Dean, College of Business - Dr. Garrey Carruthers

- As we close out another great semester I am asking that all faculty and staff members be available to assist our students as they complete their work. I have had some recent complaints after the last two semesters about students not being able to find folks at the end of the term. Thanks.

- We have received a check for $100,000 from the Anadarko Corporation for the Domenici Institute. This amount will be added to an endowment for energy policy research.

- Please congratulate Dr. Bonnie Daily, the new John Loveland Professorship holder. One of our alums and a big fan of John Loveland, Jeff Snyder, provided an initial gift of $125,000 to establish the professorship.

- I am pleased to announce that Dr. Steve Elias has been offered a continuous contract and that I am in the process of appointing him to be the Department Head for the Management Department. As you will recall our external search was not successful thus Steve, at the recommendation of the faculty, has been serving as the Interim Department Head. I met with the faculty members in the Department and those in attendance unanimously endorsed his appointment at the next Head of the Department.

- Dr. David Hansen who now works in International Programs has approached me to engage the College in programs in Colima, Mexico and Costa Rico. In both cases, he is aware of programs in these locales that want to partner with a College of Business in the U.S. If anyone has an interest in either, let me know. I may be traveling to Costa Rico in the spring to visit with Miley Gonzales, who is the principal we are dealing with there. You will recall that Miley was the Secretary of Agriculture (NMDA) for several years.

- The Daniels Ethics Consortium met on campus this week. Deans for UNM, Wyoming, Colorado State, University of Colorado/Colorado Springs, University of Utah, and the University of Denver hobnobbed with one another at the NMSU golf clubhouse. The Daniels Foundation seems to be very pleased with the NMSU effort and the leadership of Dr. Bruce Huhmann and our Daniels Fellows. One of the original members of the Consortium was dropped from funding due to failure to adhere to their agreement with the Daniels Foundation.

- Sharon Jones and I participated in a planning meeting for the Lazarus Project which is sponsored by the UNM School of Pharmacy and the New Mexico Medical Review Association. They are seeking to establish a coalition of educators, medical personnel,
advocates and business leaders to curb the ever growing problem of abuse of prescription drugs. We are interested in that this is one of our more serious workforce development issues.

**Associate Dean of Academics - Dr. Kathy Brook**

- With Tom McGuckin and Ed Scribner I served on four MBA masters oral committees with topics ranging from development of a craft distillery to the Las Cruces airport and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. All were quite interesting.

- I attended a luncheon for the Advancing Leaders Program, with Deputy Provost Greg Fant speaking on leadership and a discussion at the Teaching Academy with Frances Kendall, the author of *Understanding White Privilege*.

- As of December 3, we have 1,538 undergraduates registered for spring 2012 and 172 graduate students and we are looking at the possibility of adding courses to the schedule with funding from the provost’s office.

- Justine Adkisson attended a transfer day on November 29 at NMSU-Alamogordo.

**Associate Dean, Research & Economic Development - Dr. Kevin Boberg**

- (Nothing to report at this time)

**Arrowhead Center – Dr. Kevin Boberg**

- (Nothing to report at this time)

**Assistant Dean, Development & Public Relations – Dr. Andrea Tawney**

- Ed Scribner and I meet with 4 of the largest CPA firms in NM to ask for major lead gifts in support of accounting endowed chair and for Judy Johnson’s matching challenge gift.

- COB is hosting second meeting for major donor to Domenici Institute with potential $5 million gift

**Daniels Ethics Program Chair – Dr. Bruce Huhmann**

- The Daniels Fund was generally pleased with the many activities that NMSU’s DFEI and its Fellows are undertaking and were particularly interested in our Certified Advocate for Public Ethics program to offer ethics education to government employees and officials.

- Two new opportunities for involvement with ethics education came out of our meetings.
  1. NMSU and UNM will be sponsoring a New Mexico role-playing case competition. A team of 5 undergraduates and a faculty advisor from NMSU will compete against teams from 4 other schools. No advance preparation is necessary. Students will have to develop a response to the case at the competition in March.
  2. Another team of 5 students and up to 2 faculty advisors can compete in the consortium-wide competition in April in Colorado Springs. Students will have a prepared case analysis, but also be presented with a crisis that they must respond to at
the competition. Travel expenses will be covered for students and faculty at both events.

- If you have not registered yet, please contact Gena Bermudez in the Dean's Office to register for the 2nd Teaching Business Ethics workshop. The speakers and topics covered will be completely different than last year. It's a great chance to meet others interested in incorporating ethics into their classes.

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

- Students in all sections of Enterprise Resource Planning (BCIS 485) made formal presentations of their company performance reports this week. Each team manages a simulated production company using SAP. Tyson Foods sent three representatives, Chief Information Officer Gary Cooper, VP of Accounting Information Systems Howard Alsdorf, and Information Systems (IS) recruiter Laura Bennett, to sit in on several of these sessions. Tyson Foods, like some 60% of the Fortune 500 companies, uses SAP to manage its business processes.

