

# FACULTY NEWS



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## Upcoming Events

### ***Recent Works by Elaine Soto***

November 16 - December 14

Reception:

November 30, 5- 7 pm

### **Valencia Campus 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

December 15,  
11:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Student Community Center



Pictured from left to right:  
Claudia Barreto, Susan Cates, and Joseph Spencer

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## **Susan Cates Believes in Mind over Matter**

### **Determination Results in Her Being Named Student of the Month**

Susan Cates is a full-time mother, full-time student and part-time employee, and she believes anything can be accomplished if "You put your mind to it." That is why she is the UNM-Valencia Campus's Student of the Month.

"I think I have convinced a few people that you can work and parent and go to school," she said. She should know. Cates now finds herself a single mother of three children while going through a divorce.

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**President Report**  
*Submitted by Elaine Clark*



Greetings Faculty,

It's hard to believe that we are only a few short weeks away from the end of the semester. I guess time really does fly when you are having fun (or when you are incredibly busy). We've now had most of a semester to break in our new dean and he seems to have survived so far, at least it appears that way from this perspective.

Though the fall semester is coming to an end there is much still ahead of us to do. Our Vice Provost Jane Slaughter has requested an updated version of Faculty Handbooks from all the branch campuses by the end of the year. No, she does not mean May, she means December! Yikes! The Handbook Committee has been working hard to get our Handbook in good shape. It won't be a done deal (probably never will be) but at least the information will be more up-to-date and accurate. We will need a vote on the proposed changes from faculty by the end of this month and the way we are going to do this will be presented at our Faculty Assembly meeting on November 16. I've then asked the Handbook Committee to go back in the spring to work a bit more deliberately to review more updates and changes still needed.

This is also the academic year in which we need to update our catalog for the next two years and update our strategic plan for another three years. Please help the Curriculum Committee in their efforts to make sure all course and program descriptions are correct and accurate for the new catalog! Also, review our strategic plan and get back to me with any suggestions you would like to see incorporated. Many of the changes already planned with reflect the proposed results described in the two grants our campus recently received.

Don't forget the upcoming Valencia Campus birthday celebration on Thursday, December 15! I am giving a final during the time of the celebration as well as some other faculty. Perhaps those faculty who are not giving finals during that time can switch off in proctoring finals with those who are so that as many faculty as possible can participate for at least some of the time. Let me know if you are giving a final during that time or if you are willing to help proctor for a part of that time so I can coordinate matching these people up.

I'll see you at the Faculty Assembly meeting on Wednesday!

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## Message from Dr. Letteney



To My Colleagues:

As you know we are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. On December 15, from 11:30 to 1:30 you are cordially invited to celebrate with the Valencia County Advisory Board and local citizens who helped start this campus in the Student Community Center.

All faculty and staff are invited. We will have lunch at 11:30 am and hear from a panel of citizens and faculty who played a role in the early years of our campus.

The panel will be moderated by Board Chair Paul Luna and will include remarks from Henry Jaramillo—former Chair of the UNM Board of Regents, Corinne Sedillo who was Chair of the Belen School Board at the time our campus was approved by the state, Tibo Chavez Jr.—former Chair of our Advisory Board, Alex Sanchez who taught at our Rio Communities site, Cindy Chavez—who began at Valencia as a student and is now a Division Chair, and Richard Melzer who has served both as Chief Academic Officer and longtime Professor on our campus.

We will be inviting past Advisory Board Members and many of the citizens of the community who have supported us along the way as well as President Schmidly, the Regents, and our UNM Albuquerque Chief Officers. If you have suggestions as to whom we should invite, please forward them as well as your RSVP to Catherine Silverman-Miners at 925-8557.

Next week I will be attending the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting in Santa Fe regarding the Higher Education Funding Formula. I will report back to you with any further developments regarding the formula.

I hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving Break—I know we all need it!



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## Dean of Instruction Update

*Richard Sax, Ph.D.*

Dear Colleagues,

“...*inspire* has the word *spirit* in it, and is related to expire, respire, and conspire.”

~Gary Snyder, The Real Work

The Spring, 2012, schedule is available two weeks before students can begin registering on November 28. Intersession courses are currently being determined and entered for students who need to register for them and attend the initial class in this calendar year.

We are in a catalog year and have delegated responsibilities for various updates. By the end of November, updates are due in Academic Support Services (pp. 51-8 in current catalog) as well as the FT faculty listings (pp.169-71). The deadline is March 9, 2012, for: Academic Curricula & Degree Requirements (pp. 59-131) and Course Descriptions (pp. 132-66). Please work with your Division Chairs as we seek to meet these deadlines and to produce the most accurate 2012-2014 catalog as possible.

