

# FACULTY NEWS

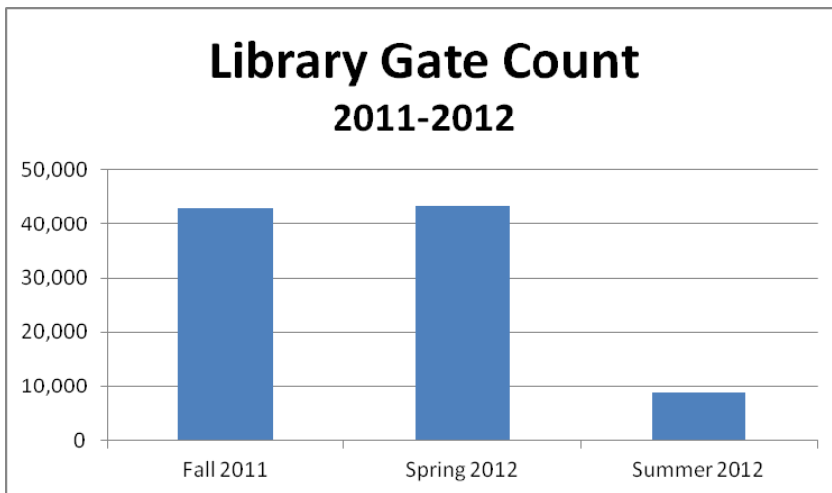


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Wednesday,  
Nov 28, 2012  
1:30pm–3:00pm  
LRC 101C

## Winter Break Library Hours

Dec 17–21	8am–5pm
Dec 22–Jan 1	Closed
Jan 2–4	8am–5pm
Jan 7–11	8am–5pm
Jan 21	Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

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



THE FALL SEMESTER IS ALMOST DONE!!! HOPE YOU HAVE A RELAXING WINTER BREAK.

In the meantime, the ad hoc committee to consider/discuss restructuring the academic divisions continues to meet. Some progress is being made—it is simply difficult to think about how to do this without spending any more money. We are working on it!

I am also now on the Completion Taskforce committee. I hope you made it to the forum on November 14 so you know what issues are at stake. If you have ideas about how to help with student completion, please feel free to pass them along to me or Dean Sax.

The Faculty Handbook committee met with me and Dean Sax to discuss which of the policies that are currently in the Instructional Council Policies Manual should come under review of the Faculty Assembly. This is in keeping with the discussion begun by Jami Huntsinger at our last FAC meeting about shared governance. It is important for us to not abdicate decisions on policies that should come under our review. I appreciate the Handbook Committee, in particular Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie, for their/her hard work.

The Adjunct Faculty Committee has requested having a listserv just for them. After the small bit of confusion this past week about who should complete FE/DI forms, I am wondering if we want to have a separate listserv also just for full-time faculty. This could keep messages out of inboxes that are not pertinent to that faculty member. Having less email to cull through that you don't really need would be a good thing! I'm looking into perhaps creating these two different listservs that will then combine into the current vfac list.

I'll see you at the Faculty Assembly meeting on Wednesday, November 28!

If you have any comments or suggestions please contact me:  
ewclark@unm.edu.

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## Message from Dr. Letteney

TO MY COLLEAGUES:

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving weekend. As the semester winds down, I want to thank all of you for the work that you do with our students, especially towards the end of the semester when they are feeling especially overwhelmed. It was encouraging to see the largest number of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society students ever inducted—more than 20 students at the November 10 Ceremony—and nearly 50 active members. PTK hosted a very nice Veteran’s Day celebration on November 12.

I want to thank the students, faculty, and staff who were able to attend our Completion Task Force Workshop on November 14. The national trends that we discussed involving remediation, advising, and financial aid are impacting New Mexico now.

A week ago Sunday I was pleased to be invited as a platform party guest to President Frank’s Installation. I saw many old friends and was able to connect with many of the faculty and staff we work with at main campus.

On December 13 from 11am to 1pm, my office will be hosting our holiday open house. I hope you will be able to stop in for some food and holiday cheer. That evening at 7pm, the New Mexichords and our own UNM Valencia Chorus will present a holiday concert with refreshments—\$10.00 a ticket to benefit our scholarship fund.

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## Dean of Instruction Report – November 2012

DEAR COLLEAGUES:

Registration started for Spring Term, 2013, this past Monday, November 26. As we continue to develop a 2-Year Cycle of Courses, we expect to see continued improvement in terms of offering a sufficient number of courses each term in the most effective and cost-efficient manner, including cancelling fewer classes and developing a better understanding of our future student course demand. Please continue to work with your respective Division Chairs as we seek to complete an institution-wide 2-Year Cycle of Courses by the end of the calendar year to publish and update on our institutional website.