- The Doña Ana Chapter of the New Mexico Society of CPAs held its annual Student Breakfast Wednesday morning. Chapter members, underwriters, and sponsors use the breakfast as a fundraiser to support accounting scholarships at NMSU. Students, who attended as guests of the CPAs, heard an inspirational talk by Steve Chavira, former President of the NMSU Alumni Association, and founder of Success Incorporated.

- Beta Alpha Psi held its spring banquet Friday evening, inducting new members and installing new President Tiffany Kane, Vice Presidents Andrea Travis, Cammie Frietze, Brian Aerts, and Paul Harrison, Secretary Wes Burghardt, Treasurer Jeff Engelbrecht, and Webmaster Rebecca Dieser.

- Celine Tellez, Information Technology Auditor with Accounting & Consulting Group, LLP, spoke to the Accounting Systems (ACCT 452) students on IT auditing and internal control assessment.

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

- Meghan Downes attended a meeting sponsored by the US Department of Energy as an invited attendee with the major National Labs to discuss modeling the economic and environmental impact of biofuels. Only 30 individuals from around the country were invited to attend this meeting at the University of Arizona.

- On Wednesday, 11/30, Winnie Lee attended Fang Liu’s Master Oral Exam, with Carl Enomoto (Committer Chair) and Randy McFerrin. Liu successfully passed it and completes her Master degree in Economics.

- On Friday, 12/2, Winnie Lee is invited to give a guest-speech to the 5th graders at Desert Hills Elementary School (DHES). Her speech is scheduled on both 12/2 and 12/7 (Wednesday), with topic related to money and current U.S. economy.

**Finance Department - Dr. Liz Ellis**
• The Beta Beta Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma elected James McNulty as incoming President. Outgoing president Jeff Winter is graduating this month.

• The Risk Manager for Mountain View Regional Medical Center, Karen Anderson, RN, spoke to risk management students this week about the risk exposures in a hospital environment.

• Tim Query served as the Graduate Dean's Representative for a graduate student's Oral Exam in Economics.

• The Finance Department presented awards to three graduating seniors: Di Jiao received the Alumni Association award for Outstanding Achievement in Finance, Michael “Miko” Peter Alejandro received the ConocoPhillips award for Outstanding Achievement in Finance, and Adam Rivera received BOTH the Peter Wichert Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in Finance and the Mountain States Insurance Group Award for Outstanding Achievement in Risk Management and Insurance. Congratulations to these excellent students!

• On November 28, Liz Ellis attended the Las Cruces High School Advisory Council meeting. The primary topic was the effort to establish a universal bell schedule for all comprehensive high schools in the district. Related to that was a discussion of scheduling at NMSU and the compatibility for dual credit students.

• On December 2, Liz and Michael Ellis represented the College of Business at the Lavender Graduation banquet, sponsored by the NMSU Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center. Two LGBTQA students from the College of Business were recognized with graduation stoles: Marcus Benally (Accounting) and Maryel Aranda (Accounting). Participation by these students was sponsored by Dean Garrey Carruthers and Liz Ellis.

Management Department - Dr. Steven Elias

• “The NMSU College of Business has selected Chet Barney as a recipient of the Yoquelet scholarship for the Spring 2012 semester.”

• Dr. Azadegan’s article titled: “Operational Slack and Venture Survival” was accepted for publication at the Production and Operations Management Journal. The article is co-authored with Pankaj Patel (Ball State University) and Vinit Parida of Luleå University of Technology. Production and Operations Management Journal is considered a top tier journal in Operations Management by Financial Times and UT Dallas ranking.

• Dr. Azadegan’s article titled: “Technology Selection: Application of the PROMETHEE in determining preferences; A real case of Nanotechnology in Iran“ was accepted for publication at the Journal of Operations Management Society. The article is co-authored with Iranian colleagues at Tarbiat Modares University in Tehran.

• On November 18, Jim Bishop hosted a CARMA Webcast Presentation. The presentation included three speakers: 1) Dr. Kevin Carlson, Virginia Tech University Control Variables and Multi-collinearity: Things We Thought We Knew. 2) Dr. Rick Hoyle, Duke
University, Modeling Longitudinal Data Using Structural Equation Methods 3) Dr. Richard Gonzalez, University of Michigan, 3-D Visualization of Data and Models

- Dr. Weisinger co-organized the pre-conference Professional Development Workshop for Diverse Scholars and Leaders at the annual meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) in Toronto, Canada. The workshop is designed to provide teaching, research and career advice for masters’ candidates considering doctoral degrees, and for current doctoral students. She also organized and chaired a featured conference colloquy session, “Why Diversity? Better Research, Better Teaching, Better Practice.”

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

- (Nothing to report at this time)

Manager of Environmental Policy and Sustainability – joni newcomer

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