I am working with Chairs Council on a number of concerns and initiatives, including a review of our current institutional academic structure and adjustments, as necessary, to the Faculty Evaluation timetable. Faculty members are reminded that they should have both peer and supervisor classroom evaluations by the end of the fall term. The FEDI continues to be revised, and faculty members should use the current FEDI for the 2011-12 academic year.

Adjunct faculty members have registered some complaints about the slowness of the computers used by adjuncts; this can be a significant problem, especially for those adjunct faculty members who teach online. However, I have thus far delayed any upgrades until we identify where those funds will come from AND until we have done at least a cursory review of faculty computers across campus. Once we have a general understanding of comprehensive needs in computer upgrades, we can make a more reasonable decision concerning how to address the issue.

We are close to a final schedule for monthly events to celebrate the New Mexico Centennial 2012, beginning with the Winter Concert on December 15, 2011. I expect to be able to disseminate a descriptive broadside at the November Faculty Assembly meeting.

The Strategic Planning meeting had its first meeting on November 2 and will hold its second meeting on December 6. The roster of that group is composed in a way that all shareholders of UNM-VC should have representation. In addition to myself, your Dean of Instruction and Professor of English, there is additional faculty representation on that committee with Michael Ceschiati and Elaine Clark. Please feedback to any or all of the three of us if you have any opinions concerning how the current Strategic Plan might be modified and improved.

Our three regular tenure-track searches and six STEM-supported searches are continuing. My sincere thanks to all of the faculty members who are serving on, some of them chairing, the nine

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Search Committees. The first finalists to come to campus will be mid-November for the Nursing search; I encourage all of you to participate with your attendance at any open sessions as well as by helping to cover for your colleagues who might be serving on one or multiple Search Committees.

I am hoping that we can have some sort of end-of-the-term Faculty gathering, perhaps around the winter solstice, perhaps earlier. Please feedback to me with any ideas that you might have concerning the event, its location, and other parameters.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Sax

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## **Business, Technology and Fine Arts Division**

Digital Media Arts has a new updated website: [www.unm.edu/~dmavc](http://www.unm.edu/~dmavc). Also, see the link on the DMA home page on the left for the new DMA Blog! It is updated regularly by students and currently the blogging class is working on interviewing campus faculty and staff. The link is also: <http://dmavcblog.wordpress.com>.

### Gallery

“Divine Feminine” by Elaine Soto will be our final show of the semester. Her works are representations of Madonna in a variety of medium. The show will run from November 16 to December 14 with the artist reception November 30, 5 to 7 pm.

### Faculty

Regina Corritore was on New Mexico Style recently dressed as a lobbyist chupacabra promoting Tomé Gallery and the Dia De Los Muertos parade. Link: [http://www.kasa.com/dpp/nm\\_style/features/el-dia-de-los-muertos](http://www.kasa.com/dpp/nm_style/features/el-dia-de-los-muertos) Dawn-Marie’s Acting Foundations class this spring will be participating in campus Centennial Celebration events.

Val and Alexa are offering intersession courses over the break. Val's traditional studio Drawing I class will be a great opportunity to focus on drawing skills and Alexa's online Web 2.0 Online Tools for Student Success is a new addition to our DMA program.

### Program

The AASA degree has been steadily progressing through various stages of approval at main campus. It will be nice to see that completed soon. Studio Arts and DMA program assessment went smoothly this semester. Happy Holidays.



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# LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## UNM-Valencia

*Created and Presented by Miriam Gustafson*

### PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Randall Gann, Visiting Lecturer for the English Department, has recently had two articles accepted for publication--“Deconstruction and the Tramp: Marxism, Capitalism, and the Trace,” which will appear in the critical anthology, *New Views on Chaplin: Critical Interpretations of Chaplin's Films and Career*, Eds. Larry Howe, James Caron and Benjamin Click, and “Cowboys, Six-guns, and Horses: Manifest Destiny and Empire in the American Western,” which will appear in the *Quarterly Review of Film and Video* 31.1. Perhaps we should have Randall make a list of those who would like copies of some good reading!

Dr. Danizette Martinez, who is teaching a section of Chicano Literature this semester, has recently been notified that her writing entitled "Teaching Chicana/o Literature in Community College" is included in this month's issue of *The Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature*. Nicely done, Dani!

### CONFERENCES



Dr. Jami Huntsinger represented UNM-Valencia at the 2011 Southwest Seminar for Great Teaching in Taos last month. She reports that the traditional superior speakers and discussions were again present, and Jami was able to bring back a myriad of ideas and possible new concepts to consider. Thanks, Jami, from all of us who could not attend.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

In October, Professor Miriam Gustafson presented at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, in Scottsdale, Arizona, offering a discussion with visual concepts on Dual Enrollment entitled “Has Dual Enrollment Become Duel Enrollment? There is an Answer to Preparing High School Students for Online College Classes—Successfully,” which was a part of a team presentation with a focus on online learning and dual enrollment.

