



## From the Office of the President

*Monday, August 7, 2017*

Dear Students, Staff, Faculty and Regents,

I am pleased to report the University will soon augment our student support services with the addition of an Assistant Vice President for Student and University Relations. Along with other activities, this position will also oversee Student Conduct and Title IX. We recently launched a national search for this position which will be supervised by our Vice President of Student and University Relations, Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming. Bringing on a new professional in this capacity will allow NMT to be even more responsive to the growing needs of our campus community and further ensure the success of our students.

Please be advised that until this new position is filled, Lynn Arthur will be serving as the University's Interim Title IX Coordinator, effective immediately.

Until further notice, any concerns or reports of sexual harassment, sexual violence, and all forms of gender- and sex-based discrimination concerning any member of our institution – students, faculty and staff included – should be promptly reported to Ms. Arthur, Fidel 260 – 575-835-5010. New Mexico Tech is committed to maintaining a healthy and safe learning, living, and working environment which promotes responsibility, dignity, and respect for all persons. Sexual harassment as well as unwanted sexual activity are contrary to the mission of the University and are strictly prohibited. Therefore, any such incidents should be promptly reported for the continued safety of our community. It is important to note that student victims/survivors can confidentially discuss incidents involving sexual misconduct with licensed health and counseling professionals at Tech's Office of Counseling and Disability Services and any Tech employee can also receive confidential counseling through NMT's Employee Assistance Program through Corporate Health Resources.

For more information, I encourage you to review New Mexico Tech's standing Interim Sexual Misconduct & Title IX Offenses Policy (attached) which was recently updated only to reflect Ms. Arthur's interim responsibilities and contact information.

Our former Title IX Coordinator, Randy Saavedra, will continue to direct Tech's Affirmative Action efforts and oversee Equal Employment Opportunity compliance. Ms. Arthur will also continue in her current position as the Assistant Director of Residential Life while helping us maintain effective Title IX response and outreach throughout the assistant vice president search process. In her capacity as interim Title IX Coordinator, Ms. Arthur will report to me under the supervision of Vice President Jaramillo.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Wells  
President