

Report of a Focused Visit to
New Mexico State University - Carlsbad

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Part IV: Recommendations and Rationale for NMSU-Carlsbad

The team's recommendations for action concerning New Mexico State University-Carlsbad are as follows:

FIRST: The team accepts the assessment plan as it now stands. The reasons for this recommendation are that the plan now demonstrates 3 years of growth and development; that the plan flows from the college's mission and expected graduate outcomes; that the plan is clearly owned by the faculty and implemented by the college as a whole; that the plan will lead to institutional improvement in its ongoing implementation; that the timeline for the plan is appropriate and realistic; that the administration of the plan is appropriate; and that the plan provides feedback to students, to faculty, to the college, and to the planning process itself.

SECOND: because New Mexico State University-Carlsbad has changed greatly, for the better, since its last comprehensive visit in 1992; and because the concerns listed in the last comprehensive report have been addressed; and because the college continues to accomplish its mission; and because the college continues to organize its human, financial, and physical resources to accomplish its purposes; and because the college is assessing its ability to continue to accomplish its purposes; and because the college can continue to accomplish its purposes in the future; and because the college demonstrates integrity in accomplishing its educational and

other purposes, the team recommends that the next comprehensive evaluation take place during the 2001-02 school year.

Rationale

The team accepts the evidence provided by New Mexico State University-Carlsbad which demonstrates that program quality at the college is commensurate with program quality at similar institutions.

The team recognizes the validity of the institutional administration of New Mexico State University-Carlsbad because it allows the college to maintain its own autonomy while yet benefitting from its branch status in the New Mexico State University system.