

Chancellor Weekly Brief – 6.12.2020

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A LOOK AHEAD.

During these challenging and difficult days for our community and nation, we stay the course and continue our mission of being a nationally recognized leader in community-focused, regionally specific, and culturally vibrant education for our students. To continue that focus on our mission, I would like to share with you a few items that are important to our campus as we navigate together through these unprecedented times.

Fall 2020 Modified Instructional Calendar

In line with main campus, UNM-Gallup has published a modified fall instructional calendar that keeps our start and end dates the same (August 17 and December 12), but rearranges our fall break and ends all in-person instruction before Thanksgiving. Additionally, all instruction will continue remotely for the final week of classes after Thanksgiving and for exam week. With an aligned academic calendar with main campus, we eliminate some confusion for our students and provide consistency through the end of the fall semester.

Local Advisory Board Meeting Schedule for Tuesday, June 23.

Without a doubt, there are several looming issues that will impact our campus operations in the near future. From the upcoming state legislative special session scheduled for June 18 to our recent summer and fall registration reports, it is important to have the opportunity to discuss these topics and more within the formal structure provided by the UNM-Gallup Local Advisory Board. Our next advisory board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. In this public meeting, we will work through an agenda that includes a report on our campus COVID-19 preparation activities, class schedule modality updates for the fall, and the ongoing development of a forum for anti-racism and social justice. In my report to the board, we will also review campus financial reporting and discuss the impact of any changes in the state budget to our campus. Again, these will be important discussions as we work through these challenging times for our university. The agenda for the meeting is [linked here](#) for your review.

NMICC & NMACC Joint Meeting

I recently **attended a retreat** held by the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges (NMACC) and New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC), where all 17 of the attending presidents and chancellor continued their collaboration to work through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the special session scheduled on June 18 to address the state's budget. As exhibited in the linked retreat packet, we also addressed our legislative priorities and other important shared goals for the next few years.

We are all doing the good work and staying on course. We are fortunate to have you as a member of our UNM-Gallup community, and we are equally as fortunate to have our advisory board members and other statewide groups and experts working collaboratively to discuss and solve some of our pressing challenges that we must address in the coming weeks and months. We will be ok, and we will continue our return to normal in a focused, deliberate, and safe manner.



Office of the Chancellor

More to come in the weeks ahead, so please stay tuned and join in the conversation each day at 4 p.m. during the Chancellor's Open Office Hour on Zoom.

Stay safe. Stay well. And, have a wonderful weekend.

Best Regards,

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

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