At the Branch Campus Deans' Biannual Meeting in Los Alamos on November 9, we discussed a number of issues, including continuing concerns about Faculty Contracts at Main Campus. Provost Abdallah has put that concern on his annual day-long Deans' Retreat (December 3 at Main Campus) and asked Yours Truly as well as Randi Archuleta, Dean of the Taos Campus, to facilitate that portion of the agenda. I believe that I am aware of the concerns and problems that we have had (slow or incorrect processing of faculty monthly salary payments, threatened or actual refusal to sign off on non-regular payments for professional work, communication breakdowns, new enforcement of fractional overload policies, etc.), but please contact me before the 3rd if you are aware of problems in this area of which I may not be aware.

Thanks and kudos to all of you who attended, as well as those who presented at or contributed to, presentations (Alice Letteney, Rosa Auletta, Julie DePree, Patricia Gillikin, Bill Bloom, Tracy Owen) at the Fall Faculty Forum on Student Completion and Success on November 14. We all appreciate the insights shared concerning student success as well as the developing expectations that the state and the country as a whole now has in terms of the national "completion agenda" in higher education. Please continue to communicate with members of the Task Force on Completion (Richard Sax, Bill Bloom, Rosa Auletta, Steve Klinksiek, Diana Torrez, Frances Duran, Elaine Clark) as we work toward drafting a Task Force white paper that will hopefully identify specific strategies and actions to employ for student success and completion. A recent discussion between the Registrar, the Director of Financial Aid, and all members of Chairs Council resulted in a faculty commitment to remind students to "see Financial Aid" personnel before students initiated withdrawals or other changes to their credit hours sought in each term to make certain students do not incur unexpected impediments to continuing their higher education.

Please remember that ALL faculty members need annually to complete online training (including satisfactory performance on an online quiz in each area) before the end of each calendar year (December 31, 2012, is only a month away!) for both Sexual Harassment and Ethics. You access the tests for you via "myunm" at the institutional website. Please contact me, Della, or your immediate upward report if you have any questions about this workplace requirement.

Richard

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## Division of Communication, Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences (CHESS)

*by Jami Huntsinger*

The faculty members in CHESS have been very busy this fall in the areas of Teaching, Community Service, and Professional Development.

### Teaching

To improve her teaching, **Julia So** attended “Get, Set & Reset” presented by OSET on Main Campus on August 14, and **Mary Beth Libbey** is completing the online teaching course offered at the University of New Mexico at Valencia Campus.



**Heather Wood’s** English 102 class performed charity work during the 2012 holiday season, serving local homeless shelters, soup kitchens, schools, and churches in the community. Some participating organizations included the following: Joy Junction, Roadrunner Food Bank, and Toys for Tots. In the Charity Service Project, students combined volunteer work with persuasive writing to round out their 102 writing requirements in English. The first part of the assignment involved a personal narrative, documenting the student’s experience, followed by a greater analytical piece placing the issue in a global context. The essay was accompanied by a blog project for publication on the World Wide Web. **John Anderson’s** section of Sociology 101 also worked sorting food at Roadrunner Food Bank following the Postal Service Workers’ Thanksgiving food drive.

**Alice Chouinard** attended two workshops to enhance her teaching: the first workshop was entitled “Yoga for Headaches and Insomnia,” and the second “Ayurveda: Holistic Healing.” Ayurveda is a system of healing in existence for over 5,000 years and is a sister science to yoga.

### Community Service

On October 20, 2012, **Richard Melzer** and **Danizete Martinez** co-presented on “Good, Evil, and Superstition in Hispanic Culture” at the Harvey House. This lecture was a part of the CHESS Lecture Series, organized by Patricia Gillikin.

This fall, **Julia So** was one of the judges for the Multi-cultural Video Contest sponsored by the American Diversity Report at the City of Chattanooga, TN. The participants were students from local high schools and universities. On November 10, Julia also attended the PTK Induction ceremony here on campus.

**Megan Merchant** helped establish the Social Media page on Facebook for the UNM Dance Scholarship program: <http://www.facebook.com/UNMFriendsofDance>, which contributed to two sold-out fundraising Dance Alumni concerts in October at UNM Main Campus in Carlisle Gym.

