

HUNM-Gallup Staff Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 | 3 – 4 p.m. | Chancellor's Conference Room 1216A

Executive Committee Roll Call

President Frank Sanchez PRESENT
President-Elect Tina Griego PRESENT
Treasurer Emily Cabrera PRESENT
Secretary Chei-Ann Manygoats ABSENT
Member At Large Amanda Crump PRESENT
Member At Large Joseph Rodriguez ABSENT
Past President Shana Arviso ABSENT

Present: Dawn Garcia, Richard Reyes, Ashlee Velasquez (online), and Lana Littleman (online)

Approval of agenda: Motion by Dawn Garcia and seconded by Emily Cabrera

Approval of meeting minutes: No approval occurred for last month's meeting minutes. We will distribute and approve when the minutes are available.

Action items:

President Sanchez: Discussed a possible UNMG Toast Masters Chapter.

- Fran Palachek is willing to speak with us about possibly having a chapter on campus. Meetings would take place around lunchtime so people can participate.
- Please start pushing the chapter to faculty and staff. Faculty Assembly willing to help push out the word to faculty.

President Sanchez: New Chancellor and Dean

- Executive Meeting will be moved from this Friday to next Friday, July 10th due to holiday.
- Staff Council members and officers should be visible and reach out to staff on campus. See how they're feeling. Is there any confusion? Do people have questions? Be a good resource on campus for faculty and staff.
- SC Officers will inquire if leadership plans to continue meet-and-greets, Kudos celebrations and other activities during next Executive Committee meeting,

President-Elect Griego: Staff Retreat Debriefing

- Feedback from participants and Staff Council Committee and members was consistent
- Amazing Race Activity was fun but too short
- Ran out of non-coffee drinks in the morning (need more next year)
- Lunch and food options were great

- Participants enjoyed meeting new people on campus and appreciated takeaways from morning sessions
- Trivia was better last year. Discussed hosting the Amazing Race during the entire afternoon instead.
- Discussed relevance of sessions: Smartsheets (too pricey), Generative AI (resistance to AI and no policies, procedures, trainings, or manuals for proper AI use), and public speaking (didn't receive feedback or follow up at the end)
- Attendance was better last year. Expected 60 but had around 45 participants. There were last-minute leave requests that may have contributed.
- Discussed ideas to boost attendance next year (gift cards, raffle tickets or stamp cards, Bluetooth speakers, door prizes, and T-shirts for attending all 3 sessions. Participants must be present all day to claim prizes)
- Pizza party for winning Amazing Race team will be scheduled by the end of the month

President Sanchez: Nominations for SC Secretary

- Secretary Chei-Ann Manygoats slammed in the bookstore due to staffing shortages. Requested a volunteer to take over the secretary position for the rest of the year.
- Lana Littleman with Applied Tech volunteered.
- Ask around to see if anybody else is interested and send any other nominations to President Sanchez next week. We will vote on nominees during next month's SC meeting.

Committee reports:

- Chair Amanda Crump: Wellness Committee
 - Haven't met but will discuss ideas closer to the start of fall semester:
 - 4-week digital detox challenge. Do a different challenge each week to cut screen time.
 - 30-minute stretch, meditation, and/or breathing sessions together in a classroom with a projector
 - New food pyramid PSA
 - Welcome back week walk or other activity (plan 2 or 3 days of activities) to kick off activities throughout the semester
 - Starting a regular walking club on campus (trails, Gurley, gym, etc.) and can do walking events off-campus (such as mall walks)
 - Possibly offer promo items for participation (i.e. water bottle or fan)
- Chair Emily Cabrera: Events Committee
 - Meeting next month on July 9th on Teams or in the Zollinger Library
 - Will discuss ideas for fall events, such as Kick-Off Week
 - June 13 & 15: 2-part National Nature Photography Day event went well (6 participants walked on Saturday and took pictures)

- Pictures were used for button making (hosted by PR), coloring pages, and nature postcard writing in Zollinger. Can possibly do this again next year
- Chair Richard Reyes: Development Committee
 - Haven't met for a while
 - Had a couple of past initiatives that were stalled due to main campus being overwhelmed (i.e. Lobo Perks program).
 - Implemented rack cards, which were provided to HR (unknown if they have implemented them for new hires)
 - Will possibly get together in summer to discuss ideas for next year.
- Chair Tina Griego: Safety Committee
 - Didn't have a quorum so no official meeting last month
 - Chancellor John Zimmerman will take over as chair and wants to take a different approach
 - July 9th is next meeting. Will have more to report in the next SC meeting

Executive Committee Reports:

- President Sanchez:
 - Skills USA team was phenomenal, and for the first time, made it to the podium. We broke the ceiling and started the momentum.
 - One nursing student placed second in postsecondary and entrepreneurship team placed third at nationals for their "Hosewater" presentation
 - Looking for advisors from staff and/or faculty.
 - Skills USA is more amazing than he can ever describe and is a great opportunity for students. Suggested attending state conference for a day or watching YouTube videos.
 - Promote Skills to students who might be a good fit. To participate, students have to be enrolled at least one class (any for-credit class)
 - Departments can host student presentations. Can give 5-7 minutes for students to practice. This is a huge help for students.
- President Elect Greigo:
 - No report
- Treasurer Cabrera:
 - Spent \$5,447.41 this fiscal year
 - Remaining funds of \$122.59 will be lost. We did a good job using funds. Will see what funding we have next year.
- Member-at-large Crump:
 - Reached out to main campus international studies; need to coordinate with Todd (Main Campus) and Jamie McMahon (Student Affairs at UNMG)

Next meeting July 28, 2026

Motion to adjourn: Emily Cabrera and seconded by Dawn Garcia