



Office of the Chancellor

MSC 3Z
New Mexico State University
P. O. Box 30001
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001
575-646-2035, fax: 575-646-6334
chancellor.arvizu@nmsu.edu

DATE: January 14, 2021

TO: NMSU Employees

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, Chancellor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan E. Arvizu'.

SUBJECT: 2021 Legislative Session

The 2021 session of the New Mexico Legislature will convene on Tuesday, January 19. While this year's 60-day session will be held in a hybrid mode with activities taking place virtually, legislators and legislative staff may still reach out to New Mexico State University (NMSU) faculty and staff for comments or review of legislation. As in years past, if you are contacted to review or comment on legislation or to testify before a committee, please contact our Office of Government and Community Relations (OGCR), which works directly with legislators, and is tasked with being NMSU's representatives and principal contact with all legislative members, government officials, and their staff.

If you are contacted by a legislative committee or legislator, please inform OGCR of any communication. This helps to present a unified and cohesive front by NMSU to our legislators and helps our efforts to be organized and transparent.

OGCR contact information:

OGCR email: gaffairs@nmsu.edu

Ricardo Rel (575) 635-2005 (cell)

Johnny Montoya (505) 238-7647 (cell)

Aggie Saltman (575) 649-4356 (cell)

Lisa Butler (575) 635-5920 (cell)

If you would like to read legislative updates during the session or read about NMSU's legislative initiatives, I invite you to visit the Office of Government and Community Relations' website: <https://govrelations.nmsu.edu/>. During the legislative session, you can also find a list of the bills that NMSU's OGCR are tracking due to potential impact to NMSU and higher education.

In addition, if you are contacted by OGCR 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, OGCR is under the strict deadline of 24 hours to submit the analysis, which could be critical to the bill's impact to NMSU.

Thank you for helping with this important task.