

Chancellor Weekly Brief | 4.16.2021

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RAMADAN

Greetings to you on the first Friday of Ramadan as we wish our Muslim brothers and sisters well during this month-long spiritual journey of fasting, prayer, and faithful intention. No matter our spiritual or religious backgrounds and practices, we honor the traditions celebrated throughout our UNM-Gallup campus community and embrace the diversity within our faculty, staff, and students that makes us such a wonderful university in which to learn and thrive together.

While we are so fortunate to live in a state that has been referred to nationally as a [vaccination pacesetter](#)—with over 57 percent of the New Mexico adult population with at least one dose of a vaccine—I must remind you that we are not out of this pandemic, yet. Our campus remains under limited operations with our work and learning at a distance in a hybrid and mostly remote fashion. While we are expecting a return to normal later in this year, our actions today will impact our reality through the summer and into the fall. I encourage you to [get vaccinated](#), adhere to public health guidance, and keep your family and friends safe until we see our way through this pandemic. We can see the light, but we are still in the tunnel.

LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

I'd like to invite you to attend our Local Advisory Board meeting coming up on Tuesday, April 20th, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. You can find the agenda and Zoom link at gallup.unm.edu/administration/localboard.

In the spirit of shared governance and community awareness, each of our board meetings cover important operational information with immediate and long-term impact to our campus. During Tuesday's board meeting, we will join with our local advisors and:

- Provide a review of the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments "Stronger Together" coalition partnership agreement invitation and letter of support request.
- Share and discuss our exciting progress and plans for our General Obligation (GO) Bond renovations to our CTE building and Gurley Hall.
- Celebrate and acknowledge the good work completed in finalizing our new Process Technology certificate, which will formally begin this fall.
- Discuss compensation increases for our personnel and no tuition increases for students in next year's budget.
- And I will acknowledge with gratitude the service of our newly elected Faculty Assembly which includes our newly elected assembly president Matthew Mingus, vice president Aretha Matt, and secretary Keri Stevenson.

STAY THE COURSE

As mentioned last week, I encourage all students to stay the course and [connect](#) with one of our advisors to register for summer and fall courses. We continue to work toward a return to in-person instruction in the fall semester, so please stay close to your Lobo Mail for additional updates on our safe-return plans that will hopefully lead us back to campus this fall.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,



Office of the Chancellor

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

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