MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in the Regents Room, Educational Services Center, Las Cruces, New Mexico on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Chair Conniff called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Regents Present            Mike Cheney, Chair
                           Isaac J. Pino, Vice Chair
                           Christopher Dulany, Secretary / Treasurer
                           Laura M. Conniff, Member
                           Javier M. Gonzales, Member

Ex-officio Regents Present    Dr. Stu Munson-McGee, Faculty Senate Chair
                               Austin Graham, President ASNMSU

Officers of the University Present    Dr. Barbara Couture, President
                                      Dr. Wendy K. Wilkins, Executive Vice President / Provost

Chair NMSU Employee Council    Dr. Fred Lillibridge

Other Presenters            Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance
                           Ms. Bernadette Montoya, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management
                           Dr. Garrey Carruthers, Dean, College of Business, Vice President of Economic Development
                           Ms. Kathleen Hanson, Chief Operating Officer
                           Dr. Kevin Boberg, CEO of Arrowhead Center
                           Mr. Glen Haubold, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services
                           Mr. Greg Walke, University Architect and Campus Planner

2. INTRODUCTIONS

a. Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others by Maureen Howard,
Associate Vice President for University Communications and Marketing Services

Associate Vice President Maureen Howard announced that no members of the media were present.

b. Introduction of Ms. D’Anne Stuart, Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance by Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance
Ms. Angela Throneberry introduced Ms. D'Anne Stuart, Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance.

D'Anne Stuart has been in this position since April 1, 2012. In her new position, D'Anne will oversee the areas of Auxiliary Administration, Human Resource Services and Financial Systems Administration. D'Anne has over 20 years of professional experience and also extensive knowledge in higher education itself.

c. Introduction of ASNMSU President Breeana Sylvas and ASNMSU Vice President David Maestas by Bernadette Montoya, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management

Breeana Sylvas, incoming ASNMSU President
Breeana Sylvas will graduate with a degree in Finance at the May 2012 commencement ceremony. She will begin the Masters of Public Administration Program at NMSU in the fall. Breeana has represented the students in the College of Business as a Senior Senator in ASNMSU, and she has been actively involved in many campus organizations, including the Business Council. Breeana is originally from San Diego, California.

David Maestas, incoming ASNMSU Vice President
David Maestas has been active with ASNMSU since he arrived at NMSU in 2009. He has experience as a senator and has served on many committees, including the Student Advocacy Board. David is double majoring in Business Management and Government and he plans to attend graduate school for a Masters of Business Administration or a Juris Doctor degree. David plans to graduate in the spring of 2013.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regent Pino requested a change to the agenda to move item 14.b up to 6.b.

Regent Conniff moved and Regent Pino seconded to approve the agenda and agenda changes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Zachary Quintero spoke on behalf of the Arts and Sciences Council regarding the GPA Fractional grading system. The concern was that the A- would deduct points but the A+ does not award points. Another discussion was a possible review board for students that are looking to appeal grades. ASNMSU would work with NMSU administration to lead this charge.

Scott Bartlett spoke regarding some problems he had experienced in the Biology Department at NMSU. He spoke of advisors that showed little to no interest in the students’ questions. He mentioned that many programs were not brought up or explained to him, programs that possibly could have been beneficial to him. He mentioned that some professor’s attitudes towards students are one of disinterest. He expressed concerns that on more than one occasion, syllabus for his courses were changed in a way that benefitted students who were not prepared. Comments have
been made like, “people in this community are not smart enough to go to college or you are not smart enough to take this class.” He also mentioned that cheating on campus is huge and that the administration is in denial. He feels that many instructors did not want to deal with the cheating.

Ian Strauss is a fifth year biology student at the NMSU campus. He spoke about the fractional grading issue – a proposal he doesn’t support.

Jacob Deaven is a Graduate Student Senator and spoke about the fractional grading impact on graduate students, particularly the b- (2.7), issue putting them at risk to lose the graduate assistantships.

Christina Chavez Kelley awarded a plaque and certificate from the Office of Diversity to Austin Stuart Graham as being the ASNMSU President and for his support of diversity issues and dedication to all students.

Dr. Tim Ketelaar, an Associate Professor in the Psychology Department and also Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, spoke in support of the fractional grading issue. This issue has been in the works for about 5 years. He thanked Austin Graham and Travis Dulany for their participation in this process. He thanked the students who attended the meetings and their feedback. Lastly, he thanked the President and Provost for their full support of this issue.

Wesley Jackson, Senator in the College of Business mentioned that one of the biggest problems with the students from the College of Business is the A- being a 3.7. Another problem with the grading system is that students who receive an A+ are not rewarded. He mentioned that the students believe that for this system to be acceptable the A+ would need to be rewarded with a 4.3.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Pino moved and Regent Conniff seconded the approval of the minutes of March 12, 2012 and April 5, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

6. REGENTS “ABOVE AND BEYOND” AWARD

a. President Barbara Couture introduced Robert Petersen, Director of Planned Giving, as the May 2012 recipient of the Regents Above and Beyond Award.

b. Presentation of Resolution to Mr. Calvin Bailey, Retired Ranch Foreman of the Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center.

7. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Approved Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, June 20, 2012, Las Cruces, New Mexico (Retreat)
- Thursday, June 21, 2012, Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Monday, August 20, 2012, Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Monday, October 15, 2012, Carlsbad, New Mexico
• Friday, December 14, 2012, Las Cruces, New Mexico
• Monday, January 28, 2013, Santa Fe, New Mexico
• Monday, March 11, 2013, Las Cruces, New Mexico

8. CONFIRMATION OF PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in executive session at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2012 in Room 2 of the Educational Services Building in Las Cruces, New Mexico to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters in accordance with Section 10-15-1H, paragraphs (2), (7), and (8) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. Those board members who were present hereby certify by roll call vote that only matters of that nature were discussed in closed meeting.

