



CEO Weekly Brief – 11/29/2017

Dr. James Malm

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and returned from our break energized to finish the semester! Registration is underway for the spring 2018 semester so we may have some current and potential students navigating the campus looking for offices and information. Let's all keep our eyes open and oriented towards our service mission and reach out to anyone who might be in need of some advice or direction.

Faculty

With much collaboration and input from the Faculty Assembly, I am happy to announce the appointment of Associate Professor Irene Den Bleyker as the Interim Dean of Instruction. Irene has served as the Chair of the division of Education, Health and Human Services for almost 5 years and has been in full time service to UNM-Gallup for a total of 11 years. The Interim Dean of Instruction appointment term will begin on December 2, 2017 and will continue until such a time as a new permanent Dean of Instruction is in place. The Dean's leadership responsibilities include encouraging and facilitating excellence in teaching, scholarly pursuits, and services to the college and community, with a special emphasis on student success.

The selection of Interim Chairperson for Education, Health and Human Services is Dr. Lewis Gambill, effective December 2, 2017. The appointment is based on Dr. Gambill's current knowledge of the division as well as his experience and education background.



*Associate Professor Irene Den Bleyker,
Interim Dean of Instruction*



*Professor Ken Roberts,
Dean of Instruction*

I wish Professor Ken Roberts, Dean of Instruction, the best of luck upon his impending retirement. I was just notified by Provost Craig White that Ken has been awarded emeritus status on the faculty. This is a very prestigious appointment and caps off a wonderful 25+ year career. In his memo, Provost White notes, "I am pleased to write on behalf of the University of New Mexico to let you know that, by vote of the senior faculty in your home department, you have officially been awarded emeritus status on the faculty. This will become official upon your retirement from UNM, when you may officially begin listing yourself as follows:

- Dean Emeritus of UNM-Gallup
- Professor Emeritus of Art and Art History at UNM-Gallup."

Staff

Please remember to complete the mandatory UNM training by this Friday, December 1st. The three mandatory university-trainings, *Basic Safety*, *Intersections* and *Active Shooter*, can be accessed through Learning Central and taken online from your desk.

The search committee for a new Director of Business Operations will be charged this week. Many thanks and good wishes to departing DBO Rick Goshorn. Rick will continue to advise us in financial matters until a permanent replacement can be found. I will take over the daily supervision of all business operations on November 30th and continue until appointment of a new Director.



*Richard Goshorn,
Director of Business Operations*

Student Success

I was very fortunate to have attended my first TRIO Student Support Services Thanksgiving celebration on Monday, 11/20 and even had the chance to jump in the serving line and dish out some great food to students and their families. I am impressed with the work of the TRIO program and the efforts made by program director Kim Simms to provide personalized support services to our qualifying students.



TRIO Thanksgiving Dinner

Many thanks to Middle College High School Principal Robert Hunter who allowed me to visit with students on Tuesday. It was a delight to meet with the students, learn of their operational structure, partnership agreements and funding models. This is a great program. Their students are our students and we share in their successes.



*Dr. Robert Hunter, Principal, MCHS
Teaching students in Navajo Government class*

Community

This has been a busy week for me governmentally as I had the opportunity to engage with several of our local community leaders. I was able to visit with Mayor Jackie McKinney, Representative Patty Lundstrom and Senator George Munoz. Still on the schedule is a meeting with a representative from Senator Martin Heinrich's office later this week. We have some impressive opportunities to work together with our legislators to improve student outcomes and initiate great community relations.

I'm very excited to participate in my first Holiday in New Mexico next Thursday, December 7. Hope to see all of you there!

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