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To: NMSU Campuses

From: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor

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Subject: Changes in the Office of the Chancellor

Sharon Jones, who has been a vital member of my administrative team for many years, going back all the way to my term as governor, has decided it's time for retirement. I cannot thank her enough for the support, assistance and insightful counsel she has provided for me over these many years. My utmost gratitude and best wishes to Sharon as she takes the next step in her life.

Her retirement will be effective July 1, 2017. Please watch for announcements related to an ice cream social we are planning in her honor for June 28 in the Hadley Hall Lobby.

As a result, we are reorganizing the Office of the Chancellor. Thanks in part to Sharon's leadership and mentorship, we have a very talented staff with whom you are familiar. Through the month of June, the staff will realign work assignments to accommodate the shift in responsibilities.

Lydia Duran, 575-646-1883 – lbduran@nmsu.edu will assume many duties previously handled by Sharon. Look for her to be in attendance at many meetings as she will be helping me keep our various projects on track and moving forward at the appropriate speed. Please feel free to call upon Lydia as you have Sharon in the past.

Gena Barela, 575-646-2036 – gbarela@nmsu.edu will assume the majority of the duties previously handled by Lydia, most notably handling the scheduling of my time. We will be making a temporary hire for an administrative position to allow for adequate coverage in our small yet busy operation.

Thanks to all of you for your assistance during this time of transition.