Patricia Gillikin, Elisabeth Kramer Simpson, and Lisa Michelle Hase presented at the collective Voices Conference at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque on Saturday, October 29, 2011, a conference that works in conjunction with New Mexico's Language Arts Educators.

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Lisa Hase has two conference presentations under her belt this month. The first was at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Annual Conference in Scottsdale, Oct. 6-8, where she presented "Blake's 'London': Cornerstone of Poetic Genre." The second one was for the Arizona State University Commission on the Status of Women Annual Staff Development Day, on October 20. Where she presented "Before You Hit Send: Making Your Email More Professional."

Also, Lisa was interviewed by Michael Shaughnessy, who writes for Eastern New Mexico University for Education News. The text of this interview can be found at : <http://educationviews.org/2011/09/02/an-interview-with-julie-white-what-is-it-about-british-literature/>

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Bill Nevins presented his musical and poetry performance, Green Suede Shoes, for the New Mexico Irish American Society at their monthly meeting in September in Albuquerque. Bill's poem, "Hoptober Rapture," is published in the November issue of *The Rag*, a monthly poetry magazine, and his poem, "Bad News," will be published in the forthcoming issue of the new anthology, *Fixed and Free Poetry*, which is expected to be available before the end of this year.

Also, Bill's interviews with Robert Mirabal and El Paso songwriter, Tom Russell, are in the current *abqARTS*, in print and online [www.abqarts.com](http://www.abqarts.com).

Bill is also helping organize the UNM-VC Film Festival, which is scheduled for February 15, 2012, and he welcomes suggestions for films from UNM-VC faculty and staff. The theme is "New Mexico Films," and some major surprise screenings are already lined up!



That's it for this year—See you in February 2012!!

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## Communication, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences Department

*by Dr. Jami Huntsinger, Chair*

Instructors in The Department of Communication, Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences (CHESS) met to discuss the changes and updates to the CHESS website. Jami Huntsinger will be writing the mission for the department and updating the general information. The Department of Language and Literature and The Fitness and Wellness Center will link their pages to the CHESS website; this new format will make it easier for students to find information about instructors. All instructors will have their own pages; pictures, e-mails, courses taught, syllabi, and course blurbs will be posted there.

The Department of CHESS is busy with the upcoming interviews for the Sociology position and for the English position. In Sociology, the new instructor will teach such courses as Introduction to Sociology, Research Methods, and Social Problems. In English, the new hire will teach Composition 101, Composition 102, and literature, technical writing, and grammar. The committees have been formed and the review process will begin soon.

Faculty members have been busy with professional development and with community service. Marie Clevenger attended the second class on Web design. She is also attending the Mentoring Conference on Oct. 26, 27, and 28. The conference is convened by the UNM Mentoring Institute, in partnership with the [International Mentoring Association](#) and [UNM Title-V Initiatives](#). **The theme for this year was “Learning Across Disciplines,”** and the intent of this year’s conference was to bring together mentoring professionals from around the world who offer practical applications, high quality research, hands-on workshops, and demonstrations of innovative approaches and developments in learning and performance through the establishment of mentoring relationships.

Rob Paixao, The University of New Mexico at Valencia Campus Curriculum Committee Representative at Main Campus, Rob Paixao has been helping to go through the Forms A, B, and C, which create new courses amend existing ones. He notes that there has been a move to eliminate courses, especially those that have not been taught recently. He also reports that the media arts courses are “exploding” on Main Camps – he is attending a December meeting to continue discussing this topic. Additionally, in his role as Curriculum Committee Representative for UNM VC, Rob is attending Faculty Senate as a gallery witness at the invitation of Dubra Karnes-Padilla, our UNM VC Senator, who will attend in her official capacity. Jami Huntsinger continues her work with the UNM Press Committee; as a member of this committee, she reviews manuscripts for the editorial board, making recommendations about publications.

Happy Thanksgiving holiday, everyone!



## **The Wellness Corner "Where Every Body Counts"**

### **What's up With the Physical and Health**

The Resiliency Corps, a youth injury prevention project sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and UNM Valencia Campus, was again awarded \$15,500 on August 17, 2011 to continue on for its third year. The Valencia County Resiliency Corps focuses on community mobilizing around youth injury prevention, advocating for evidence-based strategies to increase youth resiliency factors, reduce risk factors, and reduce the leading cause of death and disability of young people – injury, violence and substance abuse. There are four components to the Resiliency Corps: monthly Corps Open Houses, community prevention projects overseen by an advisory board, evaluation informed by the YRRS, and the UNM-VC course *Youth Safety, Health and Resiliency*.

