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Martin Heinrich visits UNMVC



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Lorraine Garcia delivers a powerful presentation for "Valencia Speaks"

Mole Day Success



"Satisfy your sense of surprise"—come on look inside.

President's Report

Heather Wood

The semester is coming to a close in three weeks, with Thanksgiving break upon us. Faculty, staff, and students will gather together with friends and family to celebrate the warmth and generosity of the season. A short break from classes will be a welcome reprieve before final exams start on December 6. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

IDEA Packets have been placed in faculty mailboxes. Be sure to administer these to your students, and for online courses or courses in computer labs, be sure to advertise the IDEA web link to your students. Many committees have completed their work for the semester, with the Teaching and Learning Assessment Committee reaching 100% compliance this term. In addition, the Program Development Committee administered a successful Teaching Tips session and the *Reading New Mexico Cultural Series* drew a great crowd this year. For faculty up for tenure or mid-tenure review, it has been an extra busy time completing dossier requirements for consideration by the January 9 deadline.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Faculty Assembly meeting, Wednesday November 19, from 1:30-3:00 PM in LRC 101C. Best of luck completing your semester course requirements. As the cooler weather descends upon the area, may you stay healthy and happy throughout the holiday season.

Dr. Heather Wood

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Executive Director's Report

Alice Letteney

To My Colleagues:

The semester has flown by in a flash. I want to thank Corrine G. Sedillo for her many years of dedicated service to our college, and especially, her role as the Chair of the Belen School Board, many years ago, in the founding of UNM-Valencia. Corrine resigned from our Board on November 4 to move to Rio Rancho. We will miss her.

Many thanks to everyone who worked to pass Bond B for libraries and Bond C for higher education capital projects. We will receive a million dollars to begin phase one of our campus cooling equipment upgrade.

We were pleased to speak with Senator Martin Heinrich when he visited our campus on November 5th regarding upcoming legislation to restore year round Pell Grants, the Ability to Benefit provision restoring financial aid for students who have not yet earned a GED or High School Diploma, and Title V funding. Advisory Board Secretary Belinda Martinez represented our Board and several students spoke to the Senator about areas of concern.

The Valencia County Hispano Chamber honored our college on November 12th, choosing us as their Business of the Month. As you may know, our Human Resources Representative, Shireen McDonald, is serving as President of the Chamber this year. We were also pleased to have Dr. Richard Melzer presenting a program on one of his latest books, Sanatoriums of New Mexico.

Last Thursday 17 students were inducted into our Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Thanks to Tracy Owen for her dedication in leading this group of talented students. Over 60 students, staff, and family members attended the event.

We look forward to our Staff Association Breakfast on the morning of November 19, when college administrators will serve burritos to faculty, staff, and students. On the evening of December 10 we will present our annual winter concert with our own UNM Valencia Chorus and the New Mexichords.

Our Development Board will be hosting the biggest fundraiser of the year, our February Gala on February 21st which will feature a Mardi Gras theme. We will keep you posted as this event draws near.



Dean of Instruction Update

Laura Musselwhite

Since the weather has changed, I have very much enjoyed watching fall unfold here in New Mexico. As I write this, the weather has taken a colder turn, and we approach Thanksgiving and then winter break.

There are some exciting things on the horizon for the academic side of the house. The Curriculum Committee, under the leadership of Tom Whittaker, has sent forward to main campus four proposals for new programs: Medical Assistant certificate, Film Technology certificate, 3-D Printing certificate, and Health Information Technology associate of science degree. We will now wait for the confirmation process to be completed, with the hope of beginning these programs next fall.

We are making progress on various academic processes, such as program assessment, FEDI wrap-up for 2013-2014, Faculty Handbook revision, and promotion and tenure for several of our colleagues.

The leadership that you bring to these efforts through our committee structure is key to success. Thanks also to division, department, and program heads for solid and consistent leadership and vision.

My mission to visit with all the full-time faculty is almost complete. I have also met some wonderful adjunct faculty. The next step for me is to get out there and see some excellent teaching in action. No, I am not going to mandate that everyone invite me to class; however, I would love to see more of what goes on in our classrooms. I have only seen one person conducting a lesson so far, but I was very impressed on that occasion, and I am certain that I could learn a tremendous amount by visiting other classrooms. So, if you are ever so inclined, I would love to sit in. And, if anyone ever needs a history sub, feel free to call on me!

So, with the winding down of the semester, I wish everyone a restful and happy break. Thank you for all of the hard work you put forth both in the classroom and in your service work for the college. I appreciate the warm welcome that I have received this semester. I have gained much information and insight into the life of Valencia Campus, and I look forward to beginning a second semester in January.

