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To: Deans and Community College Presidents

From: Daniel J. Howard

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Howard".

Re: Clarification regarding new Rule 5.14 - Faculty Credentials

As you are all aware, new Rule 5.14 - Faculty Credentials Required of all NMSU Instructors of Record is now operational and my office is starting to apply it. I'm issuing this memo to clarify one aspect about these new requirements, and may issue more as questions arise, so that the academic administration may implement this new rule consistently. See ARP, Rule 5.14, Part 1 A. and B.

Regarding the requirement for institutional accreditation, the majority of higher education institutions recognize and accept educational credentials from institutions accredited by one of the seven regional accrediting agencies, and scrutinize more carefully, on a case by case basis, credentials from institutions that are nationally accredited and those outside the U.S. Prior to this rule, that has been the established practice at NMSU, and that is how this rule should be applied. See Rule 5.14, Part 5, B.