



CEO Weekly Brief – 4/6/2018

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Sylvia Hunt, Human Resources Manager, shared the information at the link below with me this week regarding movement of our employees either through new hires, resignations or upcoming retirements. I wish everyone best of luck in all their new endeavors.



DEGREES NOT DEBT

We hosted Senator Martin Heinrich on our campus this week for a student-led discussion regarding new legislation whose intent is to reduce student debt. The students' questions regarding the Degrees Not Debt bill were interesting and relevant and showed their great interest in what is happening in the national political arena.

LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee will host their next meeting on our campus May 9 – 11. I worked this week with UNM Government and Community Relations and committee chairperson Patty Lundstrom to finalize plans for their visit. We are very happy to host this financial advisement and oversight arm of the New Mexico State Legislature at UNM-Gallup. For more information on the work of the LFC, refer to the link below.



DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS SEARCH

I have taken receipt of the recommendations of the Director of Business Operations search committee. Negotiations have opened with the most qualified candidate who I feel will be the best fit for UNM-Gallup at this time.

KELLOGG FOUNDATION

I had the opportunity to meet with leaders of Gallup and McKinley County as we came together with the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments to discuss grant possibilities with the Kellogg Foundation. As a group, we will be considering the best ways to apply for supplemental funding to help the children and youth of our area. I was proud to represent UNM-Gallup at that table with the New Mexico-based officers of the Kellogg Foundation. For more information on the Foundation, please see below.



CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

Sargent Richard Perez convened the Campus Safety Committee today to begin conversations about updating safety plans and introducing safety education efforts campus-wide. This committee has been formed at the request of the president of the Faculty Senate and I applaud and accept this recommendation.

MATH SUCCESS RATES

I engaged in some meaningful discussions with faculty leaders this week regarding student success rates in our math courses. We were able to bring institutional research and data to the conversations to accompany creative and innovative thinking, all in the interest of continuous improvement to the services we provide.

WALKED OUT ON WORK

I was more than honored to lead our employees as we Walked Out on Work this past Wednesday!. In support of the American Heart Association's National Walking Day, we took to the campus trail for a one mile walk to promote awareness of the importance of cardiovascular health. Many thanks to our wellness ambassadors, Rose Adakai and Sylvia Hunt, for organizing this event that reminds us all of the importance of good health.

Later this afternoon, I will be hiking the Pyramid Peak trail with a trainer from UNM Employee Health Promotions and UNM-Gallup employees who have signed up for the annual Stair Challenge. I'm happy for any opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and exercise and encourage those who are undertaking the University Stadium stairs on April 28 .



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