Interim Dean—Dr. Kathy Brook

There were numerous meetings during the week including the President’s Academic Committee (PAC), the University Administrative Council, and the deans’ meeting with the provost (this week with deputy provost Greg Fant). A few of the items discussed follow.

1. NMSU will need to survey faculty and staff members in the spring to determine veteran and disability statuses as required by federal regulations; responses are required as part of maintaining federal contracts and federal student aid.

2. The requests for documentation other than tax returns to verify marriage and dependent status for health insurance coverage come from the state’s risk management office, not from NMSU. A substantial portion of NMSU employees used tax returns the last time documentation was required and risk management is no longer accepting this.

3. The Budget Office and HR have been removed from the hiring process except to the extent that they are consulted by the hiring unit, leaving it to the units to determine whether they have the funds to pay the salaries that they want to offer. Hiring of new faculty will now be accomplished through PeopleAdmin, software that has already been in use for staff hiring. This means that search committees will be able to access applications online.

I have been invited to join the Domenici Institute Advisory Council and participated in my first meeting, reviewing the most recent public policy conference and discussing themes that might be appropriate for the next conference.

The department heads and I met with Shelly Stovall to discuss HLC and how the college can get back on track following the disruption to the process associated with our AACSB visit.

I attended a mentor mixer at Arrowhead Center where I had an opportunity to talk with some of our former and current students who are affiliated with Arrowhead.

Michael Armendariz from the Music Department visited with me to discuss changes they are proposing to make in the Music Business degree program (which incorporates a number of our courses) and plans for working with HRTM on a program in entertainment business/venue management.

Assistant Dean, Development—Dr. Andrea Tawney

Kevin Melendrez and Andrea Tawney received a $50,000 commitment over 5 years from Moss Adams accounting firm toward the Lionel Haight Endowed Chair in Accounting.

Accounting & Information Systems Department—Dr. Kevin Melendrez

Kevin Melendrez represented the COB at an Alumni Association event at Sandia National Laboratories on October 4. The event was jointly sponsored by the College of Engineering; there were approximately 50 alumni in attendance.
A New Mexico State University course that will help Master’s of Accountancy students be better-prepared for the communication demands of their field is being supported by one of the international Big Four professional services firms that employs a growing number of those graduates. The master’s-level accounting communications course will be funded by gifts from the Ernst & Young Foundation totaling $30,000 over the next three years. Representatives from EY visited the NMSU College of Business on October 9 to present the $30,000 check to the college.

Economics/Applied Statistics/International Business Department—Dr. Rick Adkisson

Rick Adkisson and Mikidadu Mohammed’s paper titled, Tax Structure and State Economic Growth, was accepted for publication in Social Science Journal. The paper is scheduled for publication in March 2014.

Chris Erickson was quoted by the San Francisco Chronicle concerning the impact of the government shut down on New Mexico.

On October 11, Winnie Lee, Shannon Knapp, and Rick Adkisson participated in a Teaching Academy training titled, Get Students to Focus on Learning Instead of Grades: Metacognition is the Key!

Management Department—Dr. Steven Elias

Sean Rogers’ work on the consequences of graduate student employee unionization, published earlier this year in Industrial and Labor Relations Review, was featured in an October 8, Inside Higher Ed article by Scott Jaschik, titled, Union Impact and Non-Impact. It was subsequently in other national and local media outlets.

Terry Adler:
- Coordinated and hosted a recruitment effort for Techtronic Industries (TTI) (i.e., Ryobi tools) this past spring/summer in his MGT 449 class. TTI has hired five of Adler’s students over the past year and continues to actively seek our COB graduates.
- Conducted a local basketball skills camp this past month in Las Cruces. During this time, he trained players on offensive drills and skill development.

Terry Adler, David Boje, Phil Benson, Grace Ann Rosile, and Bill Smith conducted multiple interviews as part of the Management Department’s search for a new entrepreneurial professor. The search committee has selected three applicants to come in for campus visits. The search process is going very well and we are excited about all of our final prospects.

Marketing Department—Pat Gavin

This weekend the PGA Golf Management Program will be hosting the 3rd Annual Jeff Gomez Memorial Golf tournament. After this event the scholarship endowment will be over $45,000.

Twenty-one PGA Golf Management students successfully completed their required PGA Playing Ability Test last week. NMSU continues to lead all PGA Golf Management universities in the completion of this test.

Pat Gavin completed and submitted the PGA Annual Report (an accreditation document) to PGA of America. Next fall, the PGA of America will be on campus to conduct the 5-year reaccreditation of our PGA Golf Management Program.

Mihai Niculescu and Collin Payne were on 1450 AM last week talking about their grant research.
Collin Payne spent all morning on October 9 with consultant Kevin Cashman as part of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation Realize Leadership program.

Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative, Program Chair—Dr. Bruce Huhmann

Bruce A. Huhmann spoke about ethical decision-making frameworks in accounting at a meeting of the Dona Ana County CPAs from 11:30 to 1:30 on September 19 at Andele's Restaurant in Mesilla.

Domenici Institute, Program Manager—Sara Patricolo

Domenici Fellows Harikumar Sankaran (Associate Professor, Finance), Violeta Díaz (Assistant Professor, Finance), and their colleague, Salvador Espinosa, of San Diego State University recently concluded their fellowship project with great success. Their manuscript, titled, *The Design and Estimation of a Bi-National Bond to Finance Strategic Infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico Border*, was published in the Journal of Structured Finance Summer 2013 edition. Additionally, on October 5, Sankaran presented their work at the annual Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference in Washington, D.C.