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**TO:** NMSU Employees

**FROM:** Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor 

**SUBJECT:** Update on Budget Reduction Efforts – Mobile Device Allowances

As part of our ongoing plan to “right size” the NMSU System, we continue to identify opportunities for savings through more efficient and effective utilization of our valuable resources. I am pleased to report that recently implemented changes for university mobile device allowances resulted in an estimated savings of more than \$540,000. Through the combined effort of employees across the system, we realized these savings and I sincerely appreciate your cooperation in our plans to gain greater efficiencies.

The I&G savings will be used to support central budget priorities and the non I&G savings will be retained by individual colleges and units for their specific needs. The Budget Office will contact Deans and Vice Presidents over the next few weeks with detailed information on budget savings and further explanation of the process for moving the savings to the central budget office.

Looking ahead, we will continue examining strategies that will allow us to achieve improvements in our systems and build a stronger university for our students and the communities we serve. Thank you for your support of these efforts and for all you do to help make NMSU a great university transforming lives.

c: Dan Howard, Executive Vice President and Provost  
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