

UNM-Gallup College Council Recap

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025 | 1 p.m.

Executive Conference Room - Gurley Hall 1216A

Attendance

Dr. Sabrina Ezzell, Chancellor
John Zimmerman, Dean of Instruction
Robert Griego, Director of Business Operations
Jayme McMahon, Director of Student Affairs
Eric Castillo, IT Manager
Frank Sanchez, Technical Analyst 3
Ashlee Velasquez, Director of Workforce Development
Richard Reyes, Sr. Public Relations Specialist
Sgt. Richard Perez, Campus Police
Shana Arviso, President of Staff Council

Meeting Recap

Information Technology, Frank Sanchez and Eric Castillo

- New laptops for faculty and staff are being deployed, with most people receiving new equipment soon.
- Addressing old AV equipment in Room 1124 and the auditorium; new configurations and updates are needed due to functionality issues, especially for the new film program.
- Working on a second nursing simulator installation next month, and new dental equipment is ready with training scheduled.
- Camera systems have maxed out video recording servers (NVRs) and require significant upgrades and a storage plan for video archives.
- Windows 11 rollout for desktops and labs is nearly complete, with a deadline of October 14 for new machine assessments.
- Discussing gym access clearance for new personnel.
- Switch upgrades will affect the entire campus this fall after October, with planned 30- to 60-minute network outages per building. Gallup may take 1-3 days.
- Addressing access control issues (C-CURE) with main campus, particularly concerning door schedules and administrative permissions.

Community Education & Workforce Development, Ashlee Velasquez

- The solar class has concluded, with systems being deployed to four families (two from Zuni, two from Fort Defiance). Five students passed the NABCEP exam.
- A new coordinator, Emily Cabrera, has been hired and is being trained.
- New projects coming to the program include heavy equipment operating and HVAC.

- Received another \$465,000 from the same grant for solar, plus a special legislative appropriation.
- McKinley County is partnering with a company to build a solar field near Yatahey, which will need solar technicians and offers training equipment and scholarships.
- Since January, the CDL program has graduated 60 with A licenses and 8 with B licenses.

Academic Affairs, John Zimmerman

- Accepting feedback on Kick-Off Week, which seeks to maintain balance of enriching activities and letting faculty prep for courses. Open to ideas for meaningful and engaging events in the future.

Business Operations, Robert Griego

- New timeclock training for managers and supervisors begins Sept. 1, with training for all employees starting Sept. 22.
- A new IP phone system (hard and soft phones) is expected by December 2026.
- Reminders about reconciling indexes by the 15th of each month and the need for timely adjustments.
- Repairs for the Calvin Hall flood are moving forward, with equipment expected by the end of September.
- New Facilities Coordinator, Rae Vargas-Ruiz, will start on Aug. 25.

Staff Council, Shana Arviso

- Kick-Off Week hot dog event was a success.
- Planning to purchase flashlights for Campus Safety Walk during Campus Safety Week to giveaway to participants.
- Working on a fundraiser event in October involving student clubs (e.g., DJ, wait staff) to raise money for Staff Council and clubs.

Campus Police, Richard Perez

- New gates near Nursing Career Center and Calvin Hall Center are working.
- New one-way traffic lanes and signage near Health Career Center has improved traffic flow.
- Several more cameras have been installed to cover blind spots.
- Campus Safety Week plans are being finalized.

Student Affairs, Jayme McMahon

- Working through badge access issues for the gym, including misuse of cards.
- Enrollment is looking good, with head count up close to 3.5% and credit hours up close to 10% compared to last year.
- Starting a marketing campaign for WEPA printing; a secondary track reader is installed, and new cards support it. Faculty are encouraged to promote its use, with machines in SSTC and the library.

- Student disciplinary procedures are updated, and efforts are underway to centralize conduct documentation, including academic integrity violations.
- Developing or updating anti-hazing policies due to new federal regulations.
- Experiencing parking and traffic issues due to increased enrollment, especially around the gym.

Public Relations, Richard Reyes

- The Spring 2025 Luminaria issue is out, and planning for Fall 2025 is underway.
- Holiday in New Mexico is approaching; first meeting will likely be scheduled soon.
- Working with Native American Student Success Center and DEI programs on promotional items and table covers.

Chancellor, Sabrina Ezzell

- Reviewed unified legislative priorities, which are being developed with all NM higher education institutions. Anticipating a potential impact to higher education funding from federal funding conundrum (Medicaid), possibly leading to flat budgets in FY27.
- Legislative priorities include asking for a 5% Instruction & General increase (for inflation/compensation), 4% for non-formula student support (tutoring, behavioral/mental health), and funding for workforce training.
- Seeking \$15 million for campus safety funding.
- Working to change legislation for dual-credit reimbursement so institutions can be paid without workarounds.
- Will ask for increased BR&R (Building Renovation and Renewal) and ER&R (Equipment Renovation and Replacement) funding.
- The next statewide discussion on higher education funding, in-person will be Oct. 16.