NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Today I will be attending the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee proceedings in Santa Fe to hear Secretary of Higher Education Barbara Damron deliver her report on higher education governance in New Mexico. Today’s session is part of the larger four-day LFC meeting that has been taking place this week. See the entire agenda here.

NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Immediately after the LFC session, I will be participating in the regular meeting of the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges. Please click on the agenda below for a full listing of business items scheduled for discussion.
UNM-G PHYSICAL PLANT AND STORAGE FACILITY
The architects, engineers and project managers visited the campus this week to continue discussions on the new Physical Plant and Storage Facility project. Jaynes Corporation has been selected as the contractor for this newest UNM-Gallup construction project.

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Location of new Physical Plant building at intersection of Gurley Avenue and Peggy Ann

EDA UNIVERSITY CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
We were happy to host members of the New Mexico Rainforest this week to enter into exciting discussions about bringing entrepreneurial resources to UNM-Gallup students as the result of a grant awarded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to STC.UNM. Lisa Kuuttila and Cara Michaliszyn of STC.UNM and Robert DelCampo of the Innovation Academy shared plans to use the grant funds to expand the Rainforest/Innovation Academy model to UNM branch campuses. The program will provide UNM-Gallup students and community members access to customized training, supportive programming and technical resources needed to launch entrepreneurial initiatives. Using blended delivery options and opportunities for cross-curricular instruction, students will be able to benefit from both credit and
non-credit options. Click here to read more about the EDA-funded program and its broad reach across the state.

KGLP RADIO INTERVIEW
My thanks to KGLP Station Manager Rachel Kaub for the invitation to be her guest on this week’s Friday Forum radio program. I very much enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to visit with Rachel and share educational philosophies and goals for UNM-Gallup. Public radio is very important to our community and we are happy to house KGLP as UNM-Gallup tenants with their own funding and authority. KGLP’s mission is strong and allows for a broad range of programming that attracts, informs and entertains on many different levels. Friday Forum will air today at 12:00 p.m. on 91.7 FM, or you can click here if you would like to listen to the segment.

CAMPUS FOOD SERVICE
Chef Neal Cunningham has announced that the Academy Kitchen will begin campus-wide food service on Monday, November 5. This will be a soft opening offering a limited menu and cash-only transactions. Credit and debit purchases and a full menu will follow in the near future.
LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS

I must admit I was as swept up in lottery excitement as many in the country and did have plays for the $1,600,000,000 and $620,000,000 mid-week jackpots. My $4.00 personal expense went up against odds of about one in 88 quadrillion (88,000,000,000,000,000) of winning both drawings (McFetridge, 2018). While I am certainly not counting on or encouraging a dependence on lottery winnings as a secondary retirement plan, it is important to remember that lottery scholarships help fund education for students at our campus, with more than $788 million raised statewide. UNM students can get information about receiving their share of lottery funding at the Scholarship Office. Even though I did not beat those astronomical odds, it feels good knowing that I contributed towards student education in New Mexico.

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