



## From the Office of the President

**October 28, 2016**

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, and Regents,

I am writing to all of you in regards to our Office for Administration and Finance. There will be a change in leadership, effective Nov. 2. I have named Dr. Olin Cleve McDaniel our Vice President for Administration and Finance. I'm very proud to bring Dr. McDaniel to our campus. I know first hand he brings steady leadership, great skills and tremendous depth of experience to the Administration and Finance office. As a dedicated administrator who brings the highest professional standards and places great value in teamwork, he's going to be a wonderful addition to our leadership team.

Dr. McDaniel comes to New Mexico Tech with over 23 years of experience as a senior higher education leader and officer. He comes to Socorro from the University of Sharjah in Dubai, where he's served as its Chief Operating Officer and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration since 2011. He served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in the Desert Research Institute's Office of Finance and Administration on my behalf from 2005-11.

Dr. McDaniel earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1997. He has been successful in using a multi-tiered approach to developing non-traditional funding sources throughout his career in higher education. Dr. McDaniel has extensive experience working with ethnically, culturally and gender diverse campuses, having served in senior leadership roles at several universities, DRI, and as a founding partner with a higher education consulting group.

My thanks to Richard Cervantes for his 14 years of service to New Mexico Tech. He played an instrumental role in seeing our research funding grow from \$25 million per year to over \$100 million at its peak. Richard was a key figure in building Tech's relationship with the National Cave and Karst Research Institute and represented our university on the Literacy Board and on the Board of the National Center for Resources.

Dr. McDaniel will be arriving from Sharjah early next week and will begin work next Wednesday. I look forward to his arrival and steady leadership at the helm of our Administration and Finance Office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Wells  
President