 dean, college of business - dr. garrey carruthers

- once again the domenici conference exceeded expectation, drawing over 900 participants and sponsorships of over $140,000. the speakers were outstanding, the student panelist under the direction of dr. ramon dominquez and phil bond were exceptional, and the sara patricolo team of organizers distinguished themselves by holding an almost flawless event. senator domenici wondered how we could continue to do this, in that he and i are getting a little long in the tooth but i think we have established a program and a pattern that will be successful for years to come.

- i visited with the accounting advisory council at the invitation of dr. melendrez. they have a good cross section of advisory members, many of whom are obviously very committed to the program and complimentary about both the faculty and students in this department.

- i appreciate the very good attendance at the aacsb review session. i know that our review chair finley graves has requested some additional information and meetings so the agenda for the review is not yet chiseled in stone (it is chiseled in sand).

- i attended a reception for the new mexico revenue stabilization and tax policy committee of the legislature. folks there are feeling a little more comfortable regarding our positive revenue forecast but demands for these funds are enormous.

- several of us had lunch with mr. harold alsdorff of tysons food. he was very enthusiastic about the students they had hired and strongly supports internship programs. he indicated our students were well trained and had an excellent work ethic, to the point that he wanted us to share our recipe with the other schools where he recruited. he said he would return often, looking for both interns and graduates.

- along with dr. couture, dr. wilkins, ricardo rel, and dr. chaitanya, i attended the economic summit sponsored by dr. robert frank, the new president of unm. the attendance by business leaders and economic development experts was impressive. dr. frank is on his 120 day listening schedule in anticipation of developing his goals for unm.

- i will be speaking with the new mexico economic development executives association in ruidoso on wednesday and then next week will do a similar meeting with folks in farmington.
• I attended my 55th High School reunion in Aztec this past weekend and was taken by the number of old people who showed up. The Class of 57 was a community as revealed by the participation at the reunion.

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

• Thanks to Paul Hamilton for his work with newly acquired software (Qualtrics) to set up an electronic voting system to select the MBA student representative to the Graduate Committee and thanks to Pookie Sautter for suggesting that Qualtrics could be used for this purpose.

• The kick-off meeting of faculty advisors for the Living Learning Communities was held on September 18. The good news is that we now have some data that allows us to compare the academic success and retention of students in the LLC’s with other on campus students and students who live off campus. The preliminary reading is that LLC students are retained better than the other two groups.

• Deb Cardinali attended the second of two webinars offered through the Teaching Academy on retaining students. She notes that many institutions have implemented programs to make first generation College students feel welcome rather than seeing this group of students as being “at risk.”

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

• (Nothing to report at this time)

**Arrowhead Center – Dr. Kevin Boberg**

• Arrowhead Center’s proposal to the Economic Development Administration’s i6 Challenge 2012 grant program was selected for award. *Arrowhead Innovation Network*, a set of initiatives that will support the creation and sustainment of an enhanced regional economic development infrastructure, will receive $2,000,000 of funding. A press release detailing this award will be published shortly.

• Arrowhead released a new version of the organization’s website this week: arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu. The site is intended to create a more accessible, user-friendly portal for Arrowhead’s varied clients and stakeholders. We will continue to add to and update the site as new programs and projects develop.

• Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Higher Education Department Glenn Walters visited Arrowhead on Monday morning, receiving a tour of the Arrowhead Technology Incubator and Arrowhead Research Park.

• Arrowhead Technology Incubator opened registration for the Techstart Code Challenge and is already receiving applicants. The Code Challenge is open to any team or business with a new innovative software product or product design. Winners will receive a $3,000 cash prize, mentoring and guidance, and office space top develop their idea to a
commercial product. Winners will be announced during Global Entrepreneurship Week, November 14th.

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

Daniels Ethics Program Chair – Dr. Bruce Huhmann
- (Nothing to report at this time)

Accounting & Information Systems Department - Dr. Kevin Melendrez
- (Nothing to report at this time)

Economics/International Business Department - Dr. Rick Adkisson
- Bill Gould reviewed a manuscript for the Journal of Herpetology and a promotion application at Michigan State University
- Bill Gould advised Dr. Kathy Hanley (Biology) about repeated measures analysis.
- Rick Adkisson reviewed a manuscript for Review of Social Economy
- Winnie Lee attended the 5th annual Domenici Public Policy Conference at the Las Cruces Convention Center, on both 9/19 and 9/20 for the morning sessions.
- On Thursday, 9/20, Winnie Lee was called and had a phone meeting (1.25 hours) with Mr. Gary Dixon (Denver, CO), President of the Foundation for A Better Life, to talk about the general history, culture, and economic/business environment in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. This interview will be used in part of the preparation for the foundation’s non-profit media (TV, Radio, and Billboard) promotional campaigns regarding Pan-Chinese culture and value.

Finance Department - Dr. Liz Ellis
- Gavin Clarkson attended the Native American Business Students Association meeting as their faculty sponsor (9/19)
- Gavin Clarkson attended the Domenici conference and met with economic development officials from the Laguna Pueblo (9/19)
- Gavin Clarkson gave two presentations at a conference on Emerging Tribal Economies hosted by the Forest County Pottawatomi (9/20-9/21)
- Liz Ellis and Steve Elias provided chauffeur and entourage services for James Carville during his visit to Las Cruces to speak at the Domenici conference.
- Liz Ellis attended the Business Advisory Council meetings on Thursday and Friday.
Management Department - Dr. Steven Elias

- "Rakesh Mittal, Ph.D. candidate, was awarded the Department of Management award for Outstanding Teaching 2011-2012, in the Department of Management Fall get-together on September 15."

- Melissa Cast, Ph.D. candidate was awarded the Department of Management award for Outstanding Research 2011-2012.


- Terry Adler counseled three College of Business majors regarding their career path and job opportunities.

- Jim Bishop met with the directors of the Entrepreneurship Centers of Ball State University and the University of Indiana in Bloomington, IN to work on a number of research projects involving entrepreneurship, innovation, and social responsibility.

Marketing Department - Dr. Pookie Sautter

- (Nothing to report at this time)

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

- Following events at the Domenici Conference on Thursday, Sept 20, the Business Advisory Council for the College of Business met in the Bobby Lee Lawrence Academy of Wine for a small reception. Dr. Green gave a history of the room, and Mrs. Lawrence was there to meet members of the Council.

- Dr. Green traveled to Albuquerque recently to attend the “New Mexico First” Directors Meeting. She also met with Dennis Prescott, Vice-President for NMSU University Advancement, and possible donors who are interested in beginning a dialog about a family winery and the School of HRTM.

- Pappas Restaurant was on campus Monday, September 10 to talk to students about internships, and permanent placement.

Domenici Institute Program Manager – Sara Patricolo

- The Domenici Public Policy Conference took place this week attracting a record number of registrants – more than 900. This success was due in large part to the many faculty and staff who encouraged students to attend and take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you for that support as well as your own attendance at the conference.

- Likewise, the conference could not function without the help of our many volunteers from across the campus and Las Cruces community. On campus, we had help from the College of Business Ambassadors and staff, Arrowhead Center, Government Affairs, Library, College of Engineering, and the Domenici Institute Advisory Council. Also, the
College of Arts and Sciences donated copies of the U.S. Constitution to be given away at the conference. A big “thank you” to all!

- Feedback about the conference is welcome. If there is something that we can improve for next year, please send an email message to Sara Patricolo at spatrico@nmsu.edu.

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