Dubra Karnes-Padilla, the manager of the Fitness & Wellness Education Center, is the PI for the grant. The project is entering its third year and has graduated thirty students from the Health Education course - *Youth Safety, Health and Resiliency*. Dubra co-instructs the course each spring with Dominic Cappello, from the NMDOH Department of Injury Prevention. The

tuition for the three credit hour course is paid for by the NMDOH. I encourage the faculty to consider enrolling in this course for the spring.

Dubra also oversees the Resiliency Corps community project, "Bike, Ride, and Walk Safely (BRAWS) in Valencia County." The focus of this project is to reduce brain injury and fatalities plus affect education and policies regarding safety, city planning, and enforcement of the helmet law. Through BRAWS' efforts several initiatives and collaborations have occurred in the past months. The Resiliency Corps was represented at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> "Los Lunas National Night Out," where they distributed plus fitted 139 bike helmets – 89 for youth and 50 for adults. At the Belen Chamber of Commerce, "Rio Abajo Days," on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Pilot Club of Los Lunas and Resiliency Corps combined their efforts and distributed plus fitted 111 bicycle helmets for youth in two hours. Pat and Tom Fritts, two members of the BRAWS committee, deserve a big thank you. As community volunteers, they fitted the helmets for both events and barely had time to come up for air.

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The Resiliency Corps BRAWS Project is also involved in two other efforts. One is to Mexico Brain Injury Council to distribute bike helmets, train others to fit helmets, and bring the Helmutt Safety Program to all the Head Start programs in Valencia County. Another project was initiated by a Valencia County Public Health nurse, Ellie Burnett, and supported by BRAWS to bring a pedestrian safety initiative to Belen. Ellie, also a graduate of the 2011 Resiliency Corps course and a member of the Resiliency Corps, wrote the grant. We should hear by November 2<sup>nd</sup> if we received the grant from the UNM Department of Injury Prevention Research and Education – New Mexico Pedestrian Safety Initiative Contract to make Belen a safer place to walk and bike.

For more information about the Resiliency Corps and the course please visit [www.ResiliencyCorps.org](http://www.ResiliencyCorps.org).

We want to give a big welcome to Andrew Chasse'. Andy was recently hired as the Fitness Instructor for the Fitness and Wellness Education Center (FWEC) and Resiliency Corps Coordinator. He is a new transplant to New Mexico and hails from Houston, Texas. Andy is a recent graduate from Sam Houston State University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. He also holds a current certification as a Performance Enhancement Specialist with the National Academy of Sports Medicine. We already have Andy very involved in work at the FWEC. You may have read his recent "FWEC Fitness Tips." He is busy conducting fitness assessments and personal trainings for students enrolled in the physical education courses, Introduction to Fitness and Move More, Be Fit. Andy will also assist the FWEC Manager, Dubra Karnes-Padilla, with the general management of the FWEC plus activities and presentations that help to promote health and wellness on the campus and in the community. Come by and

partner with the MidWest Community Action Program (MCAP) and the New introduce yourself to Andy when you get a chance. You can also reach Andy at 925-8833.

The new adjunct Health Education instructor, Megan Merchant, is working toward her "[\*Lifestyle and Weight Management Coach\*](#)" certification via the [\*organization American Council on Exercise\*](#). This was made possible thanks to Professional Development funding available to UNM-Valencia faculty. She will be a guest on the [\*FTNS Radio Show\*](#), "[\*Boomer's Rock\*](#)" on October 19 at 4:20 PM, with future slated interviews on Nov. 16 (4:20 PM) and Dec. 14 (4:40 PM). If you have a fitness related topic you'd like to hear about, please email Megan at [mamerch@unm.edu](mailto:mamerch@unm.edu). Listen to the interview online for free at <http://ftns.co/> during the above times. Megan is also a Board Member of UNM Friends of Dance Scholarship Program and an Administrator of the [\*UNM Friends of Dance Facebook page\*](#)."

Alice Chouinard-Welk is an adjunct instructor for physical education courses and has taught for UNM-Valencia Campus since 2000. She teaches PENP 155 Pilates, PENP 165 Yoga, and PENP 166 Intermediate Yoga. Alice will be attending a workshop with Judith Lasater, who holds a doctorate in East-West Psychology. Dr. Lasater is also a physical therapist, a yoga teacher since 1971, and author of many articles and books on Yoga. The focus of the workshop will be Yoga and the shoulder joint. Alice believes teachers must also be students, and she is grateful for the professional development funding which helps to make study like this possible for adjunct faculty.