The motion to adopt this statement, upon being put to a vote, was passed and adopted on the following recorded vote: Chair Cheney, Vice Chair Pino, Secretary/Treasurer Dulany, Regent Gonzales (not present), and Regent Conniff. Four of the five Regents present having voted in favor of said motion, said motion carried, and said statement was adopted.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Policy

1. Approval of Revision to Policy 8.40.1 (ineligibility for Rehire) – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

b. Administrative

1. Confirm Approval of Candidates for Degrees – (Dr. Barbara Couture, President)

2. Approval of recommendation for Quasi-Endowment in the Department of Geography – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance and Dr. Dennis Prescott, Vice President for University Advancement)

3. Approval of Resolution, Notification, and Certification regarding Severance Tax Bonds, Spring 2012 (The "2012 Bonds") – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

4. Approval of Final Budget Adjustment requests (BAR) for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

5. Approval of Disposition/Deletion of Property. University property being recommended for disposition/deletion – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)
6. Approval of Temporary Investment Report for Quarter ended March 31, 2012 – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

7. Approval to transfer current Uncollectible Accounts Receivable to reserves for Inactive Accounts for fiscal year 2011-12 – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

8. Approval of NMSU-Alamogordo: Reidlinger Science Center – Re-roofing – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

9. Approval of NMSU- Alamogordo: Reidlinger Science Center – Labs Remodeling – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

10. Approval of NMSU – Las Cruces: Water Flow Improvements – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

11. Ratification of Memorandum of Agreement between New Mexico State University and AFSCME Local 2393 NMSU – (Mr. Bruce Kite, General Counsel)

c. Real Estate

1. No action planned at this time.

Regent Pino moved and Regent Dulany seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. ACTION ITEMS

a. Policy

1. Approval of Fractional Grading – (Dr. Wendy Wilkins, Provost)

As a reminder of the status of this proposal, Provost Wendy Wilkins reviewed the various actions beginning with the April Board of regents meeting where the members of the board requested that the university administration, particularly the president, provide additional opportunities for student concerns relative to the proposed be heard. She mentioned that student forums were held and meetings with ASNMSU and Faculty Senate occurred. The faculty, through the voice of the Faculty Senate, remains committed to their recommendation that a quality grading system is one that provides more nuance than the whole grade system that has been a practice here at NMSU. The new grading system would take affect in the Summer of 2013.

Provost Wilkins expressed concern about the issue of the B- for graduate students. She mentioned that the graduate faculty should know the consequences of awarding a B- and that no faculty should give a B- accidentally.
Provost Wilkins mentioned that the students' procedural questions were addressed at the Open Forum and at the Student Senate.

Regent Pino mentioned that the Board of Regents is constituted to consider proposed policies. He mentioned that the Board heard about this last year at the May 2011 meeting. He mentioned that the Board will be attending the Outstanding Graduating Senior Luncheon. There, they will be introduced to some young people, some of whom have worked through adversity, met challenges, joined organizations, led organizations, who have succeeded even while having to support families. He mentioned that students meet the challenges and seek to be successful. Over the last year, the Board of Regents has received little feedback from faculty or students regarding this issue. In his mind, the Faculty Senate has put forward the initiative. The President and the Provost were asked to tweak things and they have. He feels the faculty will continue to review and revise this policy as necessary.

Regent Dulany thanked the faculty and Provost for their work on this issue. He still has concerns over this issue. He mentioned the B- problem in the graduate school. He recently spoke to some Ph.D. students and they mentioned that at this time the B- is not a concern and they would have a job when they graduate. Two years down the road, if this issue passes, and they get a B- then they would not have a job. He also has a concern with different professors grading differently. He feels there should be some sort of an equity system. Regent Dulany also feels that if this proposal passes, it will have an impact on the extracurricular activities of students and would interfere with the time spent on other activities.

Regent Cheney expressed appreciation for the debate. He rested that grading is, in the end, a tool for the faculty and feels it is important that faculty be given the tools to do a good job for our university.

**Regent Pino moved and Regent Conniff seconded to approve the Fractional Grading System as presented. All regents, except Dulany voted yes. The motion passed.**

b. **Adoption of Building the Vision Plan – (Dr. Wendy Wilkins, Provost)**

Provost Wilkins mentioned that she provided an overview at the last meeting and that the plan has also been available for review on the Provost website for public comment.

The BTV Committee will institute staggered terms for the BTV committee members as they begin the work of putting the plan into place. The next step will be the drafting of college and academic/student affairs division strategic plans along with the drafting of the other university presidential plans as well.

There are also some issues that the committee has noticed. A very important item is that for strategic planning to work well, it needs to meld well with the university budget planning process. The committee will work in collaboration with the SVP of Administration and Finance to determine their role in that
process. There has also been a great deal of conversation about how the Presidents’ goals might be revised to highlight the university mission. Going forward, there will be four distinct subcommittees on actions that will be taken, by the committee as a whole.

Provost Wilkins called attention to the key performance indicators, noting that some are more realistic to use than others, while some will need some potential modification primarily because of the inability to gather supporting data. The committee will continue to look at what can be measured, how much difficulty would be to measure it and how much confidence we can have in our measures.

Provost Wilkins also mentioned how the KPI’s may or may not connect to the current state of formula funding and because of the critical need to be focused on the funding formula, some new KPI’s may need to be added.

Provost Wilkins thanked the BTV committee for all their work on this plan.

Regent Cheney, Regent Conniff and Regent Pino expressed their gratitude for their work on this comprehensive plan.

Regent Conniff moved and Regent Pino seconded to approve the Adoption of Building the Vision Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

Senior Vice President Throneberry gave a slide presentation and requested the approval of the NMSU operating budget for Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 for all campuses.

The first page in your materials gives a summary of the expenditure budget for both unrestricted and restricted current and plant funds for each campus, and in total. This represents the expenditure level at which the Higher Education Department requires your approval as a board. The total expenditure budget for all campuses for FY13 is $677 million down from FY12 amount of $715 million. Of the total $677 million, the current funds budget represents $605 million and $72 million represents the capital outlay budget. About half of the decline from the prior budget is from Restricted Current Funds with the remaining half coming from Plant Funds. The Las Cruces campus makes up about 82% or $556 million of the combined total budget of $677 million.

This morning’s presentation materials provide supporting information for the primary budget sources and uses of current funds for the university as a whole and for the Las Cruces campus in particular.

The first slide presents the total budgeted sources of current funds for all campuses. In total, budgeted sources decreased from $634 million in FY12 to $622 million in FY13. The budgeted decrease of $11.5 million represents about a 2% change. At an FY13 budget amount of $230 million, Gifts, Grants & Contracts represent the largest dollar reduction at approximately $24.6 million. There is a related decline in the Indirect Cost Recovery source. The reductions are partially offset by various increases with the
primary amounts being in the State Appropriations and Tuition & Fees. Gifts, Grants and Contracts make up the largest share of the combined budgeted sources of current funds at 37% which is down from last year’s 40%. State Appropriations have increased from last year’s 28% and now represent 30% of the combined budgeted sources. The other primary category of Tuition & Fees shifted from last year’s 17% to 19% of the total sources.

The second slide presents the total budgeted uses of current funds for all campuses. Total budgeted expenditures of $626 million for FY13 represent a $12.9 million decline from the prior year’s budget. The area reflecting the largest budget decrease is Research & Public Service at $24.5 million followed by Student Aid and Net Transfers. These reductions are partially offset by increases in the remaining categories with the largest increase being approximately $13.1 million in Instruction & General. Instruction & General remains the largest component of the budget at 41% which represents an increase from last year’s 38% with Research and Public Service second at 28% down from 32% in FY12. The next two largest components of Student Aid and Auxiliary/Athletics remain unchanged from prior fiscal year.

