

# CEO Weekly Brief - 2/25/2019 Dr. James Malm

### **Snow Day(s)**

Well, we started last week with a Presidents Day snow cancellation and continued through the blustery week with a combination of delays and cancellations. When the local school district is in session, we generally piggyback on their decisions with the intent of keeping all students, faculty and staff members safe. On holidays, such as Presidents Day when the district is not open, we rely on our UNM-Gallup processes which include consideration of road conditions, current and predicted weather conditions and consultation with outlying regions of our service area. As always, safety is our top concern. Thank you to our physical plant staff who are always ready to prep the campus for business and a special thanks to members of our business operations team who came in during the storm to push payroll through in order to meet the submission deadline.



Our newly installed digital signage offers another communication channel during weather delays and cancellations.

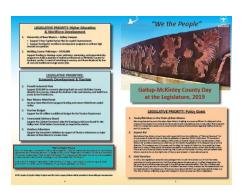
#### **UNM Strategic Plan Update**

<u>UNM 2020</u>, the strategic vision for the university, incorporates a number of perspectives which define and guide the growth of the institution as a whole. Branch campuses have been asked to provide updates to the plan for the second half of 2018. Branch initiatives tie directly into the institutional strategic plan and inform us in our decision-making and planning. Please click below to reference the refreshed strategic plan summary for 2018-2019.



#### **Gallup-McKinley County Day at the Legislature**

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent UNM-Gallup at Gallup-McKinley County Day at the state legislature this week. With some of our local advisory members in attendance, we were able to express support for the needs of our students and the local area during this annual event sponsored by the Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce. The <u>schedule of events</u> was full and gave us a wonderful opportunity to present the needs of our institution and our county to New Mexico legislators, including Governor Lujan-Grisham. Click below for the GMCD legislative priorities.





Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce CEO Bill Lee presents a gift to New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham during Gallup McKinley County Day.



UNM-Gallup Local Advisor Board Chair Ralph Richards, NWNMCOG Executive Director Jeff Kiely and Senator George Munoz are shown during a session in the Governor's chambers.



UNM-Gallup Local Advisory Board Vice-Chair Olin Kieyoomia with Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham.

#### **Cabinet Secretary Roundtable**

It was also my pleasure to accept an invitation from the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation to attend the 2019 Economic Roundtable and meet the newly appointed New Mexico cabinet secretaries. As organized and moderated by GGEDC Executive Director and State Representative Patty Lundstrom, this was a very informative session of learning the backgrounds and visions of our new leaders. Click below for the roundtable list of attendees and schedule of events.



## **Charlie Morrisey Education Center**

House Bill 583 sponsors an appropriation to fund the Charlie Morrisey Education Center on the UNM-Gallup campus to promote African American initiatives and spotlight artwork and artifacts. Dr. Shiame Okunor, retired professor of language, literacy and sociocultural studies, attended last week's Open Office Hours to review the specifics of the bill and discuss a financial impact study for the project. HB 583 can be viewed in its entirety <a href="here">here</a>.

## **UNM-Gallup Faculty Senator**

Congratulations to Dr. Kamala Sharma who was elected to a two-year term as the UNM-Gallup faculty assembly representative to the UNM faculty senate. By acclamation, Dr. Sharma was elected at the February 15<sup>th</sup> faculty assembly meeting to replace outgoing Senator Dr. John Burke. Many thanks to Dr. Burke for his service the past two years and thanks to Dr. Sharma for agreeing to be the UNM-Gallup faculty voice on main campus for the next two years.



Dr. Kamala Sharma working with students in chemistry lab.