I recently asked students enrolled in Aerobic Dance to share how the course benefitted them as a student and in their personal life:

- “Aerobic Dance benefits me on many levels. It provides me with opportunities for movement, strengthening, and positive energy. It helps me maintain my overall fitness and increases my coordination, cardiovascular health, and endurance. It clears my mind and helps me to concentrate, which is good for my studies. It improves my mood as well, which is good overall.”
- “This class has been a great awakening. It has motivated me to exercise outside of class and has given me the energy to maintain my busy schedule with a new positive attitude. I feel good about myself, and I am beginning to see the “look good” benefits.”
- “Aerobic Dance has helped me with my stress level by working the stress out here in class instead of taking the stress out on my family. It has helped me to

feel more awake after each class and more energized. It helps me to feel like I am able to function better in my other classes.”

- “As a guy, you tend to laugh at Aerobic Dance. For me, it helped with my hand and eye coordination and breathing. For you dudes out there, you should try it. It’s fun and uplifting.”
- “Being in this PE class has helped me in a great many ways. I now have more energy and my ability to concentrate has increased. I feel good during the day. I have learned to make better food choices and have actually lost some weight. I think everyone should take at least one class in PE during the school year. It’s great and lots of fun!”

To your health,  
Dubra Karnes-Padilla

## Highway to Success



### Transitional Studies

*submitted by Rosa Auletta*

An extension of our “Highway to Success” Title V grant has been approved for another year. This is not new or additional money; rather we had salary savings that we will apply to tutoring our transitional students. The project will continue; faculty and staff salaries have been institutionalized as promised in our proposal. We are grateful to the Department of Education for allowing us this extension. We thank all of you who have contributed to the Title V endowment for our students’ scholarships and to Ann-Mary who made it happen. We have met our endowment commitment of \$120,000 over five years.

The math pilot continues to show promise. One of the advantages is that students have the ability to make up work outside of class if they have been sick or had other “life” issues interfere with class attendance. Even if the student is unable to complete the course during the semester, the student is able to continue to work towards completion. Emily Miller stated that about a third of her students are on track to complete two classes by the end of the semester.

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Dr. Bailey shared a new teaching technique she found in “Faculty Focus.” The technique she successfully tried in class is called +Delta. At the end of class, she asked her class to anonymously write what they found to be the best thing about the day’s class which is the plus (+) part; then they wrote what they would have liked to be different, which is the Delta part. To her surprise some students commented on changes to their own behavior such as arriving to class on time and being able to concentrate better. This is a low stakes activity with an immediate return. Thanks for sharing, Barbara.

Last month I attended the HACU conference in San Antonio. We met many representatives of government and contract agencies recruiting for employees with community college and higher degrees. There are many internships available for students able to travel to Washington, DC and other locations. Please encourage your students to consider these incredible opportunities. Most of these are paid internships that may lead to employment in the future.

Our “Highway to Success” advisors will attend the Student Affairs Symposium in Albuquerque this week. Kim Crowder will give a presentation about our program.

Finally, we would like to salute all our vets and their families who attend classes at UNM Valencia. We thank you for your service and sacrifices.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rosa Auletta

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## Valencia County Literacy Council

*By Jill A. Oglesby*

Many of you may be aware of the Valencia County Literacy Council (VCLC) here at campus. Some faculty have even served as tutors or helped us with trainings. But, many may be wondering, what is VCLC, and what are we doing at UNM-Valencia? Here are some answers to questions you may have:

Q: Is VCLC part of Adult Basic Education (ABE)?

A: VCLC works very closely with ABE, and we are in the same center, but we are

separately funded. We also work with community volunteers to provide literacy services.

Q: So, VCLC is here to help adults who can’t read?

A: Yes. And No. Actually, most adult learners who come to us can read, just not well enough to go into GED classes or succeed in the workforce. We also tutor English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL).

Q: Is everyone you serve an adult?

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A: In El Cerro Mission, we also provide a preschool for the children of adults in ESL and GED *en Español* classes that ABE runs, give out free children's books in local low-income medical clinics in Valencia County, and have BOOK Readers read to the children in the clinics.

Q: What is VCLC's relationship to UNM-Valencia?

A: VCLC was originally started as a partnership in 1987 by Pam Perez, former Coordinator of ABE, and Dolores Padilla, former Director of the Belen Public Library, and 2012 will be our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. Here at UNM-Valencia, ABE can easily refer students to us, we have a joint project, and we even share some ESL students.

Q: How is VCLC funded?

A: As Executive Director, I write grants year-round, including to the United Way, the Dollar General Foundation, the Daniel's Fund, etc. We also have a wonderful FUNdraiser coming up March 16 at the Los Lunas Transportation Center as well (6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.). Performers from all around Valencia County will provide that talent, and we serve an unlimited chocolate buffet at the event.