**John Anderson** and **Bill Nevins** performed on the South Valley Drumheads' float in the November 4 Muertos y Marigolds Parade in Albuquerque's South Valley. The parade is part of the celebration for the Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a tradition rooted in Mexico and practiced all over South America and in U.S. Latino communities. The Dia de Los Muertos celebrates life, honoring those who have passed on.



Finally, **Cindi Sabo** volunteered at the aquarium over the Thanksgiving weekend, overseeing the touch pool and the shark and ray encounter exhibit.

## Conferences and Conference Presentations

**Patricia Gillikin** attended the TYCA Southwest conference October 25–27 in Las Cruces and participated in several ways: she performed several poems at the Creative Writing session, facilitated a breakfast discussion among people across New Mexico who teach Basic Writing, and presented a session, “The Reading-Writing Connection: Writing to Learn Difficult Texts in UNM-Valencia’s Basic Writing Program.” She attended a post-conference session on teaching writing to English language learners, which she found to be extremely useful; she plans to follow up by attending a similar pre-conference session at CCCCs in Las Vegas in March 2013. Patricia is happy to share the information she has gotten on this topic with anyone who is interested.

**Toni Black** attended the STEMtech Conference in Kansas City the end of October, along with **Diana Torrez** and **Cindy Shue**. In the same month, **Chad Perry** attended the International Public Relations Society of America Conference in San Francisco, California, October 13–16, 2012. The conference focused on Social Media. Chad is now using information he learned at his

conference, including enhancing the campus' Facebook and Twitter accounts. He will also be teaching some of these concepts next semester in the CJ/MA 110 class.

**Dubra Karnes-Padilla** presented a short talk on “The Santa Fe–Belen RailRunner Artists Corridor” at the Technology, Entertainment and Design (TEDx) Conference at the Acequia Madre in Santa Fe on November 3 to a sold-out crowd. Her presentation joins the prestigious few who presented at this conference, which consists of short presentations developed to inform, inspire, and motivate the audience to think about and inspire new approaches to the issues and dilemmas we face. Her presentation will be available on YouTube next month. Dubra then brought her TEDx personal experience back to UNMV students when she presented information about her TEDx presentation to Bill Nevins' C&J 130 class. Dubra had the students look up the definition of TEDx, showed them a YouTube TEDx talk on leadership, gave her TEDx talk to them, and answered questions about her TEDx experience and the art of presenting. She encouraged the students to think about presenting at a TEDx Conference, too.

**Angelica Boyd** went to the Exercise Etc. Conference in Albuquerque on October 13–14, 2012, which focused on exercise and the older adult. She completed her CEUs for her AFAA Certification and learned more about working with the older population here at the UNMV campus. Some topics included functional flexibility, strength-training, balance, fall prevention, shoulder, hip & knee replacement exercises, and diseases.

**Jami Huntsinger**, **Heather Wood**, and **Julia So** attended the Great Southwest Teaching Conference in October 2012, held in Santa Fe this year. The topics included using active learning techniques, incorporating technology in the classroom, and inspiring young learners.

## **Publications**

**Richard Melzer** received the Best New Mexico History and Best New Mexico Centennial Book Awards in the 2012 New Mexico–Arizona Book Award. The winners in the 2012 New Mexico–Arizona Book Awards were announced and posted on this website:  
<http://nmbookcoop.com/BookAwards/2012-winners/2012-winners.html>.

**Megan Merchant** just published the article “Dimensions of Wellness: Enhance the WHOLE Client” at MyGroupFit.com. The article can be found at <http://www.mygroupfit.com/education-articles/dimensions-of-wellness-enhance-the-whole-clients-3683>.

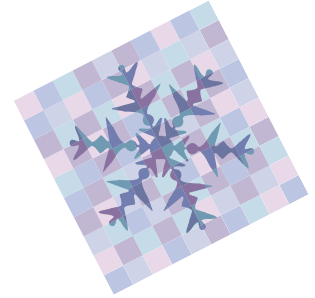
**Bill Nevins's** long poem “Librotraficante” on the topic of academic freedom and free inquiry is being published in the December 2012 New Mexico Centennial Issue of The Malpais Review. Bill will read poetry alongside poets Levi Romero and Hakim Bellamy and Vanessa Boyd in celebration of the life of Peter “Rabbit” Douthit at a special poetry and music event at Low Spirits Club in Albuquerque on the evening of Monday, December 3 (free admission, 21 plus). Bill is also working with **Dean Richard Sax** to coordinate and curate the New Mexico Film Festival at UNMV which will happen on campus Friday, February 8, 2013 (very special guest speakers are expected, and some very special films made by UNM faculty and other film makers in New Mexico).



