Search Is on for Dean of Instruction

A search for a dean of instruction has been launched, following the announcement by the current dean, Christine Marlow, that she is resigning from the position she has held for the past five years, effective in June 2010.

The college is doing a national search to fill this position, which is the “chief academic officer who reports directly to the executive director and has overall responsibility for leadership and administration of the instructional program.”

Other duties the dean oversees: facilitating excellence in faculty teaching, scholarly work, student success and service with the college and the community at-large. The dean is also responsible for strategic planning and goal setting in instruction, oversight of the budget and making a comprehensive assessment of academic and vocational innovations.

The successful candidate for the job must have an earned doctoral degree or terminal degree in a field of expertise at a post-secondary level, at least five years of senior level administrative experience directly related to the duties of the position, experience as a department chair or higher administrative position at a post-
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESK

During the recent holidays, I had an opportunity to look back over the months since my arrival in August and note that they’ve passed in a blur of activity. I’ve been reflecting on what we’ve accomplished, where we are now, and how well positioned we are to achieve the goals we’ve been setting for UNM-Gallup over the last semester.

Among the most exciting events we’re anticipating is the opening of the newly renovated Calvin Hall in the Spring. Although part of Calvin has been open throughout the renovations, we have had to operate in tight quarters as more than half the space was shut down and classes and offices dispersed about campus. The improvements include updating the mechanical/HVAC system, installing new fire sprinklers, finishing floors and painting the walls of the 30-year-old building.

Two new committees have been established to address important issues on campus, and one is well on its way to gathering valuable research that will help the college create a strategic marketing plan that not only will address how we promote the college and communicate with our students and potential students, but also how we are meeting the programmatic needs of the local community. The Marketing Task Force will conclude its work in May, and will share its results with the college and the community at large.

In January, we will hold the first meeting of the Sustainability Task Force. As you may be aware from press releases printed in the local media, faculty and staff from UNM-Gallup have already taken steps on the road to sustainability by launching recycling efforts, as well as planning classes that will teach green building techniques. The Sustainability Task Force will explore new ways for UNMG to save fuel, reduce our carbon footprint, and be a leader locally in the green movement.

The Strategic Planning Committee will also be meeting in January. As the name suggests, this committee is involved with setting the course the institution will take in the near future. We will be working to define and implement measurable, achievable goals designed to improve the college and improve our students’ chances for success.

I look forward to reporting the progress of these initiatives throughout 2010.

My best wishes to you in the Gallup-McKinley community for a successful and prosperous 2010.

Rick Krouth Certified by Building Professionals

Rick Krouth, Construction Tech instructor and chair of the Applied Technology Department at UNM-Gallup, was recently certified by the Building Professionals Institute for Building Analysis Training credentials.

In time, Krouth said, the college will be able to offer Building Analysis Training. This type of training pertains to one of the new, so-called “green” jobs that are being promoted nationwide. It involves analyzing a house or building from many angles as to a number of environmental and cost-saving factors: indoor air quality, performance of appliances, energy leaks through windows, doors and other areas of the structure.

Krouth was certified by Cleanedison, a company involved with education for the green industry. Now that he is certified, Krouth can in turn get the college accredited to offer training in this field.
Michelle DeArmond, a UNM-Gallup Nursing student, has been nominated for the All USA Academic Team. DeArmond, who is working toward an Associate’s degree in Nursing, with plans to eventually complete a Bachelor’s Degree, is 36. A native of Gallup, she is a single mother with two children - a son, 17, and a daughter, 2. She completed an EMT basic course at UNMG in 2000 and also completed the Dental Assisting program here. She has taken the Dental Assisting National Boards and has passed two of the three components, and plans to take the third component in the spring to complete her certification. She has been on the Dean’s List four times. She has a job as a work study and helps with her family’s business. She also does community service with the Juvenile Justice Services, Comcast Cares Day, Special Olympics, Balloon Rally and Domestic Violence Awareness. “My family, my education and my community are very important to me,” DeArmond says. “I am lucky to live in a great community and to be able to attend a great community college. Most of all I am very lucky and thankful to have such a wonderful family. My family encourages me to succeed.”  

Florentin Smarandache, professor of mathematics, presented a paper titled “A Class of DSm Conditioning Rules” at the COGIS 2009 International Conference in Paris in November. The paper was published in the Proceedings of COGIS 2009 International Conference. His trip to Paris was sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory, in Rome, N.Y. ... Associate Professor Pamela Stovall, Communication & Journalism, won the “Spirit of Moondance” award from the International Moondance Film Festival screenwriting competition for her short script “Crossroads.” Also, her script “In the Blood” was a runner-up in the Great Lakes Film Festival screenwriting competition. ... Anneke Lundberg, ECME faculty, last fall attended the National Association of Multicultural Education, international conference in Denver. The NAME conference focuses on equity and social justice issues throughout the global community. Lundberg presented her research.
Carl Perkins Monitors Visit, Makes Recommendations

Grant monitors from CTWEB/PED (Career Technical and Workforce Education Bureau – Public Education Department) have made recommendations based on results found during a recent site visit at the UNM-Gallup Campus to ensure compliance with the required uses for the Carl Perkins grant. This grant, which has been funding several career-technical education programs for several years, is designed to enhance student learning and to allow personnel to participate in professional development related specifically to a discipline.

UNM-Gallup is in partnership in this initiative with the Gallup-McKinley County Schools, which was visited last spring; this visit “closed the loop” for the monitors and provided them with an opportunity to observe the alignment of programs and the linkages that exist between the two educational entities. The programs of study that are currently receiving funding through this initiative are: Construction Technology, Cosmetology, Collision Repair Technology, Health Information Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Dental Assisting, Diabetes Prevention Specialist, AutoCAD/Drafting, Fire Science Technology and Information Technology.

After interviewing and visiting with a representative from each program, the monitors reported being impressed with UNMG’s faculty and facilities. They noted the faculty members’ dedication to student learning and passion for teaching. They also made recommendations that will be implemented during the course of the 2009-2010 academic year:

• Faculty and programs highlighted at state, regional and national conferences that focus on career-technical education.
• Urged continuing partnerships with the local public school districts, as well as expanding into additional funding sources.
• Usage of short-term industry credentialing certification testing although some of the above-listed programs already incorporate such certification opportunities into their programs of study.
• More industry representation on each program of study advisory board, to provide guidance or oversight to the disciplines and focus for the future.

Ann Jarvis, the principal investigator for the Perkins Grant and the principal of the college’s vocational program, the Center for Career and Technical Education, explained that the grant is used on several fronts, from professional development for faculty members, such as conferences, workshops, trainings and underwriting for making presentations at events, to providing state-of-the-art equipment, supplies, and materials currently in use in any given industry.

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interview “Culture-in-Action.” “One way to transform multicultural curriculum is to deal concretely with obstacles. Where are we? Where do we want to be?” Lundberg said. “Aimed at K-3rd grade teachers working in classrooms with over 50 percent immigrant children, this research focuses on cross-cultural communication issues. By talking with teachers and hearing their stories, one can see common problems and new solutions that have been found. Sharing this information will support both teachers and immigrant families.”

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secondary level, and five years of teaching experience at the post-secondary level.

The college administration hopes to have the dean’s position filled by Summer 2010.

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