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### **Library Dean to Chair Commission on the Status of Women at NMSU**

New Mexico State University Interim President and Provost William V. Flores has established the President's Commission on the Status of Women to facilitate the exchange of knowledge about the status of women faculty and staff at NMSU. The 15-member commission is chaired by Dean of the NMSU Library Elizabeth Titus.

“With more females in the work force and in the student body, it is important to look at how we serve women at NMSU,” Flores said. “We need to ascertain the conditions that women confront at NMSU and possibly modify policies on practices to ensure the campus is a comfortable place for everyone.”

Flores said the commission will provide a focus for action on women's issues and promote an equitable working and learning environment. He said the commission will provide information about effective ways to recruit women professionals, more efficient establishment of tenure for women and essential programs for women, such as on-campus child-care.

The commission's responsibilities include gathering data on the status of women faculty and staff at NMSU; reviewing institutional documents to determine the gendered impact of institutional policies and procedures; reporting findings to the NMSU Board of Regents every three years; recommending appropriate courses of action on policies and procedures to promote gender equity and monitoring data, policies, procedures and campus issues at NMSU in light of local and national trends.

-- Jennifer Kistler, University Communications