

Administration and Finance Weekly Activity Report Week Ending: March 6, 2015

- **Undergraduate Learning Center** – The North end of Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center is taking shape as the structural steel is being erected. This portion of the building will house the Student Success and Upward Bound on the First Level and a SCALE-UP classroom and Active Learning classroom on the Second Level. The structural frame for the West colonnade is in place. Once steel is up on the North side, the contractor will begin on the South side which will be home to the Student Technology & Planning and Technology Support for NMSU ICT.



- **Aggie Transit** – NMSU Transportation & Parking Director, Ophelia Watkins continues to represent the NMSU campus on the Las Cruces Area Transit Advisory Board. In the last quarterly meeting there were presentations on proposed transit efficiencies, and the implementation of the Clever Devices CAD/AVL system that will allow real time GPS bus tracking (expected to be available mid-March).
- **Kick it Up a Notch” Program** – Facilities & Services Custodial Operations “Kick it Up a Notch” program for 2015 has recently introduced a new time and staffing analysis program called CleanOpsStaff-3ed. CleanOpsStaff-3ed will assist with efficient benchmarking of time and staffing standards. It is important that the mission of the custodial services be linked with the mission of the institution.
- **Half-off at Barnes & Noble** – Current specials at the Bookstore Starbucks Café are half-off Panini’s on Tuesdays and half-off pizza on Thursdays.
- **Green Hornets** – Our Facilities & Services Recycling group (Green Hornets) has been busy these last few weeks collecting recyclables for the annual Nationwide Recyclemania competition. Out of the 600 Colleges and Universities that are participating we are currently in 8th place in the Grand Champion category.
- **U.direct to be Piloted in March** – U.direct, an advanced academic planning application, is scheduled to be released in a pilot program in March, 2015. U.direct integrates features into U.achieve, the degree audit reporting system (STAR), which is in use across the NMSU system. Once live, U.direct will enable NMSU to take existing degree audit data and create term-by-term degree plans for NMSU students. Working with their advisors, students will be able to create personalized academic roadmaps that provide a clear path towards graduation. The pilot program is scheduled to be completed by September 2015, with a full release of U.direct to follow shortly thereafter. Credit goes to the Registrar’s office and ICT for making the U.direct project a reality.

- **Garcia Annex** – A tour of the Garcia Annex Basement was conducted by representatives from Facilities Operations and the Fire Department. This will be a team effort to dispose of old furniture, filing cabinets, office equipment, files, and boxes. Facilities Operations is taking the lead with the departments to clean up the 3 basements in the building. A meeting will be held next week with the departments, FSA, Central Property, and Facilities Operations shops to establish the cleaning schedule. Regular updates will be provided to Senior Management.
- **Aggie Memorial Stadium** – A tour of the Aggie Memorial Stadium storage closets was conducted by representatives from Facilities Operations and the Fire Department. Pictures were taken to document the items and shared with Athletics. This will be a team effort to dispose of old furniture, filing cabinets, office equipment, files, and boxes. This will be a team effort with Facilities Operations and Athletics. A meeting will be held next week with Athletics, FSA, Central Property, and Facilities Operations shops to establish the cleaning schedule. Regular updates will be provided to Senior Management.
- **Tour of Ireland buffet** - The 3rd Floor Bistro at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club in the Fulton Center held a themed luncheon open to the public featuring classic Irish cuisine. Watch announcements for the next one!
- **Power Plant Operations** – Plant Operations personnel toured the UNM Power Plant this week. Mark Blachford, Supervisor, Daniel Carrera, HVAC Mechanic Lead, Gilbert Perez, Operator, and Pat Chavez, Interim Director of MEP, toured the plant and discussed operations with the UNM staff. The visit was very informative and the team brought back some ideas that may be implemented at NMSU. The team extended an invitation to the UNM staff to visit the NMSU campus.
- **Pan Am Event Center entertains the community** – 2Cellos concert on Wednesday sold over 3,000 tickets for their highest single day tour attendance to date. The Brad Paisley concert on Friday sold out with close to 8000 in attendance. And another sell-out for the final Men's Basketball game on Saturday night with Chicago State.
- **Room Renewal Rodeo** – Housing and Residential Life in partnership with Sodexo/campus dining kicked off their annual Room Renewal Rodeo with a themed dinner, Rodeo team demonstrations and a mechanical bull. The event provided students an opportunity to learn about housing options and the space selection process for next academic year. Room Renewal begins on Monday, March 9th.
- **PGM (Professional Golf Management) Educational Seminars** – NMSU Golf Course hosted PGA taught PGM Education Seminars. The hands on portion of the seminars were conducted at the NMSU Golf Course driving range.

- **500 Tacos** – Taco Thursdays at the NMSU Golf Course Players Grill continues to be a hit selling close to 500 tacos this past week. The goal is to continue the momentum and provide customers a fun atmosphere to relax and unwind after a long day of classes or work.
- **National Superintendents Association Conference** – attended by Karl Olsen, NMSU Golf Course superintendent. Industry leaders gather to inspire innovative thinking and discuss industry trends. New ideas contribute to more efficient facility operations in addition to improving turf grass conditions.