The total budgeted revenues for the Las Cruces campus are $511 million which represents a decline of $13 million from the FY12 budget of $524 million. Consistent with the schedule of combined campuses, Gifts, Grants & Contracts reflects the largest reduction at $22.8 million primarily due to the decline in budget related to federal awards in Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Services, and Physical Science Laboratory. Changes in State Appropriations equal to $8.5 million and Tuition & Fees equal to $5.8 million represent the largest increases in revenue sources for FY13. Consistent with all campus sources, Gifts, Grants & Contracts make up the largest percentage of sources followed by State Appropriations and Tuition & Fees.

The total budgeted expenditures for the Las Cruces campus of $514 million when offset by budgeted revenue of $511 million result in a planned reduction in our beginning current funds balance of approximately $3.1 million. The majority of this change in fund balance is related to budgets for Internal Service, Research and Student Social & Cultural Activities. Expenditure reductions are budgeted for Research & Public Service, Student Aid and Net Transfers. The change in Research is due to a decline in awards and does not reflect a decrease in investment in research. The expenditure reductions totaling $27 million are partially offset by increases in the remaining categories. The $187.4 million budget for Instruction & General reflects the largest expenditure increase from prior year at $10.3 million followed by Auxiliary/Athletic, Other and NMDA. The change in Auxiliary/Athletic is approximately $2 million. The Athletics budget adjustments are necessary to cover operational cost increases including Grant-in-Aid, game guarantees, personnel services and management fees and account for about 2/3rds of the fluctuation. Instruction & General represents the largest share of the budgeted expenditures at 36% followed by Research & Public Service at 34% and Student Aid at 13%.

The fifth slide presents the Unrestricted Instruction and General budget for the Las Cruces campus. All expenditure categories show a budgeted dollar increase from FY12 to FY13 for a total increase of $10 million. The Instruction budget of $102.3 million represents 58.1% of the I & G budget and reflects the largest dollar increase from prior year at $5.8 million. Operation and Maintenance is the second largest budget at $22.9
million or 12.9% followed by Institutional Support at $21.1 million or 12%. This change in Institutional Support represents a budgeted expenditure increase and not an increase in the Institutional Support charge paid by non-I & G units.

The final schedule provides a 6 year comparison of the Las Cruces I & G budget allocation percentages. The graph demonstrates the commitment of the administration to increase the investment in Instruction which has increased from 55% of the I & G budget in FY08 to 58.1% in FY13. Conversely, Institutional Support has decreased from a high of 13.3% in FY09 to 12% in FY13 and Operation and Maintenance decreased from 14.6% in FY08 to 12.9% in FY13.

Regent Dulany wanted to thank the team for all the work done on the operating budgets.

Regent Cheney wanted to know about the decrease in research and if it was a trend.

President Couture replied that there are many factors. One is the national decrease in the federal expenditures for research in grant agencies that award grants to universities and faculty. There have also been a couple of very large grants that have been completed and are no longer part of our budget. One was the AWAT grant that was being done in Afghanistan. There have been some challenges in assuring that we have enough funding to support our faculty who are extraordinary researchers. The compensation package that was approved this year as well the investment in distinguished achievement professorships is going to assure that we keep faculty here who can keep our research profile high. Vice President of Research Vimal Chaitanya has also begun the first phase of a comprehensive strategic plan where he is identifying areas of support where the university could improve support for our research faculty to assure we increase our research profile.

Provost Wilkins mentioned that these figures do not reflect a lack of activity on the part of our extremely active and capable research faculty. They are looking into how much of an impact faculty losses have on the numbers. She mentioned that we may have to rebuild our research faculty pool if those numbers do reflect a loss in research faculty especially in some high dollar areas.

SVP Throneberry mentioned that a loss of some significant project activities are a significant portion of the change in the dollar amount.

Regent Conniff thanked Administration and Finance for their work and dedication.

Regent Gonzales mentioned the demonstration of the institutional commitment to instruction and academic support. Dr. Couture and her executive management team are prioritizing limited dollars in the right areas which just means in the end a much healthier institution and certainly the quality of education the students are receiving here at NMSU is as good as anyone in the country.

Regent Cheney mentioned that he would like us to move forward on compensation for our faculty and also athletics. He feels athletics is an integral part of the university experience. He asked Dr. Boston to talk to us about the landscape and the nature of things from his perspective and where we stand and bring us up to date.
Dr. McKinley Boston mentioned if the economic model of college athletics, especially with 6 power conferences, can be sustained much longer than it currently was. Stadiums were being built, seat license were maximized, current TV dollars were maximized, and fundraising was reaching about as far as it could go. Conference commissioners started looking for the new sustainable revenue. The new sustainable revenue as it turned out is the new TV market and that market is being driven by conference offices. What we now know as the new sustainable revenue will be the Big Ten Conference will distribute to all of its member universities about 22 million a year, the SAC about 20 million a year, the ACC recently signed a contract over a 15 year period of 1.3 billion dollars, the Big 12 is seeking new numbers to change its footprint to be able to add additional monies to his TV package. The Big East Commissioner resigned, primarily because of pressure and because they were not able to grow their TV package at the level the others have. Conference realignment, for example, Mountain West and USA were pursuing a merger. Mountain West had lost their TV package. Both conferences thought together as a merged conference that their footprint and their value would be greater if in fact they could come together and put together a combined TV offering. One obstacle was that they were going to lose their automatic qualifier for men’s basketball which is a major source of revenue. And so Boise State, for example, two years ago decided it was going to address its sustainable revenue challenge by joining the Big East. Interestingly enough, they went from WAC to Mountain West for a year and to the Big East going forward. The Big East now may not have the TV power that Boise thought, which means that Boise may be pursuing a different home sometime soon. So television is the primary driver behind conference realignment as NMSU looks at the future, the challenge is our market size and the absence of a TV market. Some argue that our penetration into the El Paso market is about 30%. That will not make much of a dent as people are looking at adding value. Our challenge is how do we present ourselves to member schools an added value. One would be the quality of the athletic program. The movement reflects market, not the quality of the program. He mentioned that we are a Hispanic serving university and it creates a unique position of support for diversity within the conference and university memberships. The other part of the challenge has to be with football. Football and Men’s basketball does not define quality. Our challenge over the next 30 or 60 days is to continue to position NMSU as a viable potential member of Mountain West, Conference USA and the Sun Belt.

Regent Cheney asked if we had been down this road before.

Dr. Boston replied that we had been down this road many times before. We just joined the WAC from the Sun Belt 7 years ago and from there we were Big West.

Regent Cheney asked if he had seen a shakeup of this magnitude before.

Dr. Boston mentioned that the last one he experienced was in 1986 when football conferences again chasing greater revenue streaming moved division 1A football from the NCAA. This redefined the role of the NCAA and also redefined the relationship between commissioners and 1A athletic directors. BCS is now run by college commissioners and presidents. The NCAA is on the sidelines, so all of the change the organization that oversees college athletics has little or no voice in it. It is primarily 6
commissioners that are defining the college landscape going forward. They have been empowered to carry the day and they are carrying it in a very selfish manner.

Regent Gonzales commended President Couture and Dr. Boston for their outreach to the alumni and the campus for the Aggies. He shares in the angst of the future for Aggie athletics not only as an alumnus but also as a Regent and dealing with the financial challenges of navigating the university in this kind of environment. He is not happy with the NCAA for allowing mid-majors to be driven into the ditch because of what’s happening by six individuals. He would like to know what our options are.

President Couture wanted to assure all of the alumni and public that Dr. Boston and herself are working very hard on this issue. There are some external forces that are difficult to change that are influencing the landscape right now. Aggie Athletics is doing very well with two basketball championships in three years, the baseball team is really close to nationally ranked, the women’s volleyball team is doing well, etc. President Couture has been in contact with several conferences that are also not happy with the situation. She feels confident that we will find a home and is in remaining in contact with everyone who can help with the future of Aggie Athletics.

Regent Dulany mentioned that Athletics is a large number but is a small portion of the overall budget and feels that it gives alumni a tie to the university that they can brag about.

**Regent Gonzales moved and Regent Conniff seconded to approve the Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013. The motion passed unanimously.**

d. Approval of NMSU Capital Outlay Plan for FY2013 – FY2018 – (Ms. Angela Throneberry, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance)

Senior Vice President Throneberry introduced Glen Haubold, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services and Greg Walke, University Architect and Campus Planner to present.

This is the annual request for approval for the capital outlay plan. This will be presented to the Higher Education Department in July and is not intended to be approval for the projects themselves. NMSU Facilities & Services has initiated a capital outlay process so they could get input from the campus community, the departments, and administration. In 2006, New Mexico Higher Education Department conducted a state-wide facilities condition assessment. NMSU has upgraded that and are including that data in everything that is done. It has been integrated into the work order system. It allows us to calculate a facilities condition index which is simply a measure of the needs of the facility -- the lower the better. A new facility would have no needs and the index would be zero, whereas one that is in need of total replacement would be 100%. This is calculated for each building at each of NMSU’s campuses. We are headed in the right direction and essentially the Index indicates that we have made some investments in existing facilities as opposed to new construction. It’s a guide where 20% is considered good, 20 – 50% fair, 50 – 70% poor and greater than 70% is critical. This allows us to get an idea of where we stand and allows us to make strategic investments in our facilities. Facilities & Services has been working with the Registrar’s office on analytics for classroom usage and space usage.
Greg Walke presented the projects arranged by 5 Year facilities plan by campus:

- At Alamogordo: Planning for Phase 2 of the Advanced Technology Education Center in the amount of $200,000 and Campus Infrastructure Upgrades and Replacement in the amount of $3.1 million.
- At Carlsbad: Planning for Child Development Education Center in the amount of $200,000 and Campus Infrastructure Upgrades and Replacement in the amount of $2.487 million.
- At Doña Ana Community College: Campus Infrastructure Upgrades and Replacement in the amount of $2.25 million.
- At Grants: Programming & Planning for Child Development Education Center Replacement in the amount of $50,000 and Campus Infrastructure Upgrades and Replacement in the amount of $1.984 million.
- At Las Cruces: Planning for Arts Complex Phase 2 in the amount of $500,000, Library Complex (Branson/Zuhl) Space Analysis in the amount of $100,000 and Campus Infrastructure Upgrades and Replacement in the amount of $12.175 million.
- Athletics Capital Requests: Stadium Press Box in the amount of $2.5 million and Concession/Bathroom Renovations in the amount of $3.5 million (total request of $6 million).
- There is also a prioritized list of needs for athletic facilities for gender equity programs and for improvement of the various other athletics facilities to bring them up to date (ten projects for a total of $1.6 million).

Regent Conniff moved and Regent Pino seconded to approve the NMSU Capital Outlay Plan for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

11. NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT’S REPORT

End of Year Update on Goals and Accomplishments

President Couture reported on the some of the recent NMSU projects that have supported the seven university goals that were established two years ago

#1 Goal – Graduation. For Spring commencement there are 2,215 candidates for bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees. Approximately, 1,500 are expect to participate in the ceremonies on May 12, 2012. They are joining more than 110,000 alumni, living and deceased, who have earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees since 1893. Completion is our number one goal for students, and we are very proud to be celebrating with these graduates tomorrow.

Judy Gray Johnson and Bill Sheriff will be awarded honorary doctor of letters degrees. Judy Johnson and her husband established the first endowed chair in the Department of Geological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, created the Lionel Haight Professorship in accounting in the College of Business; and established the Daisy Gray Undergraduate Endowed Scholarship in the College of Education. They also have contributed to the university’s Center for the Arts, currently under construction. That gift will be used to establish the center’s costume shop, Jaki’s Closet, named after their daughter, Jacylynn. Judy attended NMSU from 1969-1972, majoring in accounting.
Bill Sheriff has had an outstanding career in executive management spanning nearly five decades. For the past six years, Sheriff has been chief executive officer of Brookdale Senior Living, the nation's largest senior living company. He had served as chairman and CEO of American Retirement Corporation for 22 years prior to its 2006 merger with Brookdale. Sheriff's support of higher education includes service on the Board of Trustees of Belmont University and the Harvard Medical School Health Care Policy Advisory Council.

Both of these honorary degree recipients exemplify the goal of educational attainment, community service, and support of higher education for a better society that we hope to inspire in everyone of our graduates.

NMSU biochemistry student Charles Margarit is one of three New Mexico students selected for a Goldwater Scholarship. He also is the only New Mexico winner of a Goldwater who is attending a university in our great state. With the help of the Honors College and his adviser, Charles has been able to receive a quality affordable education that has prepared him to pursue either a Ph.D. or medical degree upon his graduation from NMSU next year.

Many faculty participated as mentors and students in this year’s teaching academy. Faculty logged 12,000 hours of professional development time devoted to making instruction in their classrooms better for our students. The Teaching Academy also was recently featured in the national publication Inside Higher Education. The academy is supported by university funds and a generous endowment from Herb and Joan Zuhl. In addition, our faculty generously donate to the academy themselves in order to keep this professional development opportunity flourishing on our campus.

#2 Goal – Diversity. Encouraging diversity of faculty, staff, and students also is a key goal at NMSU, and we continue to take positive steps toward anchoring our path to excellence in an unwavering commitment to access and inclusion.

In April, the NMSU students involved in the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Native American Business Student Association and the United Native American Organization coordinated events that took place during American Indian Week, a series of events sponsored by ASNMSU. Sam Suina, demonstrated how to make a Cochiti drum as one of many tribal events that took place that week.

Complementing American Indian Week was the Distinguished Tribal Leaders Speakers Series taking place on our Las Cruces campus with distinguished speakers such as Alvin Warren, former secretary of Indian Affairs and lieutenant governor of Santa Clara Pueblo, who spoke about the systemic obstacles to success faced by tribal constituencies.

The Gender Diversity Resource Center at NMSU held the GLBTQ Community awareness week. The event helped celebrate and educate people about the progress and challenges facing students who are differently gendered. Judy Shepard and Eric Alva were keynote speakers at the event.
Shepard is an activist whose mission is to make schools and communities safe for everyone regardless of race, sex, religion or gender identity since the death of her son, Matthew, who was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming in 1998.

Alva is a retired Marine staff sergeant who was the first American soldier wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He discussed his role in the repeal of the Don’t Ask Don’t Tell policy as well as difficulties faced by gays and lesbians who serve in the military.

Also last month, our university executive committee participated in the first of a series of three workshops offered by faculty experts who specialize in matters of diversity and inclusion. Drs. Monica Torres, Jonathan Schwartz, and Azadeh Osanloo presented an interactive workshop that made us all more aware of our insensitivity to systemic prejudice that exists in our society and presents challenges for many of our students and their families. Following the workshop series, we will extend these lessons to practices on our campus that will foster greater acceptance of diversity and help educate our students about the value of diversity and inclusion to societal progress.

#3 Goal – International Reach. The NMSU Rotaract club has raised about $10,000 to provide corrective surgery to those people in Bihar, India, who were left disabled by the polio virus. Phase two of the project is now in the planning stages, and includes future follow-ups with patients, additional surgeries and therapy. The hope is to have a team of students from NMSU travel to India during the next visit. Nigel Holman is the director of the NMSU Annual Fund and adviser to the university’s Rotaract Club.

NMSU’s Model United Nations team represented Lebanon, scored high marks at the New York competition and won an outstanding delegation award, which is the top prize, as well as two outstanding position papers. Three members of the team also scored outstanding delegate awards. More than 5,000 college students from around the world gathered in New York for two competitions over several days. NMSU has participated in this event 14 times and has continuously placed at the top of the competition during the last six years.

Earlier this year, we talked about university efforts to extend international partnerships in China and Latin America, partnerships begun with visits made by delegations from my office and the offices of the Vice President for Research and the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Those partnerships will be extended to India with a visit to several institutions this fall. To keep our university in touch with leaders of academic institutions across the globe, two weeks ago President Couture attended the fifth annual Global University Summit in Chicago, Illinois. The summit was attended by presidents or senior leaders from more than 100 major research universities from across the world, in addition to senior industry leaders. We will continue this association to assure that NMSU is at the table in all matters involving the international reach of our top research universities.

#4 Goal – Economic Engine. A critical strategy for assuring a viable future both for the university and our state is to link the research and economic development efforts of our university. These links need to occur on several levels, from extending the outreach of our research to our communities so that they can grow and prosper to moving path-breaking research to the marketplace, as we aim to do at Arrowhead Center.
Cynthia Kratzke, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Science in NMSU's College of Health and Social Services, uses research to promote breast cancer awareness. Her pilot survey showed that only 33 percent of college-aged women get advice from their mothers about breast cancer prevention and detection. In contrast to the low number of women who receive breast cancer information from their mothers, Kratzke found a high percentage of college women — about 70 percent — knew someone with breast cancer.

She recently presented her findings with her colleague, Hugo Vilchis, at the American Association of Cancer Research conference in Chicago, a large event that often attracts more than 17,000 participants. She also is increasing the sample size of participants to see if her findings remain constant. She later plans to expand her research to look at other campuses in the Southwest and help to develop web-based information to help increase awareness. Research like this can help communities better assist their citizens in leading healthy life styles, reducing mortality as well as our health care costs.

At the April retreat of our University Executive Committee, we heard the draft report from the Research and Economic Development Committee. This committee of university and community leaders has been meeting for the last six months to evaluate the relationships between our research and economic development efforts. Their final report will be submitted later this month and discussed at our Regents Retreat. Accompanying this effort is a program review of our Arrowhead operations which will be completed later this summer. Both of these efforts are designed to help NMSU develop a research operation that more effectively engages the university in state-wide economic development efforts.

As we noted earlier, research that extends to the community also helps our communities prosper. NMSU recently launched a new mental health care clinic to serve needy residents throughout Dona Ana County. This joint project of NMSU's College of Education and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences will be open to serve the public by July, and will be operating temporarily out of the family housing area at NMSU.

The clinic will provide bilingual mental health services, which are of vital importance in a community such as Dona Ana County. Because the services are offered through merging the strengths of NMSU's Counseling and Education Psychology and Marriage and Family Therapy programs, students in both departments will learn new research-based, interdisciplinary counseling approaches while providing this needed community service.

#5 Goal – Effectiveness and Efficiency. A new bottle filling station has been installed at the NMSU Activity Center that will help make the campus more sustainable by reducing landfill waste and saving energy and money.

The donated filling station was installed by ASNMSU and in the first 17 days, this station has already conserved more than 1,800 plastic bottles that would have otherwise been recycled or thrown away.

NMSU also finished fifth place for a second year in a row in Grand Champion category of the 2012 RecycleMania competition. The Aggie Recycling trailer makes trips to market in El Paso twice monthly.
NMSU is one of 605 schools representing all 50 US states, the District of Columbia, five Canadian provinces and one school in Great Britain that compete. NMSU’s overall recycling rate during the competition was 78.66 percent and the overall rate of recycling during the completion was higher this year than last.

RecycleMania estimates that NMSU saved 290 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent being released into the atmosphere as greenhouse gases during the 2012 competition.

#6 Goal – Alumni and Friends. Substantial gains have been made in individual giving and expanded alumni participation in the last few months.

Wendy K. Wilkins, executive vice president and provost at NMSU; and her husband Jay A. Rodman, a senior communications specialist at University Communications and Marketing Services, plan to donate nearly $500,000 to the NMSU Therapeutic Riding Program that will go towards upgrades to a covered arena for the riding program as well as other equine programs. The NMSU Therapeutic Riding Program emphasizes the bond between humans and horses to help persons with disabilities achieve personal life skills and goals through riding sessions, counseling and support.

We also received a gift of $500,000 recently from Mr. Stan Fulton, who has supported the university generously in the past and has a substantial planned commitment to the university as well. Mr. Fulton’s gift will assist our Athletics program.

In an effort to raise more friends and inspire donors to the university, NMSU’s College of Arts and Sciences sponsored their second “Shine On” fundraiser in April. The unique evening, combined large elements of both the arts and the sciences to raise awareness of the College of Arts and Sciences. Proceeds from the fundraiser support the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Fund for Excellence, which provides grants to students and faculty members.

These successes reflect the substantial work that has been done by our Foundation and Alumni Association to ramp up our fund-raising efforts and extend our contacts with communities and alumni across the state and beyond. Recently, we held great events in Clovis, Artesia, and Roswell, combining participation in alumni gatherings with listening sessions at our Ag Science centers outside these communities.

#7 Goal – Culture of Pride. Many activities were pursued to build a culture of pride in our great university this year, including the addition of several new faculty and staff awards, and the establishment of funds for designating “distinguished achievement professorships,” which we will announce later this month.

Our faculty continue to make us proud by winning substantial national recognition as well. Two faculty members this year won the prestigious Career Award from the National Science Foundation. Karen Mabry, an assistant professor of biology at New Mexico State University, received her award for work on small animal dispersal. Her five-year grant for $910,000 will support students in her small mammal research lab, help her implement educational objectives and initiate new projects studying the social and movement behavior of animals.
Jessica Perea-Houston, assistant professor of chemical engineering at NMSU, received her award for her research on methods to discover new cell characteristics through the use of flow cytometry. Houston's award of $500,000 will help her build devices to detect certain cell characteristics that can identify disease, for instance, through the use of flow cytometry.

President Couture stated that perhaps the most important contributor to building pride at NMSU is the success of our students. NMSU's Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, attended a competition in New York City. They brought home four individual awards, a chapter award, an advisor grant, as well as $2,450. They competed against more than 400 Alpha Pi Sigma chapters. NMSU's chapter was named this year's "Star Chapter," the award recognizes the strength of the organization, the outstanding scholars in criminal justice and the dedication of the students from the college toward their school and their community.

NMSU computer science students Khoi Nguyen and Vien Tran were awarded "Best Student Paper" at the International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling. The two will present their paper at a special conference of the ICAPS June 25-29 in Brazil. Of the 132 papers submitted this year, the ICAPS committee accepted only 45. Nguyen and Tran took home one of the top three awards.

Another team of students from NMSU won first place in the inaugural New Mexico Ethics Competition. NMSU took on teams from UNM, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and New Mexico Highlands University. The judges praised the NMSU team for successfully tying ethical principles to their dilemma solution and for providing thoughtful responses to challenging questions.

Finally, nothing speaks more directly to our public about success than the competitive strength of our student athletes. As we celebrate graduation this year, we can take pride in The New Mexico State men's basketball team which won its third WAC Tournament Championship in school history with an 82-57 win over No. 5 seed Louisiana Tech and made its 19th NCAA Tournament appearance.

We also are proud of New Mexico State's 37 winter student-athletes who were placed on the 2011-12 Academic All-WAC list. Last fall, NMSU led the WAC in the number of student athletes meeting the Academic All-American qualification.

12. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Economic Development Update – (Dr. Garrey Carruthers, Vice President for Economic Development)

President Couture introduced Dr. Garrey Carruthers, Vice President for Economic Development, Kathleen Hanson, Chief Operating Officer and Kevin Boberg, CEO of Arrowhead Center.

Dr. Carruthers gave a brief history about how the position of Vice President for Economic Development was established. In 2004, Dr Carruthers was asked to chair a search committee for Vice President of Research and Economic
Development. Michael Martin, NMSU President at the time, recommended that this be two different jobs instead, Vice President of Research and Vice President of Economic Development. President Martin also expressed his desire that the Dean of the College of Business should be the Vice President for Economic Development.

### VPED Highlights

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National Lab/NMSU Collaborations helping small businesses in NM and commercialization of lab technologies

Updates on Arrowhead Units:

- Intellectual property successes
- Entrepreneur Ventures
- Opening of technology business incubation space and increase in incubator clients
- Economic impact and policy studies for NMSU, industry and government
- Development in Arrowhead Park, Early College High School

VPED Strategic Business Plan

### New programs for entrepreneurship and technology commercialization

#### Launch

**Proof of Concept Model**

Objectives

- Provide early-stage funding
- Simultaneously develop prototypes and conduct market research
- Move innovation with near-term commercial potential into the marketplace
- Answer market needs
- Accelerate university technology transfer

Critical Elements

- Innovators
- Enterprise advisors
- Commercialization seed funding
- Graduate student entrepreneurship training
- Intellectual property management

**First Awardees**

Drs. Geoffrey Smith and Shuguang Deng

Biohydrogenesis is a bacteria culture that produces large quantities of hydrogen gas and is able to capture that gas in a biopolymer.
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**Studio G**

First university-based student incubator in New Mexico  
A place where ideas grow  
Open to current NMSU students or recent alums  
Four student companies in Studio G, one graduated company  
- Health One Partners  
- QuickBite@  
- Lotus CTS  
- Blue Caliber  
- La Semilla (graduated)

Most important? The ability to network and learn from others  
http://studionmsu.ning.com

**Technology Commercialization Associates Program**

Funded in part by Carruthers Endowment to support entrepreneurial endeavors by Arrowhead  
Graduate students from Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Engineering who serve as liaisons between their colleges and Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer  
Reach out to faculty researchers, conduct market assessments on promising technologies, receive specialized training in technology commercialization.

**Innovation Den**

A collaboration between Arrowhead, College of Business, and College of Engineering, id is focused on entrepreneurship and innovation. Students will have the opportunity to live in this unique residential group and share their interests in entrepreneurship and innovation in a supported environment:  
- Learn about the process of new venture creation  
- Compete in Innovation Challenges  
- Network with local entrepreneurs  
- Receive expert support from the NMSU Entrepreneurship Institute  
- Connect with Studio G

**National Lab/NMSU Collaborations helping small businesses in NM and commercialization of lab technologies**

**National Labs Student Teams**
Student teams devoted to analyzing technologies, validating the market, and investigating possible licensing opportunities.

**Past and Present Projects**
- Moxie: Movies of eXtreme Imaging Experiments
- Radius: Rapid Automated Decomposition of Images for Ubiquitous Sensing
- YXO, Inc.: Cost-effective structure and frame solutions for automotive and aerospace industries.

**NM Small Business Assistance Program**

**Technology Licensing Opportunities**
Students have the opportunity to license National Labs technology and receive commercialization services from the Technology Incubator
- FileScrub (Student: Kramer Winingham)
- Vera (Student: Kramer Winingham)
- MOXIE (Students: Brit Catron, Patrick Waggoner)

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**Updates on Arrowhead Units**

**Intellectual Property Successes**

**Portfolio**
- Registered copyrights = 8
- Patents awarded = 28
- Patents pending = 12
- Provisional patents = 3

Through increased outreach efforts, 8 invention disclosures have been received since the start of this calendar year, compared to 9 total in calendar year 2011 and 8 total for calendar year 2010.

**Recently Issued Patents**
- Desalination Using Low-Grade Thermal Energy (Civil Eng)
- List-Based Detection in Fading Channels with Long Intersymbol Interference (Electrical Eng)
- Method and Apparatus for Membrane-Based, Two Stage Gas Production from Solid Biomaterials (Civil and Chemical Eng and Biology)
- Apparatus and Method for Reduced Gravity Simulation (Mechanical Eng)

**New Startups**
- Speaker Recognition: Software technology developed by Dr. Phillip De Leon and alumni to provide new solutions to speaker identification.
  - Arrowhead graduate students provided market research and business planning
  - Company formed and beta version up and running
  - Startup locating inside the Arrowhead Technology Incubator
- Intelligent Scheduler: Software program developed by Dr. Zohrab Samani to aid in agricultural irrigation.
  - Arrowhead provided market research and is working with
potential investor to provide capital
- Currently pre-beta version, looking for funding to cover programmer costs
- Potential clients already identified

**Entrepreneur Ventures**

Student led, client focused research and assistance for entrepreneurs, researchers, innovators, and government organizations.

Student innovation teams, multi-disciplinary, all colleges

Over 300 studies since 2004, performed by 350+ students

Business and marketing plans, feasibility studies, and market analyses

*Three of Eight Semester Studies*

**Space Sciences Corporation**

Scope of work: Craft a plan to help define markets for their HALO (Hover Airlift and Logistics Operations) craft, an alternative transportation craft in development for homeland security, search/rescue, and recreation applications

**Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA)**

Scope of work: Characterize market segments that will be impacted by the Spaceport and the NMSU Unmanned Aircraft Systems program, as well as identify economic development opportunities arising from operations

**Downtown Las Cruces Partnership**

Scope of work: Develop a “destination study.” Identifying the factors or factors that will serve to distinguish the Downtown area as a desirable space to visit or establish a business.

**Opening of technology business incubation space and increase in incubator clients**

SiliconMesa Corporation is a business service company that provides cloud-based software and secure data storage solutions.

Navitus Group has developed a pioneering Battery Management System (BMS) that has been shown to increase the life of lithium ion batteries by over 5x, with a goal of 10x in the next two years, significantly driving down the cost of high end battery solutions while reducing the costs associated with maintaining and replacing them.

Solutionhead Technologies specialized in software development and business efficiency through technology integration. They provide custom software development, graphic design, and brand identity.

Cinnafilm is a leader in BPU-based video format conversion was founded to address the absence of quality, software-based tools to visually optimize, convert, and repurpose video images for cinema, broadcast, and web.

**Economic Impact and Policy Studies**

What we do:
- Analyze public policies and economic impacts.

How we do it:
- Economic Base Studies
All New Mexico counties and economic base units
Economic Impact Studies
Fiscal Analyses and Industry Studies
Includes NM fossil fuel project for Department of Energy
Economic Policy Analyses

**Development in Arrowhead Park,**
**Early College High School**

What we do:
Inspire an emerging hub for innovation and creativity that links scientists, technologists, and entrepreneurs contributing to New Mexico’s economic development.

How we do it:
Manage a 200+ acre public-private land development partnership on NMSU
Develop mutually beneficial relationships between NMSU and industry
Recruit private sector and government tenants – Early College High School
Drive developmental activities that contribute to the growth of the Park and entrepreneurial community:
- Expansion of Arrowhead Drive to four lanes
- $27,124,576 investment

**VPED Strategic Business Plan**

**Goals**

**Goal 1:**
To engage the statewide resources of NMSU to facilitate economic development.

**Goal 2:**
To educate a diverse, internationally competitive, qualifies, and entrepreneurial workforce.

**Goal 3:**
To transition the discoveries and innovations of NMSU researchers into the marketplace.

**Goal 4:**
To employ the resources of NMSU to attract and retain a diversified pool of commercial partners and industries.

Each goal has a number of related objectives, the actions that must be achieved in the realization of successful, sustainable economic development initiatives, and specific strategies and measures to implement the objectives and gauge their success.

**Recommendations**
Strong partnership between research and economic development functions
Emphasis on entrepreneurship and technology commercialization
Cooperation, collaboration, and communication among a varied group of
stakeholders, on- and off-campus

Keys to Success: leadership, partnerships, communication, culture change, and promotion

A comprehensive, coordinated approach to economic development
- All areas of NMSU mission – teaching, research, and service
- Entire state of New Mexico

Cooperative Extension Service’s resources utilized as an entry point to New Mexico communities

A single point of entry to NMSU economic development services

A full-time Vice President for Economic Development

Regent Gonzales thanked Dr. Carruthers for his work on economic development.

Dr. Carruthers also thanked the Board for their support.

13. **RECURRING REPORTS**

a. Report from the Chair, Faculty Senate by Dr. Stu Munson-McGee

Dr. McGee reported to the board that the Faculty Senate passed 20 pieces of legislation this year, three of them involved the operation of the Senate to make them more efficient and effective in the business they conduct. Eight of them were memorials that expressed the sense of the Faculty Senate. One of them expressed sympathies on the passing of one of their members, Dr. John Harrington. They also passed a resolution in support of the student athlete, the shared governance concept and also one in support of the library and funding. The rest of the activities involved policy revisions and improvements in policy. They looked at the English language requirement of foreign students, burden of proof for disciplinary actions, and changes in the Honorary Degree requirements for students that are unable to finish their degree due to untimely death or other issues. They looked at sabbatical leave policy, changes to the promotion and tenure policy, changes to the general education policy and 17 others. He mentioned that this year has been very successful and said the changes in policy have been improvements. He thanked the Board, President, and Provost for an incredible and educational year.

b. Report from the President, Associated Students of New Mexico State University by Mr. Austin Graham

ASNMSU made great strides to improve the quality of life for each student at NMSU. They faced many issues and handled most with a high degree of professionalism. The ASNMSU Vice President Joey Baldonado has been a great person to work with and agreed on most issues and aided in providing a stronger voice in the Student Senate.

- The Student Senate supported student organizations in over $650,000 in travel.
- The judicial branch played an important role in bettering the lives of the students. They decided that they should work on NMSU policy and on
things relating to student services. They successfully drafted and proposed a policy to help speed and simplify academic appeals.

- The Chief of Staff, Lorraine Arvizu worked with the student memorial ceremony committee helping to bring it to fruition as well as the university planning committee to approve new signage to the campus and to work diligently with graduate council to insure the needs and voices of the graduated students were effectively heard to the ASNMSU President's office.

- She also helped to improve transition manuals in order for everything to be more seamless in the future.

- Public Relations, Jessica Payne, worked tirelessly to rebrand the NMSU image and helped redo the website. She and her assistant Michael Pratt have aided the submission process for The Feed to go from what used to take at least a month in advance to one week.

- The election of the CEO saw much controversy this year. Kim Lyons and her assistant handled it with the utmost professionalism. Some new traditions were started in regards to the elections with a parade for the presidential and vice presidential elections as well as held the presidential/vice presidential debate in Crossroads at Corbett Center and they had record election numbers in both the Fall and the Spring races.

- Media Relations, Rachel Henderson has helped to revamp the entire position. A duty has been added to work with university communications with a student organization for digital arts on work to give ASNMSU a more visual image and footage so that students just coming in have an idea about what to expect in their four years here at NMSU.

- Jenae Golden, Liz Martin, Kristin Fox all worked with the Community Outreach department to improve the work of the department. We have added “sustainability” and they have successfully created an Earth Week, with each day highlighting something different, in order to enlighten our campus students on the ideas of sustainability.

- Liz Martin did an exceptional job with our roadrunners this year. Instead of holding one event, they held three. They had a one-mile fun day run benefiting the non-profit clothing groups in Las Cruces and two splash and dash events, one before spring break where they gave away information on safe spring break tips. And they did one right before finals week with the Cinco de Mayo theme to give students a little bit of time to relax before they go take their finals.

- Jenae Golden did a great job with Keep State Great and the Big Event. Collectively they were able to provide jobs for 3,000 students in our community and we contributed an event in Las Cruces and NMSU that is better than what UTEP and UNM do in their communities.

- Intramurals department now works with Athletics to make certain that we meet the needs of all of our athletic students. Furthermore she works to coordinate tailgating events so that we can provide students a safe and fun atmosphere prior to football games.

- Government Relations led by Daniel Sontag and Joel Banegas were very successful this year. In the coming months we hope to have a student representative on the Higher Education Committee as Daniel takes on his new role as the 2012/2013 Governmental Affairs.

- Student Advocacy Board did excellent this year.
• Javier Lujan was the Attorney General this year. He oversaw a revamping of the office.
• Champion by Beth List and Ivy Wilborn services has done a lot this year. Changes were made in Aggie Transit and work is also underway on a universal pass within the city so the students don’t have to drive to the university to take a bus.
• Crimson Cab has outgrown itself, climbing to two hour waits. There has been a drop from two hours down to 45 minutes to an hour during peak times from 12:00 am to 3:00 am with the new addition of Crimson Coach which allows students to travel around Las Cruces.
• Activities changed a lot this year. They did a great homecoming with the 100 years of NM, hired a band, had the Aggie bon fire, and a new tradition was created to brighten the doors of Corbett, where student organizations decorated assignment conference doors.
• The Big Event, Aggie Fest, and Aaron Watson kicked off Spring Fling.
• The Solar Work station will be completed and will allow students to work outside utilizing the power of the sun and serves as a Wi Fi hotspot.
• The first student memorial was held on May 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm.
• NMSU Rodeo was held on campus for two days on the tailgate lot.
• Fractional Grading has been resolved.
• Each new dorm will include wireless units.
• Student Fee review board met and voted for no increase for FY 2012 and they also worked with tuition for the lowest increase in 17 years.

c. Report from the Chair-elect, NMSU Employee Council by Dr. David Brockmeyer

The Employee Council is working on updating its bylaws regarding meeting dates and Employee Council membership. These changes will need approval by the President before they can be implemented.

The Employee Council has requested that consideration be given to add a new section in the NMSU Policy that would formalize the Employee Council’s role as an ex-officio, non-voting representative to the Board of Regents. This has been a goal for several years now.

14. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

a. Regent Laura M. Conniff

A resolution was presented to Laura M. Conniff for her service as a member of the Board of Regents.

b. Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Stu Munson-McGee

A resolution was presented to Dr. Stu Munson-McGee for his service as ex officio member of the Board of Regents.

c. ASNMSU President Mr. Austin Graham
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d. Mr. Calvin Bailey, Retired Ranch Foreman of the Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center

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15. **AWARD OF REGENTS MEDAL TO DR. CHARLES JOHNSON**

The Regents Medal was awarded to Dr. Charles Johnson.

**Award of the Regents Medal**

NMSU Policy 1.05.20 states:
“The Regents Medal shall be awarded on suitable occasions and with appropriate ceremonies to persons who have made outstanding contributions to the university, to the State of New Mexico, or to the United States.”

Since the inception of this medal 40 years ago there have been 7 (seven) individuals bestowed this honor by the Regents of New Mexico State University.

They include:
Former President Gen. Hugh Milton II,
Former President Roger Corbett,
Former Academic Vice President William O'Donnell
Las Cruces realtor and former regent Seaborn Collins,
Astronomy Professor Clyde Tombaugh,
Biology Professor Maude Tully Guthrie,
And Presidential Spouse Jean Thomas

Today we as regents are honored to add the name of Dr Charles Johnson to this distinguished list.

Charley Johnson epitomizes the very best that New Mexico State has to offer; Success in the classroom, success in athletic competition, success in business, success in life.

His love for his school brought him back to us in 2000 as Professor in Chemical Engineering.

Dr Johnson earned his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from NMSU in 1961. He then went on to earn his Masters and PhD in Chemical Engineering from Washington University. The fact that he did this while also playing professional football as starting quarterback for the St Louis Cardinals makes this even more remarkable.

His honors while at NMSU include:
All American Honorable mention '58, '59 and '60
Academic All American '60
Border Conference 1st Team (and MVP) '58, '59, and '60
Sun Bowl MVP '59 and '60
After leaving NMSU in 1961 Charley was drafted and played quarterback for the St Louis Cardinals from 1961 to 1969. He then played for the Houston Oilers and ended his career with the Denver Broncos in 1975. During his 15 year NFL playing career Charley started in 124 games and in the 1964 season was the league leader in pass attempts, passes completed and passing yards.

He then entered the business world eventually starting wholly owned Johnson Compression Services in 1981.
Charley recently announced his retirement from New Mexico State University where he served as Professor in the Chemical Engineering Department, past Chair of the Chemical Engineering Department and as former Assistant to the President for Athletic matters.

It is with distinct pride in his long association with our university and for the many honors his actions have brought to us that we award the Regents Medal to Dr Charley Johnson.

Dr. Charley Johnson said he will wear it proudly and make the other guys jealous. He wanted to congratulate Calvin Bailey on his award. He's a cowboy. Dr. Johnson wants to be a New Mexico Cowboy, not a Dallas Cowboy. He then thanked the board for their service to our alma mater.

16. **OTHER / COMMENTS**

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion, Regent Pino moved.

There being no more business the Board of Regents adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Carolyn Aragon.

[Signatures]

Mike Cheney, Chair
Board of regents

Christopher Dulany, Secretary / Treasurer
Board of Regents