



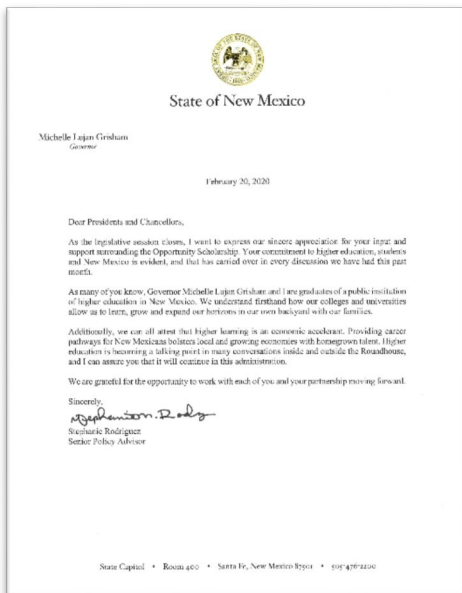
Chancellor Weekly Brief – 2/21/2020
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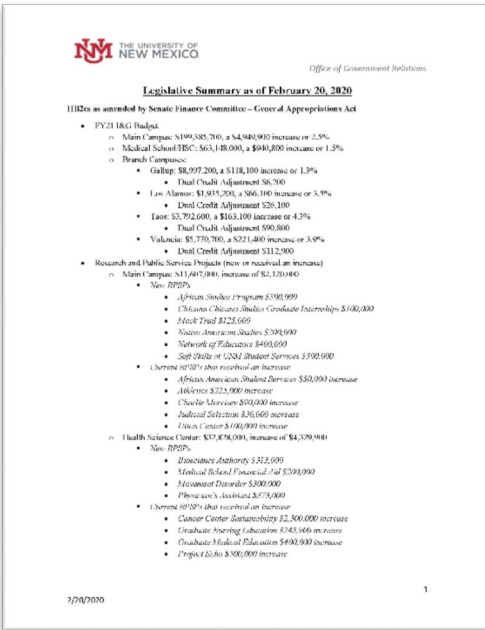
LAST SANTA FE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY MEETING OF PRESIDENTS AND CHANCELLORS

The Senate Finance committee modified the House budget bill to put more money back into higher education:

- The College Opportunity Scholarship was partially funded at \$17M for both traditional and returning adult community college students next year.
- UNMG received 1.3% of new money for an \$8.9M instructional and general appropriation for FY 2021.

We did very well this session, and my thanks and appreciation to all of our elected officials who maneuvered so eloquently to settle on a hugely complex budget for the benefit of all New Mexicans.





GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND BILL

The legislature approved the GO Bond bill that includes a \$3M appropriation to UNMG to plan, design, furnish, and equip renovations campus-wide, including renovation to the existing center for career technologies facility at the Gallup branch campus.

This language is dissimilar to the original \$6M request for the CCTI building supported by UNM and the New Mexico Higher Education Department. We'll regroup at UNMG and openly, transparently, and collaboratively work on what to do with the new renovation funds and how to build the new CCTI building if—and it's a big IF—the voters of New Mexico approve the \$194M bond issue for the entire state.

LEGISLATION SIGNING PERIOD

With the closing of the of the 54th legislature for the State of New Mexico on February 20, we have entered the signing period where Governor Lujan Grisham has 20 days to sign, or line-item veto any bills that make it to her office. By March 11, 2020, all bills from this session will be finalized with the governor's signing and then will be chaptered into law. Remember, we've suffered from the governor's line item veto of millions of dollars in General Obligation Bond funding for our CCTI building in 2018. So the work of the legislature isn't over until the governor signs. I'll keep you posted.

GALLUP CITY COUNCIL AND MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

I'm glad that UNMG serves a neutral place where all ideas and viewpoints can be expressed with great civility and community impact.

To listen to the archive candidate forum hosted at UNMG, please visit:

https://s138.podbean.com/pb/b51cb76086fa102158e1fe37d2970575/5e62d1e3/data2/fs66/775569/uploads/021920_GallupCandidatesForCityCouncil.mp3?pbss=7ff6e8d7-ebef-5203-bf80-d54d13da3a31

UNMG FACULTY ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AT THE CHANCELLOR'S OPEN OFFICE HOURS

I was glad to have the opportunity to talk together about supplemental academic contracts and the larger academic management structure at UNM-Gallup. Our sentiment is that we can work together—management and faculty—to continuously improve our excellent systems together in the spirit of shared governance.

For office hours, please visit: <https://www.gallup.unm.edu/chancellor/openofficehours/>

FACULTY ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION

It was my pleasure to accept the assembly's invitation to provide a five-minute brief on management activity since we last met in January—and gladly delivered the good news that we're all getting 4% raises, which brings us to 10% compounded salary increases across the board. I was also glad to share the news of our 14% enrollment increase with no tuition or property tax increases, no new debt, and no use of reserves for operational expenses over the past two years and six semesters working together. Congratulations one and all for making UNM-Gallup a great place for our students to learn and faculty to teach.

AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY TEACHING AWARD

We have the best faculty here in Gallup teaching our students. I'd like to give special congratulations to Jim Bostic, who recently received the American Welding Society's teaching excellence award and to Joe Sanchez for nominating Jim.