

## Chancellor Weekly Brief | 1.22.2021

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### **SPRING SEMESTER.**

I would like to begin this week's brief with a welcome to our students during our spring semester's first week of classes—and to our faculty and staff who work so diligently to ensure the continued success of our students who have chosen UNM-Gallup as their educational home. We are truly a campus community working together toward a shared mission which is to prepare people to achieve their educational and professional goals in a context of respect for the traditions and values of the many groups we serve.

Leadership throughout our campus is essential to the fulfillment of this mission. Each of you are key stakeholders in our success today, tomorrow, and in the years and decades to come at UNM-Gallup. We know that our good stewardship now will provide the fresh ideas and innovation to move our campus forward for not only our current students but for the generations of students who will rely on our university to secure a viable future and career.

#### **UNM-GALLUP STAFF SENATE**

There are key groups currently in place for us to exhibit leadership and share in the governance of our campus, including the Faculty Assembly, Student Senate, and our Local Advisory Board. While these leadership groups and boards are so important to our success, I feel that we are missing a key constituency by not including the voice of our staff in discussing key decisions that impact our mission. In the coming weeks, I will invite our staff to meet—virtually, of course—to begin laying out the infrastructure for a Staff Senate at UNM-Gallup. When you receive the calendar invitation, I hope that you will consider joining me and your colleagues in helping us establish this new Staff Senate for our campus. We would surely value your input as we begin this new endeavor.

#### **PROGRAM INNOVATION**

Our faculty, staff, and students also [received an invitation](#) this week to participate in a new Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Organizational Innovation for Academic Affairs. This committee will be charged with the task of finding new, high-quality, highly relevant programs to offer our students and to measure the adequacy and effectiveness of our academic organizational structure.

If you would like to join this committee, please email Dr. Dan Primožic at [dprimozic@unm.edu](mailto:dprimozic@unm.edu). Meetings are currently being established as the committee's work begins in the next few weeks.

#### **GIMC VACCINE CLINIC**

The Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) will conduct a COVID-19 vaccination event this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. for individuals 65 years old and over, who are residents of the Gallup Service Unit or receive healthcare primarily at GIMC. The event will be held at our Physical Education Complex. A total of 600 doses will be available at the event on a first come, first served basis.



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As a local public institution, we are always so honored to continue our service to the community and provide the space for this important vaccination event. It will take us all doing our part to see our way out of this pandemic, and it is heartening to see these events begin in our community.

Please remember to continue wearing a face mask, respond to the daily COVID-19 symptom screening email, socially distance in public, and pre-register for the vaccine at [CCVaccineNMHealth.org](https://CCVaccineNMHealth.org). Also, as winter weather remains unpredictable, stay close to your phone and Lobo Mail as we may have alerts during times of inclement weather.

Stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Malm'.

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