

New Mexico State University
Administration and Finance
A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 5/15/2015

- **FY16 Budget Reduction Training** – Multiple training sessions were held this week by the Budget Office and Human Resource Services to discuss the permanent budget reduction process and answer questions as departments are preparing their proposals to be submitted at the end of the month. In addition to the training, the Budget Office website has been set up with hiring moratorium and budget reduction pages to further enhance communication to the campus community. <http://budget.nmsu.edu/fy-16-budget-reduction/>.



- **Landscaping around the Spiritual Center** - Structural Maintenance and Grounds shop personnel have been working to complete the landscaping project at the Spiritual Center. The mow strips have been installed and the crews are Xeriscaping the areas next to the building. After the Xeriscaping is completed Grounds will plant grass in the transition area between the xeriscaping and existing turf area. This project has a scheduled completion date of May 22, 2015 and the crews are on track to complete the work as scheduled.

- **The Adventures of Rocky Bear** - Author, Paul E. Garcia, visited the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at NMSU for a reading of his book and signed copies for his young fans.
- **Cogeneration Turbine** - Plant Operations will be conducting the next scheduled preventive maintenance cycle for the Cogeneration Turbine on May 16, 2015. This will require a turbine outage and it has been coordinated with the campus, El Paso Electric, and the City of Las Cruces.
- **External Auditors Selected for FY2015 Audit** - On April 20th, the Regents' Audit Committee approved for KPMG, LLP to serve as the university's independent public accounting firm to perform the annual financial and compliance audit for NMSU. The fully executed contract for Audit Services was received from the Office of the State Auditor on May 5th. An entrance conference was held on May 11th with the Regent's Audit Committee. KPMG will be here on campus on May 18th to begin their planning work.
- **Housing and Campus Life** - Housing and Campus Life successfully closed all of the residence halls and the majority of the campus apartments at the end of the spring semester. Summer housing is now available for students throughout campus.



- **Facilities and Services (FS) FIRE - A** representative of FS Fire was given the honor of the ceremonial first pitch at the Aggies vs North Dakota baseball game on Thursday, May 14th. Firefighter Dominick Coughlin fired in a STRIKE to get the game started.



Presley Askew field recently underwent several renovations to include a new canopy, additional bleachers, extension of the home dugout, new padding on the exterior of the fencing, and a speed pitch indicator was added to the scoreboard.

- **NMSU Operating Budgets for FY2015-2016 Approved** - The Operating Budgets for all NMSU Campuses are required to be submitted to the NM Higher Education Department each year by May 1st 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 8th at their regular scheduled meeting.
- **NMSU Faculty/Staff Golf League** - NMSU faculty and staff, active or retired, are once again invited to join the league on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to reserve a spot, please contact Jason White at 575-646-4867 or Cary C.S. Hamilton at 575-520-4204.
- **Player's Grill** – The Player's Grill, overlooking the NMSU Golf Course is now offering an expanded appetizer menu. While The Player's Grill kitchen will close at 4 p.m. each day during the summer, the appetizer menu will be available each night until 7:30 p.m.
- **Conference Services** is gearing up for the arrival of the Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) conference which will be held on campus May 22nd – 28th. A.C.E. staff will start arriving on Saturday, May 16th.
- **Facilities and Services Grounds** - Grounds Shop Supervisor Orlando Flores received his NMDA Pesticide Application License. Obtaining this license has increased the Grounds staff that can perform pesticide application on campus. Additionally, he has obtained his NM Compost Facility Operator license. This license is required to operate the NMSU composting facility.