



CEO Weekly Brief – 6/15/2018

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UNM BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING AT UNM-GALLUP

This past Tuesday was historic as we welcomed the UNM Board of Regents to our campus for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. This is the first time in our 50-year history that the Regents met in Gallup and it was a great way for us to introduce our campus to the UNM governing board. This was also President Garnett Stokes' third visit to UNM-Gallup during her first 100 days in office. I was on the agenda to deliver a UNM-Gallup administrative report which you can link to below. In my report I cite the Economic Innovation Group whose work makes for some interesting reading. You can reference some of my points at: <https://eig.org/dci>

[*Dr. Malm's Administrative Report on UNM-Gallup Campus*](#)

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION/CHAIR UPDATE

The search committee for the dean of instruction and the chair of business and applied technology has updated me as to their progress. They met with semi-finalists for both positions via the Zoom video platform and are in the process of developing a short list of candidates for on-campus interviews later this summer. We will announce the visits and encourage everyone to participate in forums as part of the selection process.

CLASSROOM VISIT

At the invitation of Dr. Tracy Lassiter, I visited her English 100 class (College Reading and Writing) one evening this week. With an enrollment of 23 students, Dr. Lassiter uses a pedagogy of encouraging her students to write about deeply personal issues. I was moved by the depth and meaning of their heartfelt writing and was happy for the opportunity to preview their upcoming Visuals to Voices projects.

NIH GRANT

I met with Dr. Kamala Sharma and Interim Arts and Sciences Chair Joe Kee this week to discuss and develop a statement of intent for the National Institute of Health “Bridges to Baccalaureate” grant announcement. If funded, this successful bridge program will offer tremendous benefits to our students.

EXECUTIVE RETREATS

My calendar will be full these next few weeks as I engage in several retreat opportunities. These events always provide ways to learn, network, problem-solve and share our campus successes with groups of inspiring leaders from different institutions and different areas of UNM.

- UNM-Gallup Local Advisory Board Retreat – June 19
- New Mexico Association of Community Colleges Retreat for Branch CEO’s and Presidents – June 27-28 in Santa Fe
- UNM Branch CEO Retreat with President Stokes and Provost Abdallah – June 25 in Albuquerque

PHYSICAL PLANT BUILDING UPDATE

Earlier this week, I engaged in scope and location conversations with the UNM architectural and design group regarding our physical plant project as part of the formal procurement process. Regular updates on the construction will be forthcoming.

COMMUNITY ARBORETUM PROJECT

I appreciate the time I was able to spend this week with our local elected board member, Gerald O’Hara and local community member Martin Link as they initiate discussions about a community arboretum. We are happy to provide meeting spaces as they begin the planning for this beautiful addition to the Gallup area.