



CEO Weekly Brief – 3/8/2019

Dr. James Malm

Higher Learning Commission Open Forums

As part of UNM's Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation visit and in combination with the site visit to UNM-Gallup by Mr. David Cutri, open forums were conducted by main campus Monday and Tuesday of this week. These meetings were available in-person or through ZOOM technology and were focused on the specific HLC evaluation criteria. Campus and community members were given the opportunity to offer comments to the assessment team during the forums. While there were a few initial technical connectivity issues, access via desktop and smartphone links was always available. Thanks to Dr. Bruce Gjeltrema for representing faculty and joining the leadership team in the auditorium for one of the Zoom sessions.

It was good to hear sentiment from across the state that we are an excellent university with great strengths and that we are constantly engaging in continuous improvement for the benefit of our students and the diverse communities we serve.

Thanks are due for the cross-campus efforts put forth by so many (too many to individually list here) who were instrumental in helping us prepare for the HLC site visit. I think we strongly demonstrated our commitment to campus mission and insistence on excellence and student success. Thanks to everyone!





*Local Advisory Board Chair
Ralph Richards*

Faculty Assembly Budget Review Committee

At the invitation of the faculty assembly budget review committee, Director of Business Operations Robert Griego presented the proposed 2020 UNM-Gallup executive budget. Committee Chair Sylvia Andrew delivered faculty sentiment and recommendations on the draft financial document in preparation for our local advisory board and board of regents public votes on March 19 and April 4, respectively.

Mr. Griego said of the meeting, “I greatly appreciate the input of the faculty members on the budget review committee and look forward to even more transparency as we move forward. The budget calendar presented by the committee members offers us yet another tool to work with all campus stakeholders in the area of financial planning.”



Dr. Sylvia Andrew, chair of the faculty assembly budget review committee.

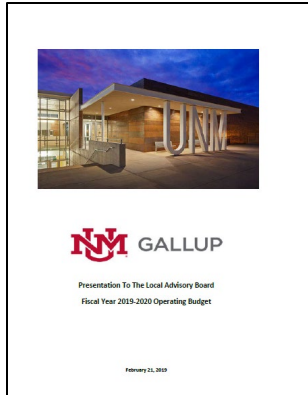
Student Senate

Members of the UNM-Gallup student senate were presented with the proposed executive budget and elements of the strategic plan refresh by Director of Student Affairs Jayme McMahan. In the spirit of shared governance and transparency, administrators are seeking student input as part of the annual budget process as well as our overall institutional planning.

Please click below to see the draft budget documents presented.

Dean of Instruction Dan Primožic shared his feelings by saying, “As a campus, we will be going forward with the dedicated work that the strategic planning committee started as led by John Zimmerman.”





International Women's Day

Happy International Women's Day which is today, Friday, March 8, 2019. Please take time today to explore [powerful words written and illustrated by women from around the world](#). The graphic below was created by American artist Melissa Crowton as the opening image for Google.com today.



Open Office Hours

Members of the leadership team hosted Open Office Hours for today in SSTC room 120. There will not be a session Friday, March 15th due to spring break so the next Open Office Hours will be Friday, March 22 in the Nursing Building, Room 141. Please [register here](#) to present or share information with the leadership team.

Spring Break

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through our spring semester! Best wishes to faculty and students for a restful, safe and productive week away from teaching and learning work. In [John Laurie's 2008 dissertation *Spring Break: The Economic, Sociocultural and Public Governance Impacts of College Students on Spring Break Host Locations*](#), the author notes "Spring break is a vacation period in early spring at universities and schools which started during the 1930's in the United States and is observed in some other mainly

western countries.” Enjoy your celebration of this long-standing tradition and we look forward to a full campus once again on March 18.