Q: How can I get involved?

A: If you give to the United Way Community Fund, you are involved! We'll also be selling tickets to our FUNdraiser, the *Noche de Estrellas* Talent Night and Chocolate Buffet, this winter as well, and this event is a lot of fun! If you think you'd like to volunteer, contact me at 925-8926 or [joglesby@valencialiteracy.org](mailto:joglesby@valencialiteracy.org).





Pictures from Noche de Estrellas 2011



If I didn't answer the question you have? Let me know what it is! Thanks for your support and for the great campus community we enjoy.



## Valencia Campus Library News

*Submitted by Dr. Barbara Lovato-Gassman*

### Winter Break Library Hours

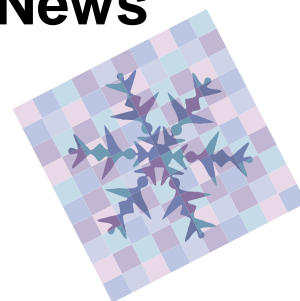
December 19-22	8:00am - 5:00pm
December 23-January 2	Closed
January 3-13	8:00am to 5:00pm
January 16	Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Library hours may vary due to the construction necessary to close and separate the former Law Library from the Library to create the Title V STEM Center. Please look at the library's website and Facebook page for the most current information regarding library hours.



### Text a Librarian Coming Soon!

The library has purchased a text reference system that we will be rolling out in the Spring 2012 semester. Students will be able to text "askval" for Library Reference help during scheduled hours. Stay tuned for more information!



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### **Library Instruction**

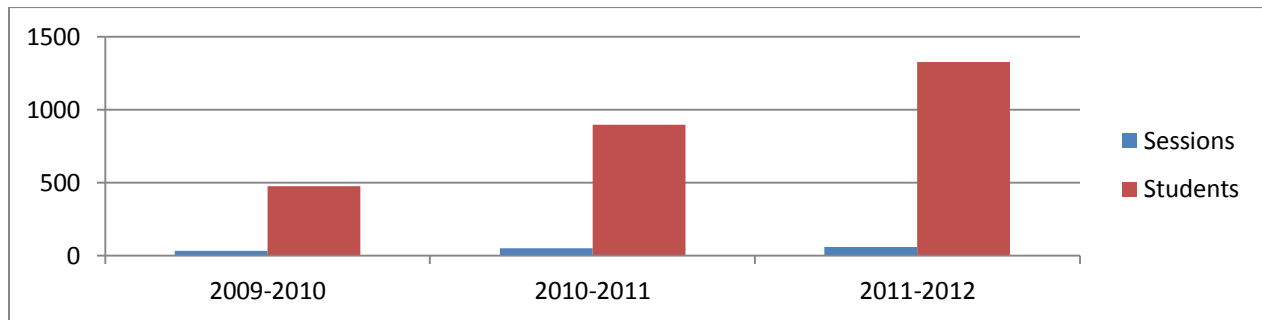
There has been a significant increase in the number of faculty scheduling Library Instruction for their classes. These are typically one-hour, single session classes taught by a Librarian in the library classroom.

#### **Fall 2009 to Fall 2010**

37% increase in classes (from 31 to 49)  
49 to 59)  
47% increase in students (from 477 to 896)  
(from 896 to 1327)

#### **Fall 2010 to Fall 2011**

20% increase in classes (from  
20% increase in students



### **Printing**

Printing continues to be free in the library on two computers near the front desk. We hope to be able to continue to provide this service and would appreciate your assistance in keeping costs down (Cost for toner and paper for patron printing was over \$9,200 for FY '11). The usage this Fiscal Year is well beyond last year's so far.

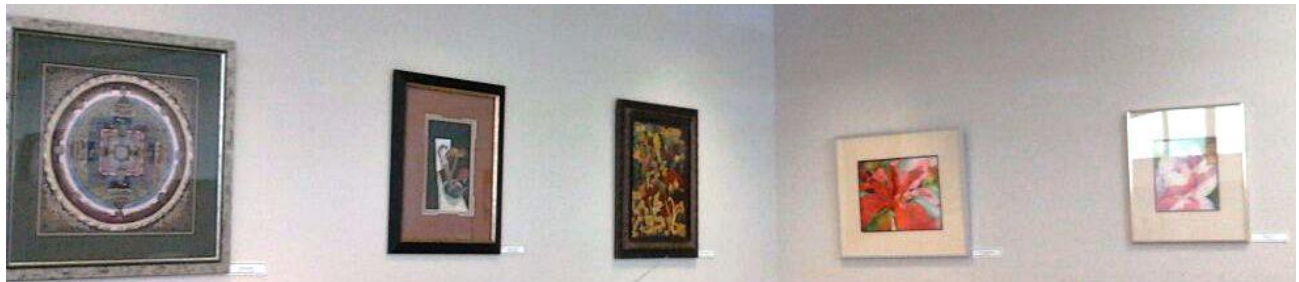
- Printing is limited to 25 sheets per day per person
- No multiple copies are allowed.

