



Administrative Council
July 1, 2026 1:30 pm
Fireplace Room
Meeting Notes

Attendees: David Castro, Chad Cole, Mike Espiritu (Presenter, Roswell-Chaves County EDC Director), Ron Flury, Craig Leager, Lindsay Fincher, Eric Mann, Brad McFadin, Stephanie Miles, Veronica Munoz, Linde Newman, Shawn Powell, Veronica Panebouef, Jacob Puckett, Destinee Salayandia, and Edna Yokum

Introductions

Dr. Lindsay Fincher is the new Dean for Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Craig Leager is the new Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

NMEDC

Mike Espiritu, President of the Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation (RCCEDC), shared the EDC is in negotiations with many companies to establish a presence in the area. These businesses will hire a large number of employees, which require specific skill sets. ENMU-Roswell will be a critical asset educating the workforce needed. The increase of businesses will positively impact several areas: economy, housing, real estate, construction, education, tourism, and will attract additional ancillary companies.

Organizational Chart

The Director of Workforce Training and Community Education will report to Eric Mann rather than Craig Leager.

Citizens & Scholars (C&S) Campus Wide Immersion

This is an opportunity for the campus to join in a national effort designed as a campus wide immersion project to help students in three areas: productive discussions, using reliable information, and collaboration across differences; to date 125 college campuses are participating in this no cost three-year process. Information about the campus wide immersion project was shared with the attendees. They were asked to give consideration to this project to determine if our campus should join this national co-hort. C&S also offers a faculty institute program.

Area Reports

Security—loose asphalt has been laid near the retention pond; it is being brought by the NMDOT trainees. Some officers recently participated in active shooter training with the Roswell Police Department. Officers are obtaining recertification, as needed.

Faculty Senate—rare July meeting to finalize standing faculty committees. Senators will also vote in a new President. The New Mexico Council for the Higher Education Senates is in the process of creating the charter, mission statement, constitution, and bylaws.

Support Senate—no meetings so far this summer.

Student Affairs—Chris Meeks will be leaving, and David Castro is the interim Registrar. Two registration events are upcoming. Financial aid hired a GEAR UP specialist. Enrollment is up 7%.

HR—evaluations are due by the end of July; their office is working on job descriptions, hires, and current searches. Questions regarding raises should be directed to HR. A message will be sent to campus with information about July paychecks.

Professional Senate—a meeting is scheduled next week to discuss reallocating one of the senate seats to Academic Affairs.

Student Engagement—Approximately 120 students registered for the MLK Commission hosted on our campus, and about 90 attended. Vacant positions exist. Planning for the Constitution Day event and Welcome Back event are ongoing. Library consultants will be on campus next week.

Student Government Association—will meet next week and obtain feedback about activities students want to participate in.

Technical Education—summer classes going well. An auction closes Monday that includes two helicopters and two airplanes. Agriculture classroom in OTC is nearly complete. Two new welding faculty will begin in August. HVAC and automotive positions open. Adult Education staff meeting to prepare for new year.

Business Affairs—This is the first day of the new fiscal year. Budgets are uploaded and approved. Grant funds paid out for FY2026. Working on Capital Outlay requests, and the ICIP deadline is today. The hiring committee for the Small Business Development Center Director is active. ITC roof construction should begin in the next two weeks. Minor remaining finishes for Health Sciences Center renovation and sidewalk construction ongoing.

IT—several requisitions in process. New campus map solutions under consideration. RFP for the wireless project, Community Connect, went out recently. IT is developing three hybrid classrooms with full Microsoft Teams capabilities. Funding is needed for Coursedog when current grant funding is expended. The System will move to a new portal July 6, which will replace Cosmolink. Trying to purchase local hardware for campus AI use—policy needs to be implemented. Currently obtaining feedback of a draft policy for anticipated Spring implementation. Appropriate AI usage guidance is being developed. Copier lease renewal in process, which will save money and provide some upgrades.

Health—evaluations in process and simulation room preparation underway.

President—areas should submit topics for the August 14 campus-wide meeting. CCB work session next Wednesday at 4:00 pm followed by a regular meeting. Grant applications have been submitted for TRiO, EOC, Talent Search, Title III for heavy diesel mechanic, and CDC grant.

Other Business

A message will be sent to campus about appropriate attire for summer. Clothing should be comfortable but professional.