Dean, College of Business—Dr. Garrey Carruthers

- The most interesting aspect of the week was trying to understand what is happening in Santa Fe with respect to budgets for higher education. It appears, at the moment, but only at the moment, that NMSU will have to deal with about a 2.5% decrease in this year’s budget, which central administration believes they can cover from reserves. However, next year we have been asked to submit budgets reflecting 2.5 to 5.0% reductions in I & G funding budgets, just in case the legislature cannot find enough funding to completely fund the formula, including the growth money that NMSU has earned. It is early in the session so this is the time for rumors and worry, but not much will happen until after the new revenue estimates are released on February 16th. Then we will know more about the FY 10 budget opportunities. NMSU and all universities have been asked to cut varying amounts from this year’s or eliminate Research Public Service Projects. We have only about $500,000 in these projects (mostly Arrowhead and Boberg’s operation) but we will see cuts both this year and next. I will keep you apprised of the budget scenarios as they unfold.

- For those of you who may have received a recent bump in your salaries, you may wish to save a bit to spend at the “Cream the Dean” fundraiser for the Southern New Mexico Foundation. This year you can cream a lot of Deans as I have asked my colleagues to join me in the fun. Kristin Gauthier will be sending the sales force around soon to get your contributions. More later as we firm up the dates.

- I had breakfast with the principal of the seventh largest accounting firm in New Mexico. He and his colleague (both graduates of NMSU’s accounting program) were very high on our graduates and here to hire more. It is always a pleasure to run into very satisfied employers of our grads.

- I had lunch with a number of our newer faculty members, just to check on how things were working out for them. They offered some good suggestions about how to assist new arrivals. I was most pleased that a couple of them are helping to arrange a seminar series for the college to showcase some of the projects the faculty members are working on. Good stuff.

- The Arrowhead Center has agreed to assist the Western States School of Banking in developing their business plan. Liz Ellis and I facilitated the planning event with their board but this is to follow up by putting pen to pad – something this voluntary board has never done! Thanks Liz, Sara Pirayish and her colleague Matt for your work on this.

Associate Dean of Academics—Dr. Kathy Brook

- The first steps in campus-wide implementation of Digital Measures as a reporting tool have begun. Plans have been laid to identify data elements that should be collected by each college for central reporting and then colleges will be able to customize other elements. The target date for having faculty using the system to input data is August. With luck, the Business College will not have to do much. Included will be a link with Banner so we may be using the same login as for Banner.
I participated in a pilot of NMSU’s compliance training program. This involved reviewing documents on health and safety, labor relations, higher education regulations, and employment related civil rights. This is part of the university’s effort to comply with state law requiring such training for all employees. The good news is that you can do this at your desk and it’s relatively painless and I learned something.

Seventy five College of Business students were disenrolled due to non-payment, meaning that they had not made a down payment of at least 10% by the deadline. Within a couple of days 59 of those students had re-enrolled, four had indicated that they did not plan to attend school this semester and the other 12 had not been reached. Because we have relatively few students who do not re-enroll, the disenrollment system is viewed as broken and a discussion group, of which I am a member, has been formed to consider alternatives. We hope to put some changes in place for the fall semester which means that we must act quickly to get the appropriate information into the catalog.

**Associate Dean, Research & Economic Development—Dr. K. Boberg**

- NMSU Creative Media Institute is working to create a mini-documentary of Innoventure. Arrangements for filming of some of the teams in their schools working on projects before the competition have been made.

**Assistant Dean, Development & Public Relations—Sylvia Acosta**

- Organizing segment accounting alumni list for Las Cruces and El Paso
- Developing a donor list for alumni in Santa Fe
- Preparing files for Dominici Project

**MBA Program—Dr. Bobbie Green**

(Nothing to report at this time)

**Accounting & Information Systems Department—Dr. Larry Tunnell**

- Jim Nelson is a participant in the ETS Information Systems and Computer Applications Assessment Standards Study. He is part of a group of 15 professionals nationwide that are developing assessment tools and standards for information systems courses in colleges of business.

- Rusty Calk and the members of Beta Alpha Psi arranged for personnel from the Roswell accounting firm of Johnson, Miller to address their weekly meeting.

**Economics/International Business Department—Dr. Tony Popp**

- Bill Gould advised Dick Vincent, of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks regarding analyses of whirling disease data of rainbow trout.

**Finance Department – Dr. Liz Ellis**


- The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) has agreed to provide financial support for sending NMSU Risk Management & Insurance students to the annual RIMS Conference in April. We are also in discussions with them on scholarship opportunities for our students.
Management Department—Dr. Bonnie Daily

- Dr. John Loveland was awarded the John P. Loveland Professorship in Quality Management. John has had a distinguished career as scholar and teacher in the College of Business. He also served as the Director of the Center for Quality Management and Manufacturing in the COB and was one of the founders of Quality New Mexico. Many thanks to John for his service to the College since 1965, he is well deserving of the Professorship in Quality.


- Drs. Sautter, Hyman, Elias and Daily met on Wednesday to work on the AOL Assessment for the Management and Marketing PhD programs.

Marketing Department—Dr. Pookie Sautter

- Pat Gavin attended the PGA Show in Orlando and also attending several PGA seminars and meetings.

- Dr. Hyman completed editorial reviews for Journal of Marketing Theory and Practice, Journal of Current Issues and Research in Advertising, and Journal of Business Ethics. He also reviewed three manuscripts for the 2009 American Marketing Association Summer Educators' Conference.

- Pookie Sautter presented as part of the “Pizza and a Prof” series at the Honors Freshman LLC on Tuesday evening.

- Dr. Collin Payne submitted a USDA grant for $8,000

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

- The State 4-H Office hosts an event for Senior 4-H members each January in Albuquerque called Senior Leadership Retreat. This year the event was January 16-18 at the Marriott Hotel. The College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Ambassadors arranged a department/career fair with activities designed for the youth to learn more about what the College has to offer. HRTM provided a display booth and departmental materials for the event.

- Dr. Green attended and chaired the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board meeting January 28 at the Ramada Palms in Las Cruces. The convention center is still on track for groundbreaking this spring, however, no exact date is available.

- Victor Martinez is employed as a part-time HRTM Recruiter in the Albuquerque Santa Fe area. As needed, he also travels to high school throughout the State to provide information about the School and NMSU. Following is a list of high schools Victor has visited during the period November 2008 to January 15, 2009: Highland, Del Norte, Rio Rancho, Portales, Clovis, Bernalillo, Valley, West Mesa, Farmington, St. Pius, Independence and Taos.

- Dr. Greg Blanch and Dr. Janet Green will be working with Dean Carruthers on developing a concept for the Pete Domenici Institute.

- HRTM is seeing a 7.1% increase in student credit hours. The number of majors is approximately 390.