

Legislative Finance Committee Presentation

June 6, 2018

Workforce Training Programs

- Potash Industry – computer trainings, industrial maintenance technology programs
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant – Leadership Academies, trainings, radiation control programs
- Oil and Gas Industries – Gas Compression program, proposed ten week course of study in preparation for work in the field

Financial Conditions

- Oil and gas production has increased fairly rapidly and as a result the college's mil levy revenue has increased
- Carlsbad is experiencing a rapid increase in home building and hotel rooms but the prices are pretty high
- NMSU Carlsbad has initiated projects such as a welding area renovation and a renovation of a chemistry lab that will be funded by local revenues and not by GO Bonds or severance tax monies
- NMSU Carlsbad is still paying a local bond on its Allied Health Building but this debt will be retired in about five years
- The college has no plans to seek another local bond at this time

Infrastructure

- NMSU Carlsbad has completed projects to install a fire suppression system in the main building and to install HVAC central controls throughout the campus
- Additionally, the college completed a renovation of its IT areas which included dedicated cooling to the server room and the installation of an emergency generator which prides back up power to essential entities in the case of an electrical outage
- The college has installed wireless access throughout the campus
- All classroom door locks have been replaced so that the doors can be locked with a push button from the inside and the slit windows in every door have been covered with opaque material to obscure vision into the room
- Recently, NMSU Carlsbad initiated Level III armed security who are on campus from 7:30 AM to 11:00 PM Monday through Friday and from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays. Our security company provides roving security on the hour at night and on Sundays

Student Performance

- The college's graduation rate has demonstrated a continuing increase from a low of 4% to its current 13%
- The college's Fall to Fall retention rate had shown a gradual increase with a high of 59% but has slipped this year to 49% and the downturn is attributed to the expanding economy in Carlsbad

which is offering a lot of jobs to graduating high school students. The college will continue to initiate persistence and completion initiatives.

- The college's Fall to Spring retention rate had reached a high of 75% in 2015 but has dropped to 70% for 2016. The expanding job market seems to be the compounding issue.
- The college's transfer rate has demonstrated steady improvement with an increase from 5.53% to 21%
- The NMSU Carlsbad nursing program is ranked as one of the top ten nursing programs in New Mexico with a number 5 ranking for this year
- The Carlsbad Early College High School which is housed on the NMSU Carlsbad campus earned an A rating and was recognized by the NMPED Cabinet Secretary
- The college was awarded a Title III STEM grant and has initiated substantial increases in support activities for STEM programs of study
- A NMSU Carlsbad student was recently recognized as the top PTK student in New Mexico and was recognized in Dallas as the New Mexico recipient of a Coca Cola Scholarship
- The college's default rate continues to decrease as a part of the NMSU System initiatives to lower said default rate