

**Administration and Finance**  
**Weekly Activity Report**  
**Week Ending: January 17, 2014**

- **On-Campus Interviews for CIO Position** – Applicant finalists have been selected for the Associate Vice President/Chief Information Officer position. On-campus interviews will take place over the next couple of weeks. See <http://webcomm.nmsu.edu/hire/> for details.
- **Search Process for Vice President of University Advancement/Foundation President** – Round one interviews were conducted by the search committee on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> with on-campus interviews expected to take place during the first half of February.
- **2014 Legislative Session** – Administration and Finance is participating in bill review and analysis for the 2014 legislative session through Office of Government Relations and the Vice President for External Relations/Chief of Staff
- **Hadley Hall South Suite (first floor) Renovation Update** – The carpet replacement project has been completed and the Administration and Finances offices temporarily relocated have started returning to Hadley Hall. The move back into the existing space should be completed by the end of the week of January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Administration and Finance Employee Action Committee** – Bruce Ernst, Sr. Enterprise Database Administrator and Committee Chair, provided the AF Leadership Team with an update on efforts of the division committee including the work of the A&F PRIDE (Positive Reinforcement In Daily Effort) subcommittee that is developing a proposed division-wide reward and recognition program.
- **Budget Director Position Filled** – Paula Pierson has been selected to fill the Budget Director position effective February 1, 2014. Paula returns to the Budget Office where she held the position of Assistant Director prior to moving to Auxiliary Service to serve as Director of Auxiliary Business Support for past four years. Prior to coming to NMSU, Paula worked for the University of Michigan as a Senior Financial Analyst/Specialist and Accounting Supervisor. We are very pleased to promote “one of our own” and welcome her back to the Budget Office.
- The Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU welcomed the students back this week with the beginning of a 3 week discount of 25% on one spirit item. This coupon can be found in the Round Up.
- NMSU Housing & Campus Life opened the housing facilities on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> for returning students. The NMSU Corbett Center Student Union went back to its regular hours on Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>.

- The NMSU Pan American Center hosted classic rock act STYX in concert on Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, with over 2700 in attendance.
- Free to all active NMSU students. NMSU is offering Office365 ProPlus --- Microsoft's office suite with Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, Access and Lync --- for download by all enrolled NMSU students.
- Norma Grijalva, interim CIO, and Piayasad Nilkaew, ICT's interim Director of Telecommunications and Networking Services, attended the Westnet conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Westnet, is a regional organization comprised of higher education institutions who share common technology concerns. The topics included research support, software defined networking, managing complexity, and career ladder development to aid in recruitment and retention.
- Preparations have started for the RecycleMania competition that begins Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look for promotions, posters, banners, and gatherings that help *you* recycle and help *us* win Grand Champion!



- FS PD&E Estimator Heidi Hubble, as well as fellow Project Managers, are actively working on estimate requests from departments throughout the campus interested in applying for BRR (Building Renewal and Replacement) funding. The deadline to apply for this year's allocation is February 21, 2014.
- FS Engineer Dale Harrell reports that eight 4" conduits were installed from the manhole south of the Computer Center manhole to the Computer Center server room. These conduits will facilitate the installation of fiber optic cable from the main campus and areas beyond to the Computer Center server room. Pictured are the conduits coming up through the foundation of the Computer Center server room and transitioning from PVC (plastic) conduit to EMT (steel) conduit.



- FS Environmental Health & Safety [honored David A. Rockstraw](#), Chemical Engineering Department Head and Robert Davis Distinguished Achievement Professor, as a "[Friend of Safety.](#)" He was recognized for his efforts to enhance the culture of environmental health and safety and steps he has taken to improve laboratory safety at NMSU. Katrina Doolittle, Executive Director for EH&S, presented the award at a laboratory safety seminar titled, Improving the Culture of Safety at NMSU, which was attended by 80 faculty and staff from the College of Engineering who learned about roles and responsibilities for safety and their important leadership role in promoting a positive safety culture.

