



CEO Weekly Brief - 1/26/2018

Dr. James Malm

Greetings from Santa Fe! I have been working at the State Capitol the past four days representing UNM-Gallup and informing our legislators of our most important needs. Most of this week's update will highlight the great efforts being undertaken to benefit New Mexico's students and colleges, and to let you know of my role in advocating for UNM-Gallup.

Tuesday night it was my pleasure to attend the President's Reception at the home of Barbara Damron, Cabinet Secretary for Higher Education. I was able to meet with colleagues from around the state as we prepared for the work of the week.

I also attended both the House and Senate Appropriations Committee meetings in an active role as we wrote the script for our university leaders to present. Everything is moving along and I am keeping tabs on all legislation that will impact our campus or higher education in general.

Today I have been called to be a speaker and subject matter expert at the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation's Economic Round Table. Our local state representative, Patty Lundstrom, will be wearing her hat as the executive director of the GGEDC as discussions take place about how to effectively build workforce pipelines. This continues work Patty and I have already started to determine how UNM-Gallup can help in training a job-ready workforce for the greater Gallup area. Today's activities will further contribute to those conversations.

While I would rather not be away from campus for such an extended length of time, I am here for UNM-Gallup and am called to educate and advocate for our campus community during this annual legislative process.

If you would like to keep track of legislative activities, follow along at the link for UNM Government and Community Relations:

<https://govrel.unm.edu/>

You can access the 2018 bill tracker or sign up to receive regular updates.



Ceiling of the Rotunda in the NM State Capitol Building

CAMPUS/COMMUNITY

The Local Advisory Board met this past Tuesday and I shared with them the same Program and Service Prioritization plan that was presented at the Campus Convocation earlier this month. As was originally reported, this is a data-driven and positive process that will help us scientifically prioritize everything we do inside and outside the classroom. This will then allow us to reinforce and reinvest in areas that are demonstrating strong fiscal efficiency and mission effectiveness, as well as give us insight into areas that may need restructuring in order to reach maximum potential. This is not to be confused with academic program review processes we already have in place.

To date, this plan has been presented campus-wide at the Convocation, to incoming UNM President Garnett Stokes and to our Local Advisory Board. You may see some articles in the media as reports from the board meeting are published. Next will be a presentation to the Faculty Senate. At the heart of all successful reprioritization efforts is transparency, collaboration, open-door decision-making and a unified approach. We will achieve all of these as we take a close look at everything we do at UNM-Gallup. UNM-Gallup has a 50-year history of excellence and it is our responsibility to do well and not risk mediocrity.



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FACULTY/STAFF

There have been some questions regarding travel policies in light of our budget limitations. The only travel that will currently be approved must be essential to the workings of the university. You may not use your personal vehicle for these trips and request mileage reimbursement. Campus fleet vehicles must be used as this is a more affordable option.

Voluntary and non-essential travel will not be allowed and all are asked to temporarily postpone such travel until later notice.

STUDENTS

This is hot off the press! It was my pleasure to have breakfast this morning with Laura Jijon, Director of our Adult Education Program, who let me know that two of her students are being honored in the Rotunda of the State Capitol as “Adult Students of the Year.” These great students are being recognized at the state level for achieving academic excellence in the face of great adversity. I congratulate the ABE program and the perseverance of these students for succeeding against overwhelming odds. Stay tuned for more information about this award and a spotlight on these great members of our UNM-G community.



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