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TO: NMSU Employees

FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor

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SUBJECT: 2017 Legislative Session

This year's legislative session begins on January 17, 2017, and will adjourn on March 18, 2017. NMSU's Office of Government Relations (OGR) is tasked as NMSU's principal contact and to coordinate communication with legislative members, government officials, and their respective staff. Several of you may be contacted to review and comment on legislation and/or testify before the many committees of the New Mexico Legislature. In all things legislative, please coordinate any legislative visit, testimony or other activities through OGR. If you are contacted by a legislator, legislative committee, or any such entity, please inform OGR of any communication. This is important to maintain a coordinated and well-organized process and activities by New Mexico State University with our legislators.

In addition, if you are contacted by OGR staff requesting your analysis of legislation, please treat the requests as urgent and consider it a priority to complete and return the analysis within the time specified. Typically, OGR is under the strict deadline of 24 hours to submit the analysis, which could be critical to the bill's impact to NMSU.

As some of you may know, Vicente Vargas, who served as NMSU's government relations State Director, has taken a position with the state government. We congratulate Vicente on his next endeavor and thank him for all this hard work and dedication to NMSU. Tiffany Rivera, Government Relations Specialist with NMDA, will assist Ricardo Rel, Assistant Vice President of Government Affairs, in Santa Fe. Here is their contact information.

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The NMSU Office of Government Relations website <http://govrelations.nmsu.edu/> will have legislative session updates to keep the university community informed. I encourage you to stay abreast of legislative activities that impact NMSU and higher education.

Thank you for helping with this important task.