

UNM-Gallup College Council Recap

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025 | 1 p.m.

Executive Conference Room - Gurley Hall 1216A

Attendance

Dr. Sabrina Ezzell, Chancellor
John Zimmerman, Dean of Instruction
Eric Castillo, IT Manager
Frank Sanchez, Technical Analyst 3
Ashlee Velasquez, Director of Workforce Development
Shana Arviso, President of Staff Council
Cole Frame, Public Relations Assistant

Meeting Recap

Staff Council, Shana Arviso

- Brief update about Staff Council Dinner Fundraiser.
- Kudos to IT and Facility Services teams for helping Student Resource Center to prepare rooms for new community health clinic.

Information Technology, Eric Castillo and Frank Sanchez

- UNM IT Academic Technologies is accepting requests for ADA lecterns. UNM-Gallup is encouraged to identify classrooms that would benefit from ADA lecterns and submit a request. Classrooms in Calvin Hall Center are being considered.
- Windows 11 update is still in progress.
- IT received 90 personal computers to replace machines in labs and other old machines.
- IT is working on upgrades to audio/visual equipment in Gurley Hall 1124 and Calvin Hall Center Auditorium.
- A major campus outage is being planned the week of Oct. 27 due to work on data closet. Outages are expected to last up to 2 hours.
- IT received an estimate for upgrading camera system hardware, which needs to be upgraded every 5 years.

Community Education & Workforce Development, Ashlee Velasquez

- Solar technician certificate program continues to work with new cohorts and identify communities in need of solar panels.
- Partnerships are being formed and maintained with government entities and solar companies to help connect students with career opportunities.
- Upcoming workshop on Oct. 23 and Oct. 24 for public and solar students.
- Outreach, recruitment and presentations are ongoing at local career fairs and college fairs.
- Meeting with BNSF about potential partnership on internship/apprenticeship.

Academic Affairs, John Zimmerman

- Working on Calvin Hall Center furniture upgrades for classrooms, including ADA student desks and stools for labs, by Thanksgiving break. Math labs are being looked at for furniture upgrades next.
- Calvin Hall Center capital project is ongoing. Faculty are being consulted about needs in labs. Project funding may potentially come from 2026 general obligation bond.
- Fine Arts capital project is in planning phase. Funding was approved via 2024 general obligation bond. Primarily looking at HVAC solutions; lighting, storage and ventilation for all labs; gallery improvements; enlargement of metals lab; and upgrades to ceramics kiln area to provide protection from weather.

Chancellor, Dr. Sabrina Ezzell

- Student Government swore in three new officers, which is a big accomplishment because Student Government has been inactive for about three years.
- HED will recommend the following capital projects for LFC approval:
 - \$3 million to renovate Calvin Hall Center north wing.
 - Approximately \$300,000 for five new C-Cure entries and license plate reader.
 - \$370,000 for childcare center HVAC, furniture and playground equipment.
- Additional capital requests for the 2026 legislative session:
 - \$116,000 for Gurley Hall 1124 audio/visual equipment upgrades.
 - \$105,000 for new Gator utility vehicles for Facility Services.
 - \$250,000 for cloud storage upgrades for surveillance camera system.
 - \$760,000 for stucco repairs.
 - \$160,000 for two new police vehicles.
- Working with two-year institutions to finalize unified priorities to present to Legislative Finance Committee. Funding is expected to be tight next year because the state is responding to federal cuts. Seeking 100 percent coverage for employee compensation increases, which have been only partially covered in recent years. Want to address dual credit funding regulations.