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MEMORANDUM

TO: Task Force Invitees
FROM: Provost Carol Parker
cc: President John Floros
Faculty Senate Chair Julia Parra
RE: Task Force to Gather Input to Assist in the Development of a Formal Faculty Senate Bill Proposing a New College and New Research Center

I write to invite you to serve on a Task Force to gather input from the NMSU Community regarding my proposal to administratively combine several academic units within the Social Sciences, Education, Health and Social Services, in order to create a new College and a new Research Center. Background materials are on my website. If you are unable to serve in this effort, please let me know as soon as possible; otherwise, the membership of the task force will be:

Co-Chairs

Interim Dean Sonya Cooper, College of Health and Social Services

Interim Dean Henrietta Pichon, College of Education

Dean Enrico Pontelli, College of Arts and Sciences

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Dr. Blanca Araujo, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education

Dr. Susan Brown, Senior Academic Administrator and former Interim Dean, College of Education

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Dr. Dennis Giever, Professor and Department Head of Criminal Justice, and Interim Department Head of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Natalie Goldberg, Professor and former Interim Department Head of Extension Plant Sciences, and former Interim Associate Dean of Research, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Dr. Neil Harvey, Professor and Department Head of Government College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Jagdish Khubchandani, Professor of Public Health, College of Health and Social Services

Dr. Phillip Post, Professor of Kinesiology, and Interim Associate Dean, College of Education

Dr. Mary Alice Scott, Associate Professor of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Linda Summers, Associate Professor of Nursing, College of Health and Social Services

Dr. Luis Vazquez, Regents Professor of Counseling and Educational Psychology, College of Education, and Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

Dr. Patti Wojahn, Professor of English and Interdisciplinary Studies Department Head, College of Arts and Sciences

Charge and Timeline

You are charged with collecting input from the NMSU Community with respect to the suggestion that NMSU administratively combine several academic units within the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Social Sciences division; Education; and Health and Social Services, in order to create a new College. I am interested in: (1) input on the opportunities and challenges the proposal presents; (2) potential names of the new college; and (3) ideas for how to improve upon the concept if possible. Feel free to use small working groups, listening sessions, surveys, etc.

The input you collect should be organized and provided to the Provost's Office by October 16, 2020. I will use it to prepare a formal Bill for submittal to the Faculty Senate seeking its review and recommendation, per APR 2.15. I must submit the Bill no later than October 27, 2020 for it to be introduced at the November 5, 2020 meeting.

Thank you!