

Chancellor Weekly Brief – 10.1.2020

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PRIORITY PROJECTS.

As we begin the month of October, we also approach over 205 days of living through this COVID-19 pandemic—and keeping our fellow Lobos safe. Around 2,700 students, faculty, and personnel are surveyed through the daily COVID symptom screening email, and we are averaging 180 people on campus daily with just four reports of positive tests so far. Our well-wishes for a speedy recovery go to those within our campus family who have been directly impacted by this virus. We are doing great work together to mitigate the spread of this disease at UNM-Gallup, and I want to commend you all for ‘protecting the pack’ by wearing a face mask and social distancing if you must be on campus.

Over the course of the last several months--starting in July--our Ad Hoc Committee for the Review and Prioritization of Certificate and Degree Programs has met weekly to pursue with great effort the task of reviewing, discussing, and recommending actions drawn from a close examination of the programs offered at UNM-Gallup. As previously published, this committee is comprised of members of our faculty and staff, including:

- Dr. Daniel Primožic | Professor and Dean of Instruction
- Dr. Sabrina Ezzell | Associate Professor and Chair of Education, Health, and Human Services
- Dr. Kamala Sharma | Professor and Chair of Mathematics, Natural, and Physical Sciences
- Mr. Joe Kee | Associate Professor and Chair of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- Ms. Ann Jarvis | Interim Chair of Business and Applied Technology
- Mr. John Zimmerman | Professor and President of the UNM-Gallup Faculty Assembly
- Mr. Christopher Chavez | Lecturer and Vice President of the UNM-Gallup Faculty Assembly
- Dr. Bruce Kuchera | Professor and Chair of the Faculty Assembly Budget Committee
- Dr. Carolyn Kuchera | Associate Professor and Chair of the Faculty Assembly Curricula Committee
- Ms. Brittany Babykos | Sr. Institutional Researcher, UNM-Gallup (ex-officio)
- Mr. Robert Griego | Director of Business Operation, UNM-Gallup (ex-officio)

As these committee members soon complete their initial review, I'd like to commend each of them for their service and dedication to our campus; especially as they will present their draft review to members of our leadership team and other respective committees in the next few weeks. I am looking forward to their report, and we will maintain our commitment to transparency with more detailed information and determinations in the coming months.

Priority projects also continue throughout campus as well, and our gratitude to the facilities management team for their ongoing care of our buildings and grounds throughout this pandemic. We have recently completed several ADA upgrades, parking lot rehabilitation projects, and the installation of a new pedestrian sidewalk along Vo-Tech Drive—which was paid for with general obligation (GO) bonds provided by the state.



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To ensure future much-needed projects, I hope you will support GO Bond C during this election cycle—which would provide our campus with \$3 million in additional funds for renovations to our Center for Career Technology, Education, and Innovation (CCTEI) as well as other projects on campus that support our mission and the community. You can find more information on this bond and its potential positive impact to UNM-Gallup at gallup.unm.edu/vote-yes.

With the anticipation of the passage of GO Bond C—and to ensure the appropriate ongoing use of our facilities—we've enlisted the help of the university architect and will commission architectural services to efficiently and effectively plan for campus projects if the bond passes on November 3. These services would also include a space utilization plan to gain strategic insights into how our facilities can be better aligned to match the current and future needs of our campus.

I commend all of you for the continued good stewardship of UNM-Gallup. Please continue your hard work and dedication for the benefit of our students and mission.

Stay safe and be well.

Best Regards,

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

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