



## CEO Weekly Brief – 7/13/2018

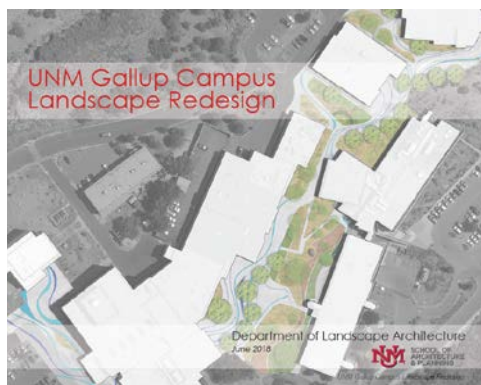
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### Dean of Instruction/Chair Search Committee Update

Over the course of the past ten days, we have hosted 3 candidates for the Dean of Instruction and 1 candidate for the Chair of Business and Applied Technology on our campus. All gave public presentations and open forums and I am grateful for the expertise and vision they so willingly shared for each of the positions. The search committee convened and made their recommendations. Negotiations are ongoing and we hope to have a formal announcement very soon. Thank you to the faculty-driven search committee for the many hours they spent working so effectively and collaboratively to organize this important hiring process.

### Landscape Redesign

Last fall the UNM Department of Landscape Architecture began working on a redesign of the UNM-Gallup campus. Dr. Alf Simon, professor and chair of the department, recently provided the new drawings to us and I am very impressed with their recommendations. The new plans are intended to enhance pedestrian pathways, add more shaded and gathering areas and make the best use of the outdoor spaces we have while maintaining the existing feel of the campus. We will be meeting in the weeks ahead with the designers and authors of the plan to discuss a timetable for implementation. Please refer to the link below for a look at the full design.



## Lobo Academy Completion Ceremony

It was my honor and pleasure to attend and speak at the Lobo Academy Completion Ceremony Thursday afternoon. Lobo Academy, a 6-week summer bridge program, provides supplemental instruction in academic and college success skills to incoming freshmen. Under the leadership of TRIO Student Support Services Director Kim Simms, students receive instruction in English, math and university studies and learn the didactic and soft skills needed for high college achievement. Using a cohort model, graduates of the academy proceed through their academic programs with support from TRIO and data shows their success rates to be higher than students who do not participate in the summer program. Kudos to our strong student support experts who are dedicated to investing in students and their success. Please see the link below listing the Lobo Academy students.

Summer activities are not limited to the classroom, however, as evidenced by the photo below of TRIO and Lobo Academy students on Devil's Bridge during a recent transfer trip to Northern Arizona University.





*TRIO and Lobo Academy students on Devil's Bridge near Sedona, Arizona.*

## **Gallup Executive Directors Alliance**

Today I will attend the standing meeting of the Gallup Executive Directors Alliance. This group of elected and leadership officials allows for continuing community-wide engagement. Using our common missions as a foundation, we look at problems, issues, opportunities and solutions through a synergistic lens. I am happy to bring the strengths of UNM-Gallup to the table with this strong group of executive leaders. Please refer to the link below for the agenda and full listing of members.

### **G E D A**

#### ***Gallup Executive Directors Alliance***

**Friday, July 13, 2018**

**11:30am – 1:30pm**

**2nd Floor Library -RMCH**

**2111 College Dr – Gallup, NM**

## **McKinley County Framing the Plan**

UNM-Gallup has been asked to be one of many partners in providing input to update the McKinley County Comprehensive Plan. This strategic plan, "McKinley County Vision 2020," will be used as a decision-making and informational tool for broad community development. We have had representation at two of the research parts of the project in the areas of Health/Education and Economic Development. I asked Director of Business Operations Robert Griego, Sr. Institutional Researcher Brittany Babycos and Sr. Public Relations Specialist Marilee Petranovich to attend on behalf of UNM-Gallup. I have discussed agenda items with them at length and look forward to ways our institution can contribute in meaningful ways to county-wide growth. Below is a link to some informational documents about the project.

### **McKINLEY COUNTY VISION 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

#### **"Framing the Plan" Workshop III: Economic Development and Policy Development**

## **New Room Management System Underway**

In an effort to streamline the process for reserving room space for both internal and external events, work is underway to revamp the request procedure. As a first step, we are moving more towards a totally online process, so we are guiding all requestors to the website to download and complete a facilities usage form which should be emailed to [mpetrano@unm.edu](mailto:mpetrano@unm.edu) for processing. Forms can be located at: <https://www.gallup.unm.edu/facilities/>. Contact and submission information will be changing and updated in the near future so stay tuned for new information.

## Pathway to Education

The pallet of bricks purchased as part of our Pathway to Education fundraising efforts has arrived. We will be working with the physical plant to discuss design and installation plans for the bricks in the upcoming months.



*Pathway to Education bricks*

## All Work and No Play...

I had a fabulous opportunity recently to participate in a rim-to-rim Grand Canyon marathon with a friend of mine. It was a 25 mile expedition where the heat index “in the box” was 140 degrees – definitely an endurance event in extreme conditions. As we flew back to the Gallup Airport, I had the opportunity to view the area from the sky and was overwhelmed by the beauty of our area and happy to be landing back home. For a bird’s eye view of the landing, visit the video on my Gallup CEO Facebook page.

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