Academy Innovation Award in a ceremony at the Fulton Center on Friday. Ken has “flipped the classroom”, asking the students to do reading and view lectures outside the classroom and use their scheduled class time for their homework assignments, giving them the benefit of his being present to assist with any problems or issues. His wife follows a similar teaching strategy as a public school teacher.

Associate Dean of Academics - Dr. Kathy Brook

- Thanks to Yolanda Sanchez as well as Pookie Sautter, Hari Sankaran, and Bill Smith describing Beta, Gamma and Sigma, twenty-two new members were inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honor society.

- The College’s budget request materials were submitted to the provost’s office including requests for new faculty lines, one-time funding of selected expenses, equipment renewal and replacement, and a new staff position and an explanation of our plans for the two lines vacated by the voluntary retirement incentive program.
• Thirty two students participated in the first of the season’s New Student Registration on April 24. Thanks to all faculty and students who assisted in making this a productive session for our newest students: Suzanne Conner, Maria de Boyrie, Pat Gavin, Sebastien Vendette, Rick Adkisson, Miguel Zuniga, Max Taylor. And as always, the work of Justine Adkisson and Deb Cardinali is much appreciated.

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

Arrowhead Center – Dr. Kevin Boberg
• Studio G had an informational booth inside of Corbett Center on May 2nd 2012. Arrowhead staff distributed information on Studio G and collected contact information from interested students. Staff members have also met with a potential incubator resident, who is interested in creating a nonprofit.

• KRWG TV/FM aired a news piece on the College Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO; “College Students Creating Their Own Jobs”), an Arrowhead-affiliated student program working to forge connection with members of the regional business community. CEO President/Arrowhead Center Technology Commercialization Associate Shanta Thoutam and Studio G resident/Arrowhead graduate assistant Britt Catron were featured in the piece.

• Congressman Steve Pearce visited Arrowhead Center last week, including a tour of the Arrowhead Park Early College High School and the Arrowhead Park, and being briefed on Center activities. Several tenants in the Genesis Center incubator had an opportunity to visit with the Congressman as well.

Assistant Dean, Development – Dr. Andrea Tawney
• (Nothing to report at this time)

Daniels Ethics Program Chair – Dr. Bruce Huhmann
• At the May 3-4 Teaching Business Ethics Workshop in Santa Fe, Bruce Huhmann demonstrated how to effectively use debate issues to teach ethics and how to use cases and behavioral simulations to teach business ethics.

Accounting & Information Systems Department - Dr. Ed Scribner
• Christine Wright, CPA, Partner at Beasley, Mitchell & Co., LLP, reported that the firm’s internship program has concluded another successful semester under the joint leadership of the firm and Dr. Larry Tunnell. This week and next, eight interns will make individual presentations to Dr. Tunnell on their internship experiences.
• Continuing with news on student internships, NMSU students will work during the summer at accounting firms in such diverse cities as New York, San Antonio, Dallas, Albuquerque, and Hobbs, NM. These internships provide hands-on learning experiences as well as funds to support the students as they complete their accounting degrees.

• Kevin McNelis, Bill Foster, and Bill Smith completed the finishing touches on their article, “The Statement of Cash Flows: An Indirect to Direct Conversion Tool to Enhance User Understanding and Analysis,” for publication in the Summer 2012 issue of the *Journal of Accounting and Finance*.

• Richard Oliver provided design reviews and mentoring for New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge and GUTS (Growing Up Thinking Scientifically) teams. The theme of this year’s competition is bringing computational models and problem-solving techniques to bear on the hydrology of the Rio Grande drainage basin. Richard also furnished formal instruction in computational modeling using agent-based simulation.

• The Information Systems faculty met with Jeff Beasley, Department Head of Engineering Technology & Surveying Engineering, to discuss ongoing and potential future curriculum collaboration opportunities between the two departments.

• The IS faculty met to simplify textbook options and reduce net costs to students in BCIS 338. The faculty also adopted curriculum enhancements for Fall 2012.

• Bill Smith, a member of the New Mexico Society of CPAs Board of Directors, attended (through the miracle of teleconferencing) the quarterly Board meeting.

**Economics/International Business Department - Dr. Rick Adkisson**

• The paper, “Pragmatism to Dogmatism: The Laissez Faire Myth and the Disabling of the American Fisc,” written by Rick Adkisson and Miki Mohammed, was accepted for publication in Review of Social Economy.

• Benjamin Widner was recognized by the NMSU Greek Excellence Awards Program in receiving the Outstanding Achievement – Professor of the Year Award (2011-2012). This award recognizes a professor on the main campus that has greatly impacted the education of students.

• Benjamin Widner, Bill Gould, and Rick Adkisson attended a Costa Rica Information Meeting at the Center For Latin American and Border Studies.

• Jim Peach testified before the Legislative Finance Committee (New Mexico Legislature) on May 3 (Thursday) in Deming, NM. Peach spoke about the occupational and industrial distribution of the demand for labor in New Mexico to 2020.

• Hanh Le successfully earned her MS in Applied Statistics last week. Her committee included Dr. Robert Steiner(chair), Dr. Bill Gould, and Dr. Jeff Teich. Congratulations to Hanh.
Finance Department - Dr. Liz Ellis

- On April 27, 2012, Dr. Sankaran and Dr. Tawney visited with Ms. Jennifer Amis, the principal of the Early College High School in the Arrowhead Park, to explore different ways to initiate a financial literacy workshop for students and their parents. This is the first step towards the goal of improving financial literacy among children in middle and high schools in the Las Cruces area.

- On April 30, 2012, the Finance Department recognized four graduating seniors with Departmental awards. The Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Achievement in Finance was presented to Elijah King, the Conoco Phillips Award for Outstanding Achievement in Finance was presented to Bryce Elkins, and the Peter Wichert Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in Finance was presented to Clint Elkins. The Mountain States Insurance Group Award for Outstanding Achievement in Insurance was presented to Kyle Vincent. Awards were presented in Dr. Martin and Dr. Query’s classes. Also attending the award presentations to congratulate these seniors were Liz Ellis, Violeta Diaz, Al Berryman, Tim Query and Hari Sankaran.

- On Monday, April 30, Liz Ellis, Tim Query and Al Berryman attended a dinner for spring insurance and risk management interns, which was sponsored by Molina Healthcare. Tony Martinez, Community Outreach Supervisor, also attended. Each of the six interns gave a presentation on their internship experiences and what they learned.

- On Friday, May 4, Ken Martin was honored at the Teaching Academy Gala with the Teaching Innovation Award. Liz Ellis and Dean Carruthers were on hand to congratulate Ken on his well-deserved award.

- On May 2, Liz Ellis and Hari Sankaran served on the MBA Orals/Business Plan Presentations for three groups of BA 590 students. On May 3, Liz Ellis met with Jerry Walker, Executive Director of the Independent Community Bankers Association (and interim Executive Director of the Western States School of Banking) along with Nicole Keeswood, Project Coordinator, to discuss arrangements for the 2012 WSSB session. This will be the 4th year that WSSB has met on the NMSU campus. Four NMSU faculty members will be serving on the faculty of the WSSB this year: Jim Nelson, John Loveland, Phil Benson and Dale Spencer.

Management Department - Dr. Steven Elias

- Dr. Steven Elias accepted an invitation to serve a three-year term on the ADVANCING Leaders Committee.

- Rakesh Mittal, doctoral student in the department of management, passed his written and oral comps and advanced to candidacy.

- Terry Adler advised two business students regarding which courses to take this summer sessions and for the fall 2012.

- Terry Adler and Steve Elias reviewed Abigail Goodin’s presentation for the completion of her independent study in MGT 470. Abigail assessed the levels of learning and
satisfaction from students in the Spring 2012 MGT 470 course, broken out by grade level, and content analysis.

- Terry Adler served as a panelist for BA 590 on 3 May 2012. This entailed reviewing the business plans/proposals by MBA students in completion of their final course work for graduation.

- During the last CARMA webcast, Larry Williams, the founder and director of CARMA and founder of the journal Organizational Research Methods, gave a “shout out” to New Mexico State University in general and Jim Bishop and Stephanie Maynard-Patrick. The acknowledgement was one of gratitude for the advertising campaign Stephanie devised and had carried out by her undergraduate MGT454 class. CARMA will use contents of the campaign (including t-shirts designed by the class) for its marketing efforts. The webcast was seen in 6 locations: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. The marketing campaign will be used in the same 6 locations.


- Terry Adler was voted ‘Coach of the Year’ for 2012 by the New Mexico Activities Association District 6 for boys’ basketball.

- Terry Adler was selected as the South All-Star Coach for this year’s boy’s 3A/2A basketball game. This event will be held in Las Vegas, NM from 9-13 July 2012 at Highlands University.

**Marketing Department - Dr. Pookie Sautter**

- (Nothing to report at this time)

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

- (Nothing to report at this time)

**Domenici Institute Program Manager – Sara Patricolo**

- The Domenici Institute received numerous nominations for the 2012 Domenici Student Panelist Program. Three New Mexico universities nominated students for consideration. A committee of the Domenici Institute Advisory Council will now review the nominations and select students for the 20 panelist opportunities. All students (and their nominating faculty member or administrator) will be notified of his/her status via email on or before June 15. Student panelists will be the only conference attendees allowed to question speakers at the Domenici Public Policy Conference, Sept. 19-20.

- A $250,000 gift from Chevron U.S.A. has established the Chevron Endowed Professorship in the Domenici Institute. There were several hands that touched this effort. Many thanks to Dean Carruthers, Sharon Jones, and Dr. Andrea Tawney for their contributions which made this gift a reality.
Manager of Environmental Policy and Sustainability – joni newcomer

- The Sustainability Council will continue to meet the second Wednesday every month throughout the summer. The meetings will take place at 8:30am in Milton Hall Room 85. Join the Office of Sustainability and the Sustainability Council in filling out the AASHE STARS credits for NMSU. Last year we got a Bronze rating and this year we hope to achieve Silver.

- The fall of 2012 will see the opening of the new Environmental Education Center in Regents Row, Mitchell Hall. The EEC will provide a focal point for sustainability at NMSU. The OoS will keep you updated on the actual opening date.

- TIP: If you will be out of your office for an extended portion of the summer, please make sure to do the following:
  - Turn off all electronics and appliances (including all power strips)
  - Turn off all lights
  - If the air is on, please shut all windows or doors to the outside
  - If your office is unoccupied, the temperature settings are 85F for cooling. *Unoccupied* is generally defined as all other times, i.e., before and after work, nights and weekends.
  - If you are spring cleaning your office or home, please donate your excess stuff. Here are some local donation options:
    - Savers: 2340 North Main St, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 526-3200
    - La Casa: 800 S. Walnut, Las Cruces, NM (575) 526-2819

- If you have any questions about what you can do to help reduce waste or save energy, please contact newcomer@nmsu.edu or call 646-7563.