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# Valencia Campus Library News

by *Dr. Barbara Lovato*

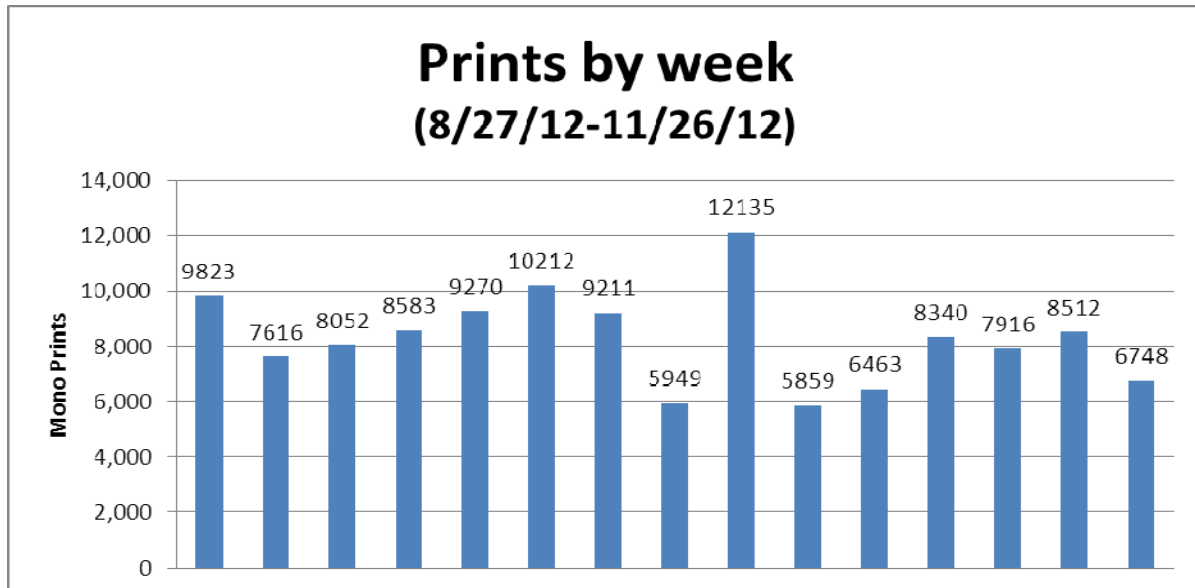


## Presentation by LeAnn Weller

The UNM-Valencia Campus Library's Public Services Librarian, **LeAnn Weller**, presented a program entitled "Cool Tools" for the Library Instruction "One Shot" at the New Mexico Library Association Mini-Conference in Carlsbad on October 25, 2012. LeAnn presented "cool tools" such as Glogs, LiveBinders, concept mappers, animators, and comic creators and active learning techniques and exercises most appropriate for these tools. She showed fellow librarians in the state how to match techniques and exercises to the activities in a typical "one shot" instruction session and showed examples from classes where these tools have been used for library instruction sessions.

## Printing

So far this semester there have been 118,226 mono prints made on the library printers. This accounts for 236 reams of paper or the equivalent of over 23 cases of paper which is equal to over 14 trees.





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**Faculty Assembly Meeting  
October 31, 2012  
1:30pm–3:00pm LRC 101C**

**In attendance:**

Rosa Auletta	Patricia Gillikin	Danizete Martinez
Angelica Boyle	Miriam Gustafson	Eva Rivera
Brenda Broers	Annette Hatch	Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie
Michael Ceschiat	Jami Huntsinger	LeAnn Weller
Cindy Chavez	Khaled Kassem	Alexa Wheeler
Elaine Clark	Barbara Lovato	Thomas Whittaker
Julie DePree	Najib Manea	Heather Wood

**1. Call to order: Elaine Clark called the meeting to order at 1:36pm.**

**2. Acceptance of agenda**

The following change was made:

- Bill Nevins would not be present to present the Adjunct Faculty Committee report.
  - Alexa Wheeler moved to accept the agenda as amended / LeAnn Weller seconded
  - Agenda was accepted as amended.

**3. Approval of minutes**

**4. The minutes published in the Newsletter were incorrect. Revised minutes were emailed to VFAC.**

- Michael Ceschiat moved to approve the revised minutes / Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie seconded.
- Minutes were approved.

