

UNM-Gallup College Council Recap

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025 | 1 p.m.

Executive Conference Room - Gurley Hall 1216A

Attendance

Dr. Sabrina Ezzell, Chancellor
John Zimmerman, Dean of Instruction
Jayme McMahon, Director of Student Affairs
Robert Griego, Director of Business Operations
Ozzy Guerrero, Manager of Facility Operations
Eric Castillo, IT Manager
Ashlee Velasquez, Director of Workforce Development
Shana Arviso, President of Staff Council
Richard Reyes, Sr. Public Relations Specialist

Meeting Recap

Information Technology, Eric Castillo

- Quote received for Calvin Hall Center Auditorium system upgrades. BR&R funding is available to use.
- Laptop refresh is going well and everything is on track, including new computers in library lab.
- Legislative funding is being sought to renovate Gurley Hall 1124 auditorium to upgrade AV equipment.
- Inventory update is approaching. Also looking at ways to improve inventory processes.

Student Affairs, Jayme McMahon

- Student Satisfaction Survey is underway. Managers asked to encourage employees to complete Institutional Priority Survey as well to help improve the campus.

Staff Council, Shana Arviso

- Staff Development Committee is working on a development workshop for Spring 2026 Kick Off Week, LoboPerks, promotional handout for new employee onboarding, team building activities, and promoting EOD training sessions.
- Events Committee is promoting food drive in collaboration with Student Resource Center and Native American Student Success Center.
- Lobo Lights planning and testing is underway.
- Wellness Committee has tentative schedule for Wellness Day on Dec. 12.

Academic Affairs, John Zimmerman

- Public art funding is available, so a new committee will be formed to choose new art for the campus with consultation from Public Relations and Facility Services.
- Faculty Strategic Planning Committee is working on new mission, vision and values specific to Academic Affairs.
- Planning is ongoing for Calvin Hall Center GO Bond in 2026 and Fine Arts renovation.

Community Education & Workforce Development, Ashlee Velasquez

- Work ongoing for proposed heavy equipment operating and HVAC certificate programs.
- Current solar cohort is wrapping up with a hands-on project in Fort Defiance, Arizona.
- Working with Zuni Workforce to build certifications.
- Working to build new railway partnership, possibly with Union Pacific.
- Partnership with Adult Basic Education is ongoing, which was featured in recent news story from PR. The partnership allows students pursuing their HiSET diploma to also complete a workforce training program such as CDL program.
- \$480,000 in legislative funding is being sought for CDL and heavy equipment simulators.
- Working to bring CDL examiner to campus so students don't have to travel for final testing.

Facility Services, Ozzy Guerrero

- Contact made with vendor to fix digital marquee at intersection of College and Boardman.
- Career tech construction project is moving forward still. Much-needed electrical work in welding area has been completed.
- McKinley Academy construction is on pace to be completed by July 2026.
- Physical Plant is looking at paving its parking lot.
- Working on large blinds in SSTC.
- Gurley Hall loading zone work is expected to begin soon.
- Looking at possible renovations to PE Complex.
- Funding is available to fix light pole in front of PE Complex.
- Motorcycle parking has been added to front of Gurley Hall. Another spot is planned for Calvin Hall Center parking lot.

Business Operations, Robert Griego

- Implementation of new timekeeping system has been pushed back to February 2026.
- December marks halfway through budget year, so index managers are encouraged to look at their budgets and ensure they have enough funds for remainder of fiscal year.

Public Relations, Richard Reyes

- Holiday in New Mexico planning is on track. Executive leadership discussed increasing funds for posole and biscochitos.
- Luminaria newsletter is behind schedule, but work is ongoing.

Chancellor, Dr. Sabrina Ezzell

- Updates on New Mexico Legislature were delivered to Local Advisory Board the previous evening, so employees are encouraged to see minutes for those updates.
- Local Advisory Board members Ralph Richards and Chris Vian attended their final meeting. Both were presented with certificates and gifts for their years of service.