

Governor Susana Martinez  
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Room 400  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Dear Governor Martinez,

As students, we are deeply concerned with the direction our state is going, and from what we currently understand New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers' contract will not be extended.

First and foremost, President Carruthers has done an impeccable job in tough economic times, especially with the threat of all state funding being taken away under a veto this year. His focus on students has made a difference for many across the state. We are interested in keeping him in this important role.

We are requesting information regarding the reason why President Carruthers' willingness to continue working for our school has not been accepted. Our school needs consistent leadership, and the arduous process of finding a new president would only lead to more uncertainty. There is no clear reason why President Carruthers' removal would serve our state, and it only leads many to question whether you have other plans for this position.

Given our education will be in the hands of your regents, we respectfully request answers to the following questions:

- Do you have others in mind for the position of NMSU President?
- Is the lack of interest in keeping President Carruthers driven by the fact that you have an interest or are considering the position for yourself?
- Does this decision have any relation to President Carruthers' voice advocating against the veto of all state funding for higher education?
- If offered the position, would you reject it?

We are hopeful that you would respond to concerned students who are posing relevant questions and requesting pertinent answers that affect our education.

Sincerely,

NMSU College Democrats