**5. Executive Director's Report**

- Dr. Letteney attended a meeting of the CEOs of Higher Ed. Institutions in New Mexico had anticipated receiving a report from the Secretary of HED on the funding formula.

- The HED Secretary did not report on the funding formula but instead asked for input and talked about the process.
- The CEOs of the two-year institutions (independent, branches) also met.
- Bond B for Libraries and Bond C for Higher Education; both of which will benefit the VC will be on the ballot in November.
- November 14, 2012 will be a Luncheon meeting for old and new faculty and Student Services. The Complete College America (CCA) Report will be presented. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPED)s are not a good indicator for the VC; Scott Schermer will present numbers for the VC.
- Dr. Letteney also met with staff of the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC).
  - An increase in the contributions to the retirement system is expected for both employer and employee.
  - Hopefully legislature will cover employees' portion.
  - Overall, we hope to be funded at at least last year's numbers.
- The Executive Cabinet will meet on Monday.
- A \$53,000 payment to the UNM Foundation may be included in the 2.81% fee paid to UNM to govern us.
- November 28–29, 2012 is a Developmental Education Conference in Albuquerque
  - For Developmental education there is a national trend to limit one class per student.
  - Progress is being made on completion and transfer.

## **6. Dean of Instruction Report**

- Spring 2012 has 318 courses, which is down from last Spring.
- There will be lockdown training on January 10, 2013.
- Assessment with TK20 is moving forward.
  - Valencia is the first branch campus to try this
  - Bugs are being worked out.
- Please RSVP to Dr. Sax if you will be attending the Completion lunch.
- Dr. Sax will call for intercession classes soon.
  - 12–15 contact hours are required per credit
  - Classes would start in December and finish in January during intercession

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Khaled reported that the budget balance is still the same, broken down as follows:

Material & Services	\$155
In-State Travel	\$240
Copying	\$100

## 8. Shared Governance

- Jami Huntsinger shared an article on Shared Governance from the Chronicle of Higher Education
- She will email the article to VFAC
- Jami informed the group that the idea of shared governance is one of the most misunderstood things in Academia.
- Senate is made up of representatives from each constituent group.
- Assembly is made up of anyone who would like to participate
- It comes down to who is sharing what with whom?
- Jami shared that participation in shared governance is a responsibility that everyone should take seriously. This includes participating in VC Faculty Assembly committees.

## 9. Committee Reports (some reports were left out of the Newsletter; John will send out an addenda)

- Program Assessment (Claudia Barreto) – No Report
- Communications (Alexa Wheeler) – Alexa demonstrated the website that has been created to replace the previous website. It contains News/Announcements, links to committees, FEC, Campus-wide committees, Newsletters. The Faculty Professional Development Stipend Request form is now online here.
- Faculty Senate (Danizete Martinez) – Dani reported that the Faculty Senate met last Tuesday. The President presented solvency measures for ERB. She reported that Failing grades (F) are considered completing a class and are funded. Withdrawals (W) are not considered completion and are not funded. ABQ Health Partners are no longer contracted with Lovelace and employees with Lovelace have until 11/8/12 to find new Lovelace providers.
- Faculty Handbook (Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie)
  - Under the section titled “Other Instructional Divisions and Academic Services”, sections G. Library and H. Teaching and Learning Center will be added to the Handbook
    - Patricia Gillikin made a motion to add these sections/ Eva Rivera seconded
    - Motion passed
  - Under Section R. Faculty Development and Wellness Opportunities: FWEC, every reference to FWEC was removed and changed to Wellness Center
    - Rosa Auletta made a motion to accept these changes/LeAnn Weller seconded
    - Motion passed
  - Procedures
    - Not a living document; do we want it to be a living document?

- Policy from Main Campuses handbook to allow revision at any time.
  - Conflict Resolution (Rosa Auletta)
- The committee should not be handling grievances
- In section P. Faculty Academic Freedom Grievance Procedures, all references to grievances removed.
- New information on how conflict will be handled (matches wording from UNM Main)
- Process added
- Professional Development (Khaled Kassem)
  - This committee has met and has responded to everyone who has applied.
  - If the request met the Faculty Professional Development Committee guidelines of being related to the Individual's teaching area, it was funded.
  - There are still funds available (\$900–\$1,500)
  - Applications can still be filled out and turned in.
  - Questions:
    - Is there an appeal process? Appeals can be made to the FEC
    - Is a report required after the faculty attends the activity? Not sure, Khaled will find out and report back.
- Program Development (Heather Wood)
  - The committee met and discussed the FE/DI form and training for the FE/DI
  - 10-minute intro at Faculty Assembly meeting for teaching mentoring program
  - Tenure track demonstration of standards
  - Window for program development – completion luncheon
- Curriculum Committee (Najib Manea)
  - 3, A forms; 8 B forms; and 2 C forms were submitted for the Game Design Simulation Certificate and Degree
  - Forms need to be received at Main Campus by November 2, 2012
  - This program was interpreted as a Technical Program (not Academic)
  - Will only need to be approved by the Associate Provost for Curriculum

### **10. President's Report:**

- Elaine attended a Mentoring conference and got some good information regarding supervisory mentoring and peer mentoring.
- Elaine has been appointed to the Chair's Council Committee that is looking at restructuring the divisions
  - This committee has met
  - Any feedback or recommendations should be given to Elaine to take to the committee

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## **11. New Business**

- Committees –
  - Current service is two years
  - Will require some staggering to get membership out of sync
  - Does there need to be specific wording for the handbook on how to handle new appointments?
  - Should this be part of the committee chair's duties?

## **12. Announcements**

- Newsletter errors
- Friday there will be a technical writing workshop in the STEM Center.
- Michael Ceschiat – FE/DI committee met
  - Will send out proposed changes in three separate sections
  - Will be piloting.
  - Will present and call for a vote at next Faculty Assembly meeting in November.
  - Should be able to use new form for next round.

## **13. Adjourn: 3:06 pm**

*Respectfully submitted, Barbara Lovato*

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**Faculty Assembly Agenda**  
**Wednesday, November 28, 2012**  
**1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**LRC 101C**

1. Call to order (1)
2. Acceptance of agenda (1)
3. Approval of Minutes from October 2012 (1)
4. Executive Director Report (8)
5. Dean of Instruction Report (8)
6. Treasurer Report (1)
7. Committee Reports
  - a. Assessment—Claudia Barreto (5)
  - b. Faculty Senate—Danizete Martinez—(5)
  - c. Program Development—Heather Wood—(5)
  - d. Adjunct Faculty (3)
  - e. Handbook Committee—Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie (20)
8. Shared Governance (5)
9. President's Report (5)
10. New Business (5)
11. Announcements (5)
12. Adjournment

(77 total minutes)

# UNM Valencia Campus Wellness Center

2012 November Newsletter

*Submitted by Angelica Boyle*

## December 2012

12/3 – World AIDS Day  
Wear your red ribbon

12/4 – Healthy Holiday  
Eating Presentation  
12 noon–1pm

12/5 – Massages  
9am–5pm

12/7 – Special Friday  
Workout  
Stretch & Relax

12/10 – Reflexology  
9am–5pm

## Healthy Holiday Eating

*By Greta Macaire, R.D. Community Health Resource Center*

The holiday season is a time to celebrate with family and friends. Unfortunately, it also becomes a time for over-eating and weight gain for many individuals. According to the National Institutes of Health, holiday eating can result in an extra pound or two every year. Focus on a healthy balance of food, activity, and fun. By implementing a few simple tips you can stay healthy through the holiday season.

1. **Be realistic.** Don't try to lose pounds during the holidays, instead try to maintain your current weight.
2. **Plan time for exercise.** Exercise helps relieve holiday stress and prevent weight gain. A moderate and daily increase in exercise can help partially offset increased holiday eating. Try 10- or 15-minute brisk walks twice a day.
3. **Don't skip meals.** Before leaving for a party, eat a light snack like raw vegetables or a piece of fruit to curb your appetite. You will be less tempted to over-indulge.
4. **Eat until are satisfied, not stuffed.** Savor your favorite holiday treats while eating small portions. Sit down, get comfortable, and enjoy.
- 5.
6. **If you overeat at one meal go light on the next.** It takes 500 calories per day (or 3,500 calories per week) above your normal / maintenance consumption to gain one pound. It is impossible to gain weight from one piece of pie!

## Managing Holiday Stress

*Mayo Clinic*

1. **Be realistic.** The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones.
2. **Stick to a budget.** Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend-- then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts. Try these alternatives: Donate to a charity in someone's name, give homemade gifts or start a family gift exchange.
3. **Plan ahead.** Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for party prep and cleanup.
4. **Don't abandon healthy habits.** Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt. Have a healthy snack before holiday parties so that you don't go overboard on sweets, cheese, or drinks. Continue to get plenty of sleep and physical activity.
5. **Take a breather.** Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Take a walk, listen to soothing music. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm.