

CEO Weekly Brief - 6/8/2018 Dr. James Malm

SUMMER SESSION

Our summer session is off and running with great success. On the first day of classes this week, student credit hours were up 18% from the same day last summer. 40% of our summer classes are being offered online which broadens our reach and provides flexibility to many of our students. The last time we had summer enrollment this high was in 2013.

UNM REGENTS TO HOST MEETING AT UNM-GALLUP

UNM Board of Regents President Robert Doughty has scheduled the June 12th Regents' meeting on the UNM-Gallup campus. This is delivery on a promise made by President Doughty to our local advisory board Chairman Ralph Richards in January that a future meeting would be held in Gallup. We are honored to host the regents on our campus and look forward to their visit. Please refer to the agenda below for the entire schedule.



PERKINS ANNUAL REPORT

As a recipient of Carl Perkins funding, UNM-Gallup benefits from state and federal support that aligns career and technical education with New Mexico initiatives at the secondary and postsecondary levels. Reporting requirements for this funding are stringent and our institutional researcher, Brittany Babycos, submitted the final Perkins report this week to the New Mexico Public Education Department. Performance measures are assessed including the number of students who receive Pell and Bureau of Indian Education funding and the number participating in career and technical education courses. For the most recent reporting year, UNM-Gallup had a total of 2,057 students enrolled in CTE classes who met the performance criteria. Some of this information was difficult to retrieve, but very important as it determines our eligibility for future funding. Click below for more information about Carl Perkins funding.



AND SPEAKING OF PULLING TOGETHER DATA...

As a follow-up to messages sent out campus-wide this week, I have charged Brittany Babycos with initiating an *Environmental Scanning Project* to assess our internal and external strengths, weaknesses and opportunities which will in turn inform our decision-making. This is a campus-wide initiative and we will need help from all areas. Please refer to my campus email below for more information and consider lending your time and talents to this very timely and important project.

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DEAN/CHAIR SEARCH

The search committee for a new dean of instruction and chair for the division of business and applied technology is well under way. The committee of faculty leaders has met and identified candidates for first round video interviews. Invitations have been issued and scheduling is underway. From these initial interviews, finalists will be identified to bring to campus. Click below for further information on the search criteria.



NEW UNM-GALLUP WEBSITE

The new UNM-Gallup website was released this week and it looks great! Many thanks to Carmen Wellborn, senior web designer, for the hours she spent researching and programming the new site. Research tell us that our website is our strongest and most important marketing tool and this new cutting edge version will certainly help us spread our message in a more meaningful way.

https://www.gallup.unm.edu/

CAMPUS POLICE RELOCATING

The campus police department is relocating to the front of Gurley Hall (old information desk) to increase their visibility and emphasize our commitment to a strong safety profile and presence. If you have heard a lot of hammering and drilling today, there are some minor renovations taking place to make their new space more efficient for campus service.



HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION VISIT

Since 1922, The University of New Mexico has been accredited on a continuous basis through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC was founded in 1895 as one of six regional accreditors in the country. As an independent corporation, HLC accredits degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the North Central region of which New Mexico is one of 19 states. UNM's most recent reaffirmation of accreditation occurred in 2008-2009 and our next is scheduled for 2018-2019. An interim report is due in August 2018, and the comprehensive evaluation which will include site visits to campuses in Albuquerque, Taos and Gallup, will by March 4-5, 2019. HLC evaluators are peers from other colleges who voluntarily make site visits, assess institutions and make recommendations as to whether accreditation criteria have been met. A university team has been assembled to complete the assurance argument. Both Robert Griego, director of business operations, and I are on the team which is led by:

Pamela Cheek, Associate Provost for Curriculum Richard Wood, Senior Vice Provost Laura Musselwhite, HLC Steering Committee and Dean of Instruction, UNM-Valencia Joe Suilmann, Program Manager for University Accreditation.

Click below for more information on HLC and accreditation procedures



TREATY COMMEMORATION

I was able to accompany interim division chair Joe Kee to Window Rock last Friday to view the 150-year-old Treaty of 1868. Display of the document at the Navajo Nation Museum commemorates a contractual agreement between the Navajo nation and the United States government which allowed approximately 10,000 Navajo citizens to return to their homeland. Viewing the document was a very emotional experience and gave me pause to reflect on the history of our area and how the signing of the Treaty of 1868 shaped and guided much of the local past and present. From the 10,000 members in 1868, the great Navajo nation has now grown to include over 350,000 people.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday was primary election day and UNM-Gallup was one of several area voting sites. We welcomed all voters to our campus as they exercised their civic rights through this deeply important foundation of our society.

