DATE: January 16, 2018

TO: NMSU Employees

FROM: Chancellor Garrey Carruthers

SUBJECT: 2018 Legislative Session

We are again about to embark on another session of the New Mexico Legislature, which starts on January 16 and ends February 15, 2018. During the session several of you may be called upon to review and comment on legislation and/or testify before the many communities of the legislature. New Mexico State University’s Office of Government Relations (OGR) is tasked with being NMSU’s representatives and principal contact with all the legislative members, government officials, and their respective staff. In all things legislative, please coordinate any legislative visit, testimony or other activities through OGR. If you are contacted by a legislative committee, legislator, or any other such entity, please inform OGR of any communication. This helps to present a unified and cohesive front by New Mexico State University to our legislators.

Please find the NMSU’s legislative priorities at https://govrelations.nmsu.edu/. During the legislative session, you can also find regular updates and a bill tracking list on the OGR website.

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.

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Thank you for helping with this important task.