Please consider these factors when requiring students to print off lab worksheets, PowerPoint presentations on which to take notes, Math assignments and other materials to bring to class.



### **Art in the Library**

The featured artists in the library for October through December of 2011 are from the Belen Art League. They are **Heidi Craig, Janet Bray and Quanta Hinson**. Please stop by the library and see their beautiful pieces; some of which are available for purchase.



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### **Susan Cates Believes in Mind over Matter (Continued from page 1)**

She admits her situation is not easy. “It’s tough to figure out how to make it on your own,” she said. “I just don’t let my life interfere with what I’m doing (at school).”

Cates is the first one in her family to attend college, and she hopes that her example encourages her children to think about college as they grow older. She plans to finish her associate degree work here and then transfer to main campus to finish her bachelor’s in dental hygiene.

Before attending UNM-Valencia, Cates worked for 10 years as a dental assistant, and she realized that in order to advance her career she would need a degree. She and her ex-husband moved to New Mexico, and eventually she started her academic career.

Two of Cates’ instructors nominated her for the award. Joseph Spencer is an adjunct instructor in philosophy and Dr. Claudia Barreto is an associate professor in biology. Both were impressed with her work ethic.

“Her work outside of class and her contributions to discussions in class make clear that she takes her schoolwork very seriously.” Spencer wrote in his nomination form. “I’m very impressed with how responsible she is with so much going on in her life. I was also impressed recently to

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learn that in addition to being a dedicated student and mother, she is a certified phlebotomist who works with the Valencia County Police Department, that she is a Learning Center tutor, and that she volunteers as a Sunday school teacher in her local congregation.”

Cates said she really enjoys tutoring students at the Learning Center, and that she finds herself giving advice to those who complain about not having enough time or other complications.

“I tell them you can complain about your situation or you can do something about it,” she said.—

## **UNM-Valencia Campus Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Submitted by Chad*

The dream of a college campus in Valencia County started in the 1981 academic year with a few makeshift classrooms at the Rio Communities Shopping Center. Faculty referred to the facilities as the “fish bowl campus” because students could walk by the large plate glass windows and watch classroom activities from the parking lot. There were 300 students. Headcount at the campus is now close to 2,500, with 1,500 full-time equivalent students.

Courses were first offered from UNM in Valencia County in 1978 with the establishment of the UNM-Eastern Valencia County Satellite Center. The next milestone occurred in 1981 when a formal proposal to establish a branch campus was accepted by UNM.

Classes began in the fall of 1981 as the UNM-Valencia branch campus. Technical certificates and associate degrees could now be completed locally for the first time in Valencia County history. Enrollment continued to grow and new programs were offered. That led to a new campus being built in the Tome area, and that campus was opened in the summer of 1986.

Since 1986, a library and Learning Resource Center was added in 1994; extensive renovations in 1995 provided more classrooms; a Student-Community Center was added in 2000; a Health Sciences Building was opened in the fall of 2005; and a Career Technical Center was added in the fall of 2006.

This summer UNM-Valencia received a National Science Foundation grant that provides prestigious scholarships to students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Scholarships are available to students majoring in the STEM disciplines who might not be able to attend college due to financial need.

The NSF STEM scholarship program will provide the financial means for students to pursue their programs, attend college full-time and complete their degrees more quickly. Approximately 30 scholarships per year will be available, ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 depending on demonstrated financial need.

The campus has also recently added various degree and certificate programs that can result in good-paying careers. The newest degree program, the associate degree in nursing, provides students with

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the opportunity to become registered nurses upon completion of the program and passage of the state nursing exam. The first class of nursing students will graduate in May 2012.

Another promising program is the digital media arts degree with various opportunities ranging from the film industry, to engineering, to architecture, to health sciences. Now more than 60 students are participating in this program.