Laura.



Valencia Campus Library News

November 2014

Submitted by Barbara Lovato

Winter Break Library Hours

December 15-23	8:00am - 5:00pm
December 24-January 2	Closed
January 5- 18	8:00am to 5:00pm
January 19	Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)



General Obligation (GO) Bond B passed by voters!

General Obligation Bond B was passed by voters; 62.95% YES statewide and 61.73% YES in Valencia County. GO Bond B will provide \$3.5 M to academic libraries statewide. Thirty percent of this will go towards a joint initiative and of the remaining \$2,450,000.00; the projected allocation for the UNM-Valencia Campus Library will be \$25,547.00 to spend over the next three years. Thanks so much for your support!

Barbara Lovato attends LITA (Library and Information Technology) Forum

Thanks to funding from the Faculty Professional Development Committee, Barbara Lovato attended a national conference focused on exploring and enabling new technologies to empower libraries. Some sessions of particular interest to the library included:

- Implementing a library reading list tool in a learning management system.
- Using Islandora for digital content delivery
- Targeted web analytics for decision making and problem solving
- Share and share alike: applying Social Media Optimization (SMO) to enhance web content and connect with users.

New book-friendly scanner

The library purchased a new book scanner for student, faculty, staff and community use. The Plustek OpticBook 4800 has a special book-edge design that is more kind to book spines and scanning can be done quickly in color, grayscale and black and white. Many students use the scanner for reference and reserve materials that cannot leave the library. Community user also use the scanner quite frequently for personal projects.



News from the Wellness Center

Dustin Shafer

With the fall semester coming to a close and the holiday season ahead, the Wellness Center has been as busy as ever. At the beginning of November, we were able to revise the existing Health Education degree plan. This was essential to help support the threefold growth the major has experienced over the past year.



We cannot take sole credit for the recent success of the Health Education major. We could not have done it without the help of Student Services, CHESS, and Transitional Studies. Results such as these highlight the strong positive peer culture on campus as well as the benefits of reaching across departmental lines in order to best serve the community.

During the past month, we have volunteered at three different 1K, 5k and 10K events, Vive tu Vida's Health-O-Ween, Sundance Elementary's Science Fair, and PTK's canned food drive.



Looking ahead toward the Thanksgiving holiday, we want to encourage everyone to remain active and healthy during their celebrations. To that end, please enjoy our 5 tips to avoid Thanksgiving weight gain:

Drink two glasses of water 30 minutes before meal-time

Think of your stomach as a balloon. As you eat your stomach stretches. Once it expands to capacity the sensors throughout your digestive system tell your brain that it's time to stop eating. To stretch your stomach without stuffing it with calories try using water to trick your body into feeling satiated.

Get moving before and immediately after your meal for 30 minutes

Light exercise, like a walk, can induce a substantial increase in lipid oxidation both during and after exercise at the expense of adipose stores. With a potentially high caloric/high lipid meal like Thanksgiving dinner this tool gives you a chance to prevent storing the meal as adipose tissue.

Slow down!!

Slowing down your eating may facilitate control of food intake by restoring normal relationship between food consumption and satiety

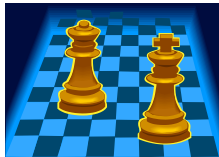
Cut your portions in 1/3

According to the Calorie Control Council, the average American can stuff down as much as 4,500 calories- nearly twice the recommended daily allowance. What does that mean to you? Well knowing that there is ~ 3600kcal/ 1lb of body weight it might not mean much in the short-term, but when we extrapolate that math 20-30 years down the road we end up with some significant weight gain (16-20lbs).

Listen to your body

By listening to our bodies we are able to pick up on internal cues such as hunger and fullness, rather than external cues such as calories, fat grams and social, to guide eating behavior.

CHES Pieces



English Program News in CHES By Danizete Martinez, Program Coordinator of English

In October, Richard Melzer, Heather Wood, and Greg Candela delivered engaging and entertaining presentations about the state at the Reading New Mexico speakers' series. We had a full house with 105 students!

And to round out the final unit in our English composition classes where students are assigned to write about N.M., the Reading New Mexico field trip to Santa Fe was a success with 45+ students attending!

Danizete Martínez, Jami Huntsinger, Heather Wood, and Jennifer Gutierrez led the group after a train ride to the state capitol building, and then to the New Mexico History Museum and the Palace of the Governors.

Last week, Danizete also attended the Writing the Range conference at the University of Denver where she attended a forum on pedagogy and research, and participated in a roundtable on the topic of writing and place. She was also invited to do a book review on *Colonial Itineraries of Contemporary Mexico* for the *Hispania* journal.



In photo (left to right): Jami Huntsinger, Richard Melzer, Greg Candela, Heather Wood



From the Social Sciences Suite of CHES

Dear colleagues,

This month, the Social Sciences Suite of CHES would like to feature Professor Candice Fuentes of psychology and Dr. Michael Lawson of anthropology. As I read their stories, I learned of their other passion besides teaching—putting smiles on people's faces or enlightening others on history.

Wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Season!

Julia

Our Sages of the Month—Candice Fuentes & Dr. Michael Lawson

Candice Fuentes - Psychology

For me 2014 has been a year full of change. I now have two adult children who've both moved away from home this past summer. My oldest, Adam, is a recent college graduate. He struggled in this economy to find work for several months after graduating, but thankfully has recently started his new life and career in Portland, Oregon and is loving it. My youngest, Tristan, is a recent high school graduate. This fall he moved away from home to attend college out of state at Boise State University and is thriving there. Of course, this has all been a pretty traumatic series of events for this mom. But I'm proud of both of my kids and am loving watching them find happiness and success and explore new things. So... after all of that, I sold my house and finally moved in full time with my husband (we'd been commuting for 4 years until my youngest was able to graduate from high school with his life long friends). That was a long 4 years! I'm now an official empty nester. And living the newly wed life (so to speak). Life is quite different for me than it was just a few short months ago, but also very, very good.

I've got lots of extra time on my hands now that the kiddos have moved away. So I've also begun the process of volunteering for our local Make a Wish chapter as a Wish Coordinator. I'm excited to start this work and can't imagine anything more fulfilling than being involved in putting a smile on people's faces in the midst of suffering that is unimaginable to most of us.

Dr. Michael Lawson - Anthropology

Michael Lawson received a MA in anthropology from UNM and the Ph.D. from ASU (Indian history) where he studied with Peter Iverson, author of *Diné: A History of the Navajos*. Mike has lived and worked in Grand Canyon, Death Valley, and Petrified Forest National Parks, the Pueblo of Zuni and Taos and has taught and led field trips in history and American Indian cultures throughout the American Southwest for over two decades. When not teaching or grading papers, Mike leads day and overnight trips to Hopi, Zuni, Acoma and Apache lands for students from UNM Continuing Education, where UNM-Valencia staff and faculty are also eligible for tuition remission. On November 17th, Mike is giving a presentation on Kit Carson and the Navajo Long Walk to the Arizona Archaeological Society Chapter in Springerville, AZ.

Learning Outside the Classroom

Submitted by Julia So

On October 10th, Tracy Terry and Julia So led a group of 15 students from MES and CHESS to tour the Albuquerque Headquarter of the FBI. The group spent about three and a half hours touring the Gun Vault, Evidence Room and the Garage where they had a hands-on experience looking for clues or evidence inside a car such as hair, fiber, paper, or bones. Below are some of the comments from students' essays after the tour:



In photo: taken in the front lobby of the FBI building.

- "The trip was very beneficial to me."
- "It was an experience that I will forever cherish."
- "I learned that some cases could have 1,000 plus pieces of evidence."
- "The tour was very educational...I need to learn to speak professionally."
- "My favorite part of the tour was finding evidence in the car."
- "The tour to the FBI Headquarter was ten times more than I expected it to be."
- "This tour sparked an interest in me that I never had before."

On October 23, Julia So chaperoned nine students and their friends and families to visit the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Students browsed the exhibit "Papel! Picos, Ricos, y Chicos" at the museum, visited the Research Library, and learned of its Genealogy Center. After strolling through the largest performance hall of the center and its smallest theater, they explored the back stage of the performance hall and its dressing room where they saw more than thirty pieces of wigs. Besides being awed by the famous 360° Torreón Fresco by the world-renown Frederico Vigil, students feasted on Roasted Pork Loin with mole sauce. To top the evening, they were given free tickets to watch "Box Car"—a play that is based on the 1987 event in which 18 men crossed the border from Mexico and died of heat exhaustion in a box car in Texas. Here are some of the comments from their essays after the tour.



In photo: taken inside the Research Library.

- "I learned so much history while on this tour."
- "I was awed by the masterpiece located in El Torreon."
- "As a person that does not get out much, I plan to take my family at least twice a year to visit the area and take in a show or two."
- "Another great experience from the tour was getting to see the back storage room where they keep all the art exhibits."
- "Thank you for expanding my education of my own Hispanic culture."

MARY LYNN AKEY EXHIBITION



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Business, Technology and Fine Arts Division

by Michael Ceschiat, BT&FA Division Chair

The BT&FA Division is continually making progress. Many faculty and staff worked hard to submit all necessary curriculum forms for 3D Printing, Film Tech and Health IT programs on time. All the paperwork is at main campus now and we are just beginning to hear feedback on details to take care for continuation of the approval process. Assessment is complete.

Information Technology

John Abrams has been busy working with the SUN Path consortium. He is guiding the new direction of our IT area which includes being part of an industry driven IT common core curriculum shared by multiple institutions. As an additional facet to meet industry needs, our campus is in the process of becoming a Cisco Networking Academy. This will allow UNM Valencia to be a testing center for industry certifications, adding to our program and community.

Fine Arts Gallery (seen below)

Be sure to see the current gallery exhibition by Mary Lynn Akey. Mary Lynn is an 82 year old local artist and active member of the Belen Art League.

She has always been interested in art, even as a child. Mary Lynn has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Masters of Art and Art Education from Arizona State University. She worked in Graphics at Kirtland Air Force Base; taught elementary school art and conducted drawing classes for veterans at Albuquerque VA Hospital.



Nature and spirituality are her sources of inspiration. She enjoys a different approach to her art and works in various media. Mary Lynn has been in juried shows in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. She has shown her work at Three Pomegranates Ltd, St. John's Cathedral, Peterson Gallery, New Mexico Art League and the Belen Art League.

Mary Lynn Akey Exhibition
November 11 - December 9th
Artist Reception November 18, 5 to 7pm



More

I have a couple pieces in the 2014 Miniatures & More exhibition at the Albuquerque Museum that's up till December 7th.

<http://albuquerquemuseum.org/support/miniatures-more>

Below: Miniature & More by Michael Ceschiati



Mathematics, Engineering and Science Division

By Julie DePree and Miriam Chávez

We would like to congratulate two of our fellow faculty:

At the National meeting for the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), Dr. Claudia Barreto received the College Community Mentor Award. The meeting was held in October in Los Angeles, California.

Congratulations to our new Dr. Eva Rivera LeBron who successfully defended her dissertation on November 10; the title of her dissertation is "Engagement in Intermediate Algebra: A study of Computer-based Instruction." She will be granted her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (Learning Technologies and Mathematics) from New Mexico State University in December.

Kudos to Claudia and Eva. We are all very proud!



In photo left to right: Maggie Werner-Washburne, Claudia Barreto, Miriam Chávez, Antonia Franco

The UNM-VC Faculty Professional Development Committee Corner

The UNM-VC Faculty Professional Development Committee wishes to thank:

Richard Melzer

Patricia Gillikin

Sarah Garde

For presenting at our first Ten Minute Teaching Tips (TTT) Colloquium on October 22, 2014.

The presentations were excellent and the participants truly enjoyed it.

Thank you!

The UNM-VC Faculty Professional Development Committee would like to invite you to the **Ten Minute Teaching Tips (TTT) Colloquium**, a monthly gathering of faculty to share ideas and teaching tips with others in a relaxed environment. Each month, we will welcome faculty and staff to gather at the LRC-101 C to enjoy quick, enlightening presentations by other UNM-VC colleagues. Snacks will follow after each TTT!!

Every TTT session will consist of 3 presenters, who will each need to prepare a presentation about her or his teaching interest, lasting **no more than ten minutes, and be ready to answer questions afterward (5 to 10 minutes Q&A session after her or his presentation).**

The dates for the TTT are: **January 28, February 25, March 18, April 29 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.**

Please volunteer to present, and let us know your availability on these dates. Send your name, title, department, and the title of your talk (with a sentence or two of detail) to all of the following:

Julie DePree – jdepree@unm.edu

Sarah Garde – sgarde@unm.edu

Richard Melzer – rmelzer@unm.edu

Eva Rivera – eriveral@unm.edu

We're looking forward to the fun, the sharing of information, and, of course, conversations that will follow from these presentations.

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January's TTT will be featuring:

Julia So

Melanie Sanchez

Khaled Kassem

There will be great company, sharing and enjoyment of presentations, follow up snacks (and FEDI points)!

Please plan to present and attend!!

New Mexico Film Festival at UNM Valencia Campus



The Fourth Annual New Mexico Film Festival at UNM VC will take place all day on Wed Feb 4, 2015 in our SCC. Admission is free and all faculty, students and community members are encouraged to attend. A full list of films to be screened will be announced in January. Highlights of the festival will include A Place to Stand, the biographical documentary about New Mexico author and educator Jimmy Santiago Baca and other films which celebrate the culture and vitality of New Mexico. For more information, please contact NM Film Festival curator Bill Nevins wnevins@unm.edu.

KUDOS TO STUDENTS OF THE MONTH For OCTOBER and NOVEMBER

Written by Sarah Garde

The Student of the Month (SOM) Committee reviewed faculty nominations for students deserving recognition for extraordinary effort and accomplishments. The SOM Committee was quite impressed with both the quality and the timeliness of the nominations received. We commend the collaboration of faculty for their team nominations of both the October- and November- selected student.

Jill Schaff, who was chosen as October's Student of the Month, was nominated by the Sociology instructor team of **Dr. Julia So** and **Professor Deidre Williams**. Jill is being recognized for her commitment to learning and excellent academic performance in both classes despite extreme health challenges. Ms. Schaff serves as an inspiration to both her instructors and her peers as she utilizes classroom capture services, completes assignments and communicates regularly with instructors to successfully navigate through their courses.

As stated by Dr. So, "Whatever Jill has done in this class with respect to fulfilling her responsibility as a student is what instructors expect from their students. The difference is that Jill does it with such a positive attitude and unwavering effort, despite her health challenges." Professor Williams gave Jill "kudos" for her dedication amidst her challenges as she successfully completed the 8-week course of Soc 205 *Crime, Policy & Justice System*.

The SOM Committee presents Jill Schaff with her recognition certificate on Tuesday, November 18 at noon at the beginning of her SOC 216 *Dynamics of Prejudice* class with Dr. So.

Cynthia M. Marrufo has been selected as the November Student of the Month and was nominated by the Biology instructor team of **Drs. Miriam Chávez and Claudia Barreto**. Cynthia has been characterized as one of the most conscientious students this team has ever observed. They state, "It is evident that she spends a significant amount of quality time studying. Therefore, she excels in her coursework. In addition, she demonstrates a sincere enthusiasm for learning and independent thinking. Her enthusiasm is infectious and sets an upbeat tone for the entire class." In addition to her studying, Cynthia actively participates in group work, class discussions and is always willing to help her peers.

This nominating team comments that Cynthia Marrufo has the attributes necessary to become a highly effective Registered Nurse, some of which include: (1) the ability to integrate diverse knowledge and skills, (2) dependability, (3) outstanding communication skills, and (4) a commitment to her community. The nominators also share, "English is her second language and yet her communication skills surpass those of most students....she is destined to become a leader in her field who will provide appropriate and compassionate care to her patients."

The SOM Committee will present Cynthia Marrufo with her recognition certificate on Monday, November 24 at 9 am at the beginning of her BIOL 239 *Microbiology Health Science & Non-Majors* class.

In addition to a recognition certificate, Students of the Month also receive a \$25 shopping spree voucher to the UNM-VC Bookstore. Additional publicity will appear in the Student and Staff List serves, as well as the Valencia County News Bulletin.

Committee members encourage faculty members to nominate current students who have accomplishments that may include but are not limited to: academic achievement, service to fellow students in the classroom or on campus, significant improvement, dedication and persistence in the face of obstacles, and attitude toward learning. Please describe the nominee's accomplishments in detail.

If you nominated someone, and that student was not selected this month, the Committee encourages you to resubmit your nomination. **We would like to have one more Student of the Month this fall, so please submit DECEMBER nominations by 5 p.m. on November 24.** Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully nominate students who should be recognized for their extraordinary effort and accomplishments!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

The accomplishments may include but are not limited to:

Academic achievements, service to fellow students in the classroom or on campus, significant improvement, dedication and persistence in the face of obstacles, and attitude to learning.

All faculty may nominate both college and ABE students WHO ARE IN THEIR CLASSES DURING THE CURRENT SEMESTER.

Please, return nominations to Frances Duran (Chair) by e-mail: fduran@unm.edu or submit to the Registrar's Office, attn.: Frances, by 5 p.m. November 24th. The nomination form is included below. You can also contact other committee members:

Sarah Garde sgarde@unm.edu; Joshua Owen jowen2@unm.edu; Donna Ketcheson donnak@unm.edu.
THANK YOU!

***** To nominate a student, provide the following information: *****

THE STUDENT S NAME (please print clearly):

THE NOMINATING FACULTY NAME(S) AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

CLASS TIME AND ROOM WHERE THE NOMINATING INSTRUCTOR TEACHES THE STUDENT (usually we award the recognition certificate in classroom, in the presence of the nominating instructor)

Time/days: _____ Building/Room: _____

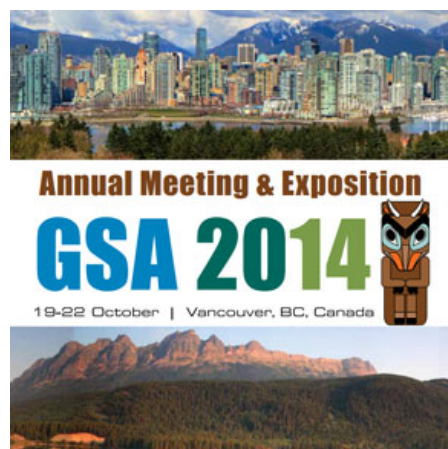
BELOW DESCRIBE THE STUDENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS (the more details, the better decision can be made, thank you! (Please provide attachment if more room is needed.)



By Thomas Whittaker

October 18th-22nd I had the opportunity to attend the Geological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, which this year was held in Vancouver, Canada. With over 7000 attendees from all over the globe this ranks as one the two premier geoscience conferences in North America (the other being held by the American Geophysical Union). The GSA has always had a strong emphasis on geoscience education and sessions on this topic occurred morning and afternoon on each day of the conference.

I attended sessions on *Place-Based Approaches to Geoscience Education*, *Transdisciplinary Thinking in Geoscience Education at Two-Year and Four-Year Colleges*, *A Grand Tour of the World's Most Important Geological Sites on Google Earth*, *Supporting Student Success in Colleges and Universities*, *Spatial Thinking in Geoscience Teaching, Learning and Professional Practice*, *Preparing our Workforce (POW): Increasing Students' Employability by Developing Practical Skills and Competencies*, *Transformative Innovations in Undergraduate Geoscience Education* and *Improving Learning Outcomes by Transforming the Geoscience Classroom*.



At the meeting I was also formally recognized as the new newsletter editor for the National Association of Geoscience Teachers 2-Year College Division (NAGT- Geo2yc), a job which also entitles me to a position on the Geo2yc Board which awards funding to adjunct faculty to support their work, and which aims to work on issues relating to geoscience teaching and learning and 2-year colleges. The opportunity to be there in person helped me meet and get to know a lot of wonderful folks who are in a similar position to me – the lone geoscience instructor on a 2-year campus, or so-called “lone wolf”.

I am grateful to our STEM grant administrators for making it possible for me to go and enjoy such a fantastic conference, and to be able to bring so much material back to our campus. Thank you.

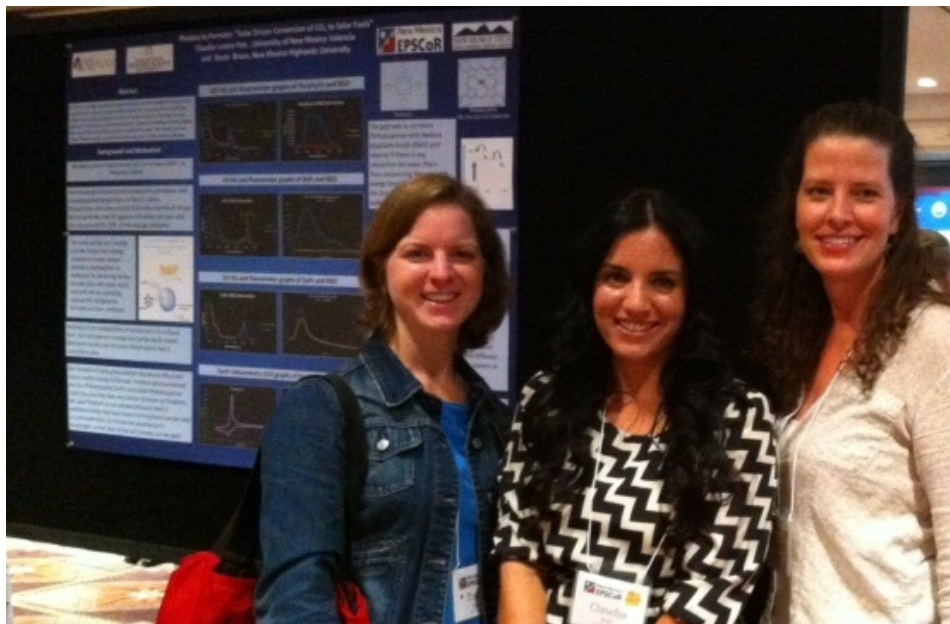
By Julia So

To continue her training in mediation and conflict resolution, Julia So attended a presentation by Beth Roy, professor of Peace and Conflict Studies Program at the University of California at Berkeley. Roy spoke on her mediation experience in the Bernal Heights area of San Francisco resolving a highly charged conflict among 14 communities regarding a local library in the early 2010s.

By Brenda Broers

On November 1, 2014, Tracy Terry and I attended the New Mexico Academy of Science Research Symposium at the Hyatt Regency in downtown ABQ. The keynote speaker, Abe Ellis from Sandia, presented "Renewable Energy Potential and Technical Challenges" during a wonderful lunch. Afterwards, Tracy attended the breakout sessions-Engineering and Energy and Solar Chemistry, while I attended Solar Energy Development and Water and Energy.

During the student poster session, Tracy acted as a judge while I enjoyed discussing students research with them. We are tremendously proud of the poster presentation by Claudia Petr, a UNM-VC student, of her summer research titled "Photon to Formate: Solar Driven Conversion of Carbon Dioxide to Solar Fuels."



In photo left to right: Tracy Terry, Claudia Petr, Brenda Broers

Faculty Assembly Agenda
Wednesday, November 19th 2014

- 1.** Call to order (1)
- 2.** Acceptance of agenda (1)
- 3.** Approval of minutes from October 2014 (1)
- 4.** Executive Director Report (10)
- 5.** Dean of Instruction Report (10)
- 6.** Treasurer Report (1)
- 7.** Committee Reports
 - a. Teaching & Learning Assessment—Claudia Barreto (5)
 - b. Handbook & Communications—Elaine Clark (30)
 - c. Program Development—Richard Melzer/Eva Rivera (5)
 - d. Conflict Resolution—Helen Walton (5)
 - e. Curriculum—Tom Whittaker (5)
 - f. Faculty Professional Development Committee— Danizete Martinez (2)
 - g. Cultural Enrichment— Michael Ceschiati (5)
 - h. Faculty Senate Representative — Helen Walton (5)
 - i. Student of the Month— Sarah Garde (5)
 - j. Adjunct Faculty Committee— Deirdre Williams (5)
- 8.** President's Report (3)
- 9.** Announcements/New Business (5)
- 10.** Adjournment

(Total Minutes= 104)

Faculty Assembly Meeting

October 15, 2014

1:30-2:35 LRC 101C

In attendance:

Rosa Auletta	Laura Musselwhite	Barbara Lovato	Helen Walton
Claudia Barreto	Patricia Gillikin	John Abrams	Heather Wood
Michael Brown	Annette Hatch	Danizete Martinez	Melanie Sanchez-
Michael Ceschiat	Alfonso Heraras	Eva Rivera	Dinwiddie
Miriam Chavez	Alice Letteney	Dianna Johnston	Cindy Chavez
Elaine Clark	Alexa Wheeler	Bob Culver	Ryan Baltunis
Julie Depree	Donna Ketcheson	Julia So	
Mary Moser-Gautreaux	Alice Lawson	Tracy Terry	

1. Call to Order

- Heather Wood called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

2. Acceptance of agenda

- A motion was offered to accept the agenda by Rosa Auletta, the motion was seconded by Elaine Clark.
- The agenda was accepted.

3. Approval of minutes

- A motion was offered to accept the minutes from April 2014 by Miriam Chavez, the motion was seconded by Tracy Terry.
- The minutes were accepted.

4. Executive Director's Report (Alice Letteney)

- Life is good!
- The General Obligation Bond, Bond C, and the Library Bond, Bond B, are part of this November's election. In fact, early voting begins on October 18. Bond C and Bond B often fail in Valencia County, so PLEASE get out and vote.
- The funding formula has not been approved yet, but there are meetings taking place over the next several weeks.
- Lovato – What is the time frame for the west side campus?
- Letteney – Main campus has had our plans for a while, but there are still votes that need to take place get through the red tape. The time table is uncertain.
- We were delighted to hear last month that UNM-Valencia is one of eleven colleges in a consortium led by Santa Fe Community College to receive a Trade Adjustment Act Grant from the US Department of Labor. Our part of the grant, \$788,029 over a four year period, will fund a new Health IT Program, help fund our I-Best Program which trains GED students in allied health programs, and improve our on-line programs. Rita Logan, Tina Newby, Najib Manea, and Cindy Shue were key players in collaborating on this grant.

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5. Dean of Instruction's Report (Laura Musselwhite)

- Hank Vigil – We are creating focus groups with the students on the following topics: Wellness Center, Learning Center, Guest Speakers, Tours of Other Campuses, Serving Evening Students. We need you to nominate students to be a part of the focus groups (one good student, one mediocre student, one struggling student). There will be surveys on each topic that will be hand written, less than 20 questions, that take place during your class. Please allow us to give the surveys during your class time. They should not take too long.
- Hank – We will have evening advising available when registration opens through the end of the semester.
- Dean - We will wrap up FEDI forms soon. Be aware of the relevant deadlines.
- The Curriculum Committee is working hard and a lot of changes are in the pipeline.
- The scholarship banquet last week was very nice. In the future, we will try to get the invitations out sooner. I encourage faculty to attend.
- The search for a Psychology instructor is underway.
- There is a Dean's Retreat in Albuquerque this Friday. I will pass on any interesting information from that retreat.

6. Treasurer's Report (given by Tracy Terry on behalf of Tom Whittaker)

The only expenditures this month have come from the In-State travel line item. That item has \$32.80 remaining. The total still available in the Faculty Assembly budget is \$432.13. Petty cash=\$2.81. Please donate-we need more cash! (The basket was passed and approximately \$15 was collected.) If anyone wants to bring snacks to the next meeting, let us know!

7. Committee Reports:

▪ **Teaching and Learning Assessment (Claudia Barreto)**

All degree and certificate programs must go through assessment this fall. Please sign up for a mentoring session. The begin October 31st.

▪ **Handbook and Communications (Elaine Clark)**

Alexa Wheeler – The entire faculty website has been taken down by Main Campus because it was still under Black's name even though we had submitted paperwork to change it to my name. The faculty website should be back up in a week with plenty of space for all the documents.

Elaine – On p. 34 we are adding rules we have edited from the Instructional Council Policies Manual (ICPM) on Online, Hybrid, and Web-Enhanced Course Teaching Policies.

Miriam – It should verbatim from the ICPM.

Rosa Auletta – It was 10 pages long in the ICPM and we just made it more concise.

Miriam Chavez – We cannot change ICPM here, but we can approve what is here. I suggest we approve it as is, but the IC (Instructional Council) should look over the ICPM to make any changes.

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Heather Wood – Is there a motion to approve putting the new language into the Handbook? Rosa Auletta. Second? Melanie Sanchez Dinwiddie. Discussion?

Julia So – Thank you for working so hard on this.

Elaine – I thank everyone else who helped.

Michael Brown – Please respond to the email requests to make video testimonials for teaching online courses.

Rosa – We should look over who is evaluating online courses. Someone who is good with online courses can evaluate the use of online techniques while someone subject specific should evaluate the content covered.

[More discussion on changing the ICPM first, then adding ICPM language directly to the Faculty Handbook without further editing]

Heather – All those in favor say ‘Aye’. (none) All those opposed say ‘Nay’. (NAY!)
The motion does not pass to accept the new language.

- **Program Development (Richard Melzer/Eva Rivera)**

Eva – Ten Minute Teaching Talks begin next Wednesday in this room with Melzer, Gillikan, and Gardea. Please donate your time for future meetings.

- **Conflict Resolution (Patricia Gillikan)**

Reframing is about changing the verbal presentation of an idea, concern, proposal, or question so that the essential interest is expressed but emotional language is removed. Convert polarizing language into neutral terms. Refocus on the positive whenever possible and refocus onto affecting the future for a better outcome.

Applied to teaching – help students think about what went wrong and help them learn from a situation and apply what they learned to their future assignments/ tests/courses.

- **Faculty and Professional Development (Danizete Martinez)**

Our balance is \$1054. That includes everyone who has submitted a form to me to date.

- **Cultural Enrichment (Michael Ceschiati)**

We have a reception on the 23rd 5:30 – 7:30 pm and Reading New Mexico is at 1:30 that day.

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▪ **Faculty Senate (Helen Walton)**

The UNM Faculty Senate want to get opinions through a survey on how the insurance change from last year has impacted your life. I will talk to Michael about sending out the survey online. There was no discussion about adjunct insurance, but there was discussion about a retroactive changes to retirees insurance.

▪ **Computer Use Committee (Barbara Lovato)**

I met with John Abrams, Michael Ceschiati and Richard Sylvester. We need to decide where we get our charge.

Miriam – It is Andy.

Barbara – We will go through business and report on what we are doing in the future. We just need to find out what our charge is. Our recommended charge is: ??????

▪ **Curriculum Committee (Tracy Terry on behalf of Tom Whittaker)** Report submitted by the Curriculum