



CEO Weekly Brief – 2/9/2018

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CAMPUS

UNM-Gallup connects itself with the University of New Mexico through an operating agreement that describes services to be provided by the main campus as well as our obligations as a branch of UNM. As a guiding document, this establishes our brand as a branch campus of UNM. The contract allows us to gain value, reputation and brand-aligned elements that position us as the UNM voice in our area of New Mexico. The operating agreement is being updated so as to work best for all the branch campuses. In order to make it a better and stronger document, I am asking for input and collegial discussions as to how we can review the content and best represent our campus in discussions. The agreement will be presented at the next Local Advisory Board meeting for approval. Please review the document at the link below and email me any suggestions you might have.

**OPERATING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
AND
THE LOCAL BOARD OF THE GALLUP CAMPUS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**

<http://www.gallup.unm.edu/pdfs/Operating-Agreement-signed.pdf>

Thanks to our collaboration with the Gallup McKinley County Schools through the McKinley Academy, the dining vendor for the school district will be offering food services on our campus beginning July 1, 2018. SFE will occupy

the kitchen facilities in Gurley Hall to provide palatable and nutritious menu options to the Academy students. Through negotiations, I signed a license agreement with GMCS this week whereby they will offer a cash option to all other persons at UNM-Gallup. I am happy we can offer this affordable hot food service to our students, faculty, staff and campus visitors. Thanks to everyone who came to the food tasting event yesterday.



FACULTY

Richard Wood, UNM Interim Provost, issued a communique this week to all university faculty describing the approach to academic mission during this time of administrative transition. Provost Wood notes the tendency of institutions to experience both strategic drift and shift in focus during times of change. As part of the greater UNM system, I am sharing this document so everyone can be aware of how the university is managing a core function of academics. UNM-Gallup is deep, true and fully aligned with the institution in these recommendations which are based on need and desire to prioritize academic values, mission and service to stakeholders. Outlined in the document are points of focus outline including:

- 1) Envisioning the focus of academic mission;
- 2) Building a campus culture to support academic mission;

3) Developing infrastructure to support the mission.

<http://www.gallup.unm.edu/pdfs/provostmemotrantistionpdf.pdf>

As I navigate the sometimes difficult and serious aspects of being your CEO, there are many hard decisions that have to be made. Some of these include legal and personnel issues that require great sensitivity and care. Please know that these tough decisions are not being made in isolation, and know that I greatly trust the input from my administrative colleagues and faculty advisors as I follow policies, procedures and protocols in the best interest of the institution. With both hands firmly on the wheel, we are moving forward to support our campus mission, ensure strong academic opportunities and support a culture of involvement and transparency.

STAFF

Few things are as rewarding to me as seeing people achieve their professional goals and retire from their careers after making such admirable contributions to campus life. With their permission, I am offering congratulations and thanks to Jim Blackshear and Lavern Mraz who both recently announced their upcoming retirements. Jim, Manager of Information Systems, will retire after 15 ½ years to relocate with wife Terry to Texas to spend more time with their son and daughter-in-law and 3 wonderful grandchildren. Lavern, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Business Operations, leaves us after 19 years of service to move with husband Frank to Apache Creek, NM to fish, enjoy nature walks and help ranch with their daughter Missy. We thank you for your campus contributions and wish you luck - you have earned this privilege through your efforts, commitment and service.



Lavern Mraz



Jim Blackshear

STUDENTS

Yesterday I had the honor of signing 48 certificates documenting successful completion of requirements in 11 different programs of study. This is a great accomplishment for these students who graduated this past fall and represents the curriculum content they leave us with as they head out into the work world. This is a clear illustration of student persistence and success.

Certificates were issued in the following programs:

- Construction Technology - Electrician
- Dental Assisting
- Cosmetology/Barbering
- Early Childhood Multicultural Education
- Information Technology
- Health Information Technology - Coding
- Welding Technology
- Auto Technology
- Emergency Medical Services - EMT Basic
- Bookkeeping
- Human Services



I want to thank the Student Senate for the very warm welcome today. I was happy to attend their first meeting of the semester and hear of their plans to engage students throughout campus. All of our student clubs challenge students to be leaders, practice time management and realize that their education does not just take place in the classrooms.