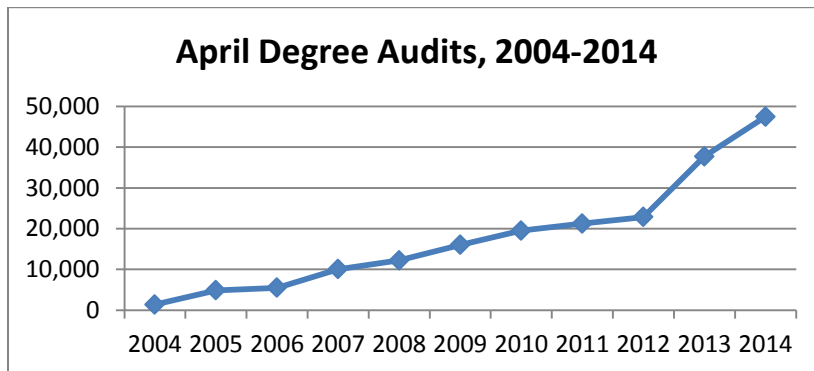


Administration and Finance
Weekly Activity Report
Week Ending: May 9, 2014

- **Number of Degree Audits Hits All-time High** – Using the STudent Audit Requirement system (STARs), NMSU students completed 47,455 degree audits in April, exceeding the previous April total by over 10,000 audits and setting an all-time record for monthly degree audits at NMSU.



- **Golf Course** – The irrigation project is in its final stages and will finish this week. The project will now move to the practice putting greens and the golf team practice area adjacent to hole #1. The maintenance crew will now start repairing the greens and in so doing will be cutting sod from the football stadium starting next week. The lake on hole #6 has been reshaped which we feel will make it more attractive and a little more user friendly.
- **Microsoft's Windows Campus Tour a Success** – Windows Campus Tour was once again in Las Cruces for its annual visit to NMSU. The Tour landed in Corbett Center where Tour representatives talked with students about products, such as the new Windows 8-Intel tablets in 4G and LTE versions, their suite of services, and student discounts. Students who stopped by participated in demos and received gift bags with t-shirts and sunglasses. Microsoft topped off its visit by giving away a tablet computer and a gift card to a couple of lucky Aggies. Thank you, Microsoft, for your support of NMSU students!
- **NMSU Operating Budgets for FY2014-2015 Approved** – The Operating Budgets for all NMSU Campuses are required to be submitted to the NM Higher Education Department each year by May 1 along with the Final Budget Adjustment Requests for the current fiscal year. Both items were submitted on May 1 to the NMHED and were approved by the Board of Regents on Friday, May 9 at their regular scheduled meeting.



- **Jacobs Hall Project Update** – The asbestos abatement has been completed at Jacobs Hall and the Demolition work has begun. The Demolition Contract was awarded to Southwest Hazard Control. The interior demolition began on 4/21/2014 and the major structural demolition is to begin this Friday May 9th, 2014. The building is scheduled to be completely gone by June 5, 2014. The contractor will limit debris removal to the weekends to minimize traffic

interruptions. Materials are being separated and salvaged to support our sustainability efforts and LEED credits.

- **ICT Technology Support Technician takes home the “A” Mountain Staff award** – The NMSU Employee Council awarded ICT’s Alan Lambeth the “A” Mountain Staff award at NMSU’s Service Awards. The award recognizes employees who epitomize integrity, dedication, skill, endurance, resilience, determination and passion. Certainly, Alan is all that and more at ICT. He’s especially known as a “customer first” employee who goes above and beyond in his job at NMSU. WTG, Alan!

- **Water Saving Challenge** – The manager of the Office of Sustainability, joni newcomer, spoke to Science and Technology Outreach & Research (STEM) students from the Arrowhead Center “Innoventure” competition about the eleven sustainability initiatives focusing on the water aspects of each. The team was challenged to create an innovative device which will reduce the amount of water used in an industry or activity without significant impact.



- **ICT staffer to participate in Golden Apple Scholars Program** – Melanie Blanchette, ICT computer operator aide, has been selected to participate in the Golden Apple Scholars Program. The program, whose scholar participants are recruited from New Mexico colleges of education, is designed to enhance the preparation and induction of future teachers. During the summer, scholars are mentored by Golden Apple Award-winning teachers and professional developers who prepare them for success in college and in their teaching careers. Great job, Melanie!
- **External Auditors Selected for FY2014 Audit** – On April 15th, the Regents’ Audit Committee approved for Moss-Adams to serve as the university’s independent public accounting firm to perform the annual financial and compliance audit for NMSU. For fiscal year 2014, the audit will be conducted as a joint venture by the Office of the State Auditor and Moss-Adams. The fully executed contract for Audit Services was received from the Office of the State Auditor on May 7. Under the contract, Moss-Adams will perform 55% of the audit while the OSA performs 45%.