The newest certificate program is the sustainable building certificate that provides a general foundation for students who are pursuing a career in the new clean energy economy and for those already working in the building industry who wish to add to their skills and enhance their careers. That program was started this fall.—

## **Faculty Assembly Meeting**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
1:30-3:00 LRC 101C**

**In attendance:** Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie, Danizete Martinez, Elaine Clark, Rob Paixao, Khaled Kassem, Dom Cappello, Cindy Chavez, Patricia Gillikin, Ann-Mary MacLeod, Dubra Karnes-Padilla, Julie Dupree, Miriam Chavez, Claudia Barreto, Lucille Farrington, Barbara Lovato, Frances Duran, Bill Bloom, Barbara Rousseau, Miriam Gustafson, Randall Gann, Jami Huntsinger, LeAnn Weller, Najib Manea, Alexa Wheeler, Michael Ceschiat, Richard Sax

- 1. Call to order:** Elaine Clark called the meeting to order at 1:34pm.
- 2. Acceptance of agenda:** Rob Paixao made a motion to accept the agenda as is with Miriam Chavez as a second; all were in favor.
- 3. Approval of minutes:** Michael Ceschiat made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting with Rob Paixao as a second; all were in favor.

**Executive Director's Report:** Dr. Letteney reported that the new funding formula was supposed to be released and it was not. The funding formula is at the Governor's Office, but it is not known why it was not released. It is the hope that the legislature will hold off because the funding formula is not complete.

Dr. Letteney recently returned from a conference in Washington where there was a great deal of discussion about how to keep funding for Hispanic serving institutions.

There will be a one-time equity supplement of \$950 given to those who have a base pay below \$49,999. Eligible individuals have to be employed prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

There will be a scholarship reception October 20<sup>th</sup> for the recipients and their families. Faculty who would like to attend should talk to Bill or Francis. Many of the monetary donors will be present.

- 4. Dean of Instruction Report:**

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- i. Dr. Sax's one-on-one meetings with faculty are almost complete. Dr. Sax thanked and gave his appreciation for the opportunity to have discussions with the faculty.
  - ii. The Centennial Celebration has not gone away it is just quiet for now. The Centennial and UNM-VC 30 years are at the same time, so they are being planned and scheduled concurrently.
  - iii. The Chairs have homework to review the Divisions.
  - iv. The Quarterly Assessment was submitted on time.
  - v. Program Reports need to be completed. There is another workshop October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - vi. UNM-VC 2011-2012 Strategic Plan needs to be updated.
  - vii. The UNM-VC website is in need of updating.

5. **Dominic Cappello:** UNM-VC is a pilot site for the Resiliency Corp of Valencia County. The Department of Health is bringing in approximately \$45,000 to UNM-VC. Violence is here in Valencia Community and it is a public health crisis. "Enough is enough" we know what to do, but we need laws, funding and advocacy to combat violence, injury and substance abuse. Dom needs help from campus to get more involvement by incorporating awareness into courses.
6. **Ann-Mary MacLeod:** 18 students will receive endowed scholarships for a total of \$9000. That money comes from large donors, but 2/3 of funds come from small regular donations. Ann-Mary's office is next to Alice's in the Administration Building. Please stop by to make a donation.
7. **Francis Duran and Bill Bloom:** Francis and Bill were present to discuss the implications of withdrawing a student versus failing a student.
8. **President's Report:** There is interest and effort in trying to get OSET (Office for the Support of Effective Teaching) workshops available to UNM-VC faculty. To do so a source of funding will be needed.

The short video "Shots Fired on Campus" will be shown to faculty on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Security will be present for a question and answer period following the video.

**9. Committee Reports:**

- i. Teaching and Learning (Claudia Barreto)—Program reviews are due. Please schedule a time slot on October 28<sup>th</sup> to complete the report.
- ii. Professional Development (Lucille Farrington)—the budget for 2011/2012 is \$8500 and at the November meeting there will be an official motion to approve or disapprove the proposal to increase funding. Lucille will send out a draft on VFAC prior to the meeting.
- iii. FE/DI (Michael Ceschiati)—there is a revised edition of the FE/DI evaluations. Before next assembly meeting please review and provide response.

10. **Adjourn:** Rob Paixao made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:54pm with a second from Michael Ceschiati; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie

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## **Faculty Assembly Agenda**

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- 1. Call to order (1)**
- 2. Acceptance of agenda (1)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from October 2011 (1)**
- 4. Executive Director Report (10)**
- 5. Dean of Instruction Report (10)**
  - \*Review of Divisions Report**
- 6. Committee Reports**
  - a. Faculty Senate—Dubra Karnes-Padilla (3)
  - b. Program Assessment—Claudia Barreto (2)
  - c. Curriculum Committee (Main Campus and Valencia Campus)—Alexa Wheeler and Rob Paixao (5)
  - d. Professional Development—Lucille Farrington (5)
  - e. FEDI—Michael Ceschiati (15)
  - f. Handbook Committee—Dani Martinez (15)
- 7. Faculty website—Alexa Wheeler (2)**
- 8. President's Report (2)**
- 9. Announcements (2)**
- 10. Adjournment (74 total minutes)**