BRIDGE GRANT FROM NIH

Congratulations to Dr. Kamala Sharma who received word this week that her partnership grant from the Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health was awarded. The grant-funded project titled “Bridge to Baccalaureate Program at New Mexico State University” allows students from UNM-Gallup to attend summer bridge programs at NMSU to enhance their studies in science. In her role as co-principal investigator, Dr. Sharma will manage operations of the grant from Gallup and accompany the students to their programs each summer. UNM-Gallup will receive $17,000/year for the next three years to allow Dr. Sharma to continue her ongoing work to get and keep students interested in science and STEM-related fields. Many UNM-Gallup alumni of this grant-funded initiative, in fact, have gone on to receive baccalaureate and graduate degrees in science after participating in the summer bridge program. We are very grateful for her success in obtaining the NIH grant and continuing her work in recruiting and supporting students in their college journeys.

Dr. Kamala Sharma works in lab with chemistry students.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND BRANCH CEO COUNCIL
On Monday, I traveled to Albuquerque for President Stokes’ executive council meeting. As always, I appreciated the opportunity to engage with our main campus leaders to share conversations about our campus, and bring back information of importance to UNM-Gallup. Click on the agenda below for information on the items covered at the meeting.

After the executive council meeting, the other branch campus CEO’s came together to meet with Interim Provost Richard Wood and Interim Senior Vice-Provost Barbara Rodriguez to discuss issues of common concern. These conversations are very productive and allow us to engage and represent our individual branches. Many thanks to our academic leaders for spending this time with us.

MISSION AND VISION
Our mission and vision statements are the driving forces for everything we do at UNM-Gallup. It is important that we are familiar with them and refer to them when making all decisions. We have printed cards containing the mission and vision and invite you to stop by the CEO’s office to pick some up for yourself and your departments. Take these statements to heart and let them guide everything we do.
STAFF SENATE START-UP
With the support of the CEO’s office, thanks to Marilee Petranovich for taking on the responsibility of bringing staff together to form an organized unit which will allow for more widespread contributions to the greater goals of student success, financial soundness and campus climate. UNM-Gallup has formal student and faculty councils with established communication channels, so we look forward to including staff voices in decision-making processes. Inclusion of all campus constituents within the context of mutual respect and universal congeniality is crucial to all planning and progress.

PHYSICAL PLANT BUILDING UPDATES
Vigil and Associates, Architectural Group, shared the newest proposed layouts of the physical plant building. As we work carefully with the architects, engineers and contractors we are backing into the available budget for this project given the moving reality of construction management. Please click below the see the most recent revisions including a floor plan, building section and elevation.
ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
The commons area was certainly swinging with ghostly energy Wednesday as many of our student groups and community members came together to host the annual Halloween carnival. Many thanks to our student groups and their sponsors for offering a safe alternative for area trick-or-treaters while at the same time promoting our campus. My own little Emma Malm (2-years old), had a blast while enjoying her status as a first year Lobo! Carnival sponsors were:

- UNM-Gallup Student Veterans Association
- UNM-Gallup Film and Media Club
- TRIO Student Support Services
- Gallup Children’s Dentistry
- UNM-Gallup Skills USA Club
- UNM-Gallup Math Club

Happy Halloween from UNM-Gallup

FAREWELL TO JOE-ELLIOT NEZ
Today we say “so-long” to Joe-Elliot Nez of the IT department. We wish Joe the best in his newest endeavor. We will miss him and the contributions he has made in the IT department both as a student worker and in his most recent position as User Support Analyst II.
UNM-G DIGITAL SIGN
With blow-torches, trucks and cranes at the ready, the old and iconic UNM-Gallup digital sign came down this week. This is in preparation for the installment of our new sign which will provide us with another modern communication channel. The timeframe currently has the new sign installed and operational in early December.