



CEO Weekly Brief – 2/23/2018

Dr. James Malm

Winter finally reached Gallup this week! With two snow delays (including one that converted to a campus closure), I want to take a moment to thank our Physical Plant team for their great work in keeping the parking lots and entry ways clear and for always considering the safety of our campus as their top priority.

As a reminder, UNM-Gallup follows the decisions of the Gallup-McKinley County school district regarding weather-related delays and closures. If the UNM-Gallup administration feels continuation of classes into the evening will involve risk to our students and faculty, night classes may also be cancelled. Timing for these decisions is important, especially due to the great distances many of our students, faculty and staff have to travel. Morning announcements for 2-hour delays will be communicated by 6:00 a.m. Closures will be decided no later than 8:00 a.m. If evening classes are to be cancelled, the decision must generally be made and communicated by 3:00 p.m. Should snow or ice occur after 3:00 p.m., always keep safety at the forefront and use your best judgment. Faculty and students should work together to discuss weather-related class absences.

PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION

Our Program Prioritization Program is well underway and I'm happy to see that many of you have already visited the Institutional Research secure webpage to look at departmental financial reports, as well as important statistics regarding programs and student progression.

There have been a few questions as to where information might be available to complete the questionnaires. Suggested resources include mission statements of the institution and individual departments, accreditation documents and job descriptions. Feel free to be creative in pulling information and know the administrative team is open to recommendations and new ideas. Please refer to the instruction letter on the Program Prioritization Program webpage for

further direction. By the end of next week there should also be a depository on the webpage to allow for document uploading and submission.

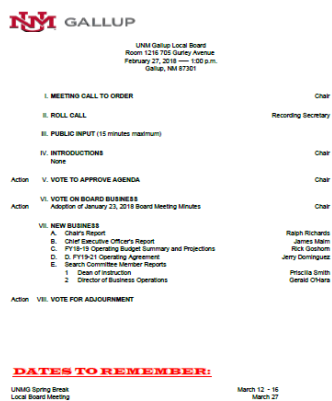
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LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The UNM-Gallup Local Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chief Executive Officer's Conference Room. The agenda is available for viewing at the link below. All meetings are open to the public.

<https://www.gallup.unm.edu/main/adm-srv/local-board.php>



DEAN OF INSTRUCTION SEARCH

We hosted two Dean of Instruction candidates on our campus this week. Thanks to all who showed up to welcome Dr. William Brownsberger and Dr. Tarlochan Dhillon. The forums were well-attended and attendees posed thought-provoking questions to both candidates. The third candidate, Dr. Gouranga Banik, will reschedule his visit due to weather-related travel issues. Information will be released about his visit when details are confirmed.

STUDENT KUDOS

- **Student Senate:**

Congratulations to our newest Student Senate officers who were sworn into their positions at a luncheon today. Taking on new leadership roles are Jamy Malone, Secretary; Aya Mustafa, Treasurer; Leland Ben, Senator; and Shawn Jim, Senator.

- **Lobo Life Adventure:**

Some of our more adventurous Lobos trekked to the top of Pyramid Rock last Friday with members of the University Communications and Marketing team to record the University's latest Lobo Life adventure. Lobo Life is an initiative of UNM aimed at promoting the University and the great out-of-classroom experiences available. These videos and photos are also being shared with the New Mexico Tourism Department to market educational opportunities in the state. See other adventures at:

<http://lobolife.unm.edu/>

The UNM-Gallup Lobo Life should be on the site soon!

- **Emergency Medical Services Graduation:**

It was my honor to speak at today's Emergency Medical Services commencement ceremony. Twenty-five students received certificates in EMT Basic and eleven were presented Intermediate EMT certificates. Some of these students have already passed their national exams and are working on state licensure. Congratulations to all the new graduates and the EMS Director, Sonya Damon.



Student Senate Meeting



EMS Graduation

CHAPTER HOUSE VISIT

At the invitation of Mr. Charles Long, I attended a meeting of the Becenti Chapter this past Sunday. Mr. Long is President of both the Becenti Chapter and the Gallup McKinley County School District Board of Education. I made a short presentation and extended greetings and goodwill from UNM-Gallup. I was warmly received and enjoyed a wonderful Navajo Taco dinner while visiting with chapter members. It is my privilege to stand shoulder-to-shoulder

with our locally elected officials in collaborating on initiatives that serve all students.

<http://becenti.navajochapters.org/>



The Navajo Nation Becenti Chapter

Tsoo'di'tsin (Barren of the trees) Jidi'hadi'r'iih (Antelope lookout)