

Administration and Finance
Weekly Activity Report
Week Ending: February 7, 2014

- **Issuance of Subordinate Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds, Series 2014** – At the 1/31/14 meeting, NMSU Board of Regents approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of Subordinate Lien Improvement Revenue Bonds. The issuance will provide about \$16 million to fund various energy cost savings improvements throughout the University's campus. The Board is expected to grant final approval for the issuance during March 2014.
- **Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract** – At the 1/31/14 meeting, NMSU Board of Regents granted approval for administration to proceed with execution of an Energy Performance Contract with Ameresco, Inc. The project to be funded through issuance of bonds, will provide the University with guaranteed energy savings sufficient to offset the associated debt service and other related expenses. See <http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/10027/nmsu-to-achieve-guaranteed-utility-savings-through-energy-performance-contract> for more information.
- **Student Fee Review Board** – Representatives from Athletics, Health & Wellness, Golf Course, Corbett Center Student Union and Special Events presented their annual requests and reports to the Student Fee Review Board on February 6, 2014.
- **On-Campus Interviews Continue for Vice President of University Advancement/Foundation President** – The last two finalists for the position of Vice President for University Advancement will visit the NMSU campus on 11 and 13. Interview schedules and other candidate information are available at <http://webcomm.nmsu.edu/hire/vpuafps/>.
- **NMSU Campus Dining Services** - hosted for our students the Taste of Seattle on Feb. 4th in the Taos Restaurant in Corbett Center Student Union featuring various gourmet desserts, a coffee bar, and student acoustic musicians. On Feb. 6th, as part of the African Heritage Cultural Luncheons, guests in the Taos Restaurant enjoyed New Orleans cuisine such as Bourbon Pecan Catfish, Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Bayou Best Sandwich, and Beignets with Bourbignon Sauce.



- **Barnes & Noble at NMSU** - On Feb. 1st and 2nd the Bookstore held two events in the reading room for their guests. The children enjoyed Biscuit the Dog and EJ Runyon visited with our more advanced readers.



- **NMSU's data storage capacity increases by 20%.** In order to meet the data storage needs of NMSU, ICT storage administrators have increased NMSU's data storage capacity by 108 terabytes with the installation of industrial-grade, high speed storage devices to the storage area network. NMSU can now store the equivalent of approximately 75 million copies of War and Peace in .pdf format.
- **ICT Help Desk answers 4,000 help requests in the month of January.** Of the 4,000 requests for help, more than 2,700 requests were password related. ICT is reviewing the data in an effort to determine how to improve/streamline the password set and reset process.
- **Environmental Health & Safety discovers a new recycling opportunity.** Luis Morales EH&S environmental manager lead a new initiative to recycle NMSU sealed lead acid batteries and non-PCB ballasts with local recycler USA Can Recycling Warehouse. A meeting with USA Can management and a tour of the facility resulted in the facility being deemed acceptable for receipt of NMSU materials. USA Can will also pay NMSU by the pound for sealed lead acid batteries and non-PCB ballasts received for recycling. EH&S delivered ~3,000 pounds of batteries and ballasts and NMSU received a rebate check for ~\$600. In the past NMSU batteries and ballasts were sent to Phoenix for recycling for a modest fee, moving forward sealed lead acid batteries and Non-PCB ballasts will now continue to be recycled in Las Cruces which will result in additional cost savings/direct rebate checks.
- **Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA) Central Region Supervisor's Toolkit.** PD&E Assistant Directors Henry Espalin and Boyd Poirier, and Project Manager/Estimator Heidi Hubble attended the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA) Central Region Supervisor's Toolkit: The Nuts and Bolts of Facilities Supervision, hosted by NMSU. The course is designed to gain insight and learn about the best practices for supervisors in facilities management positions. In addition to participating in several structured sessions guided by APPA instructors, the attendees had the opportunity to touch base with facility professionals from other universities to see how they function and exchange ideas to assist in their leadership roles. Besides NMSU folks, other universities were represented at the training: University of Texas at El Paso, University of Texas at Austin, University of Nevada - Reno, El Paso Community College,

Tulsa Community College, Dona Ana Community College, University of North Texas and Tec de Monterrey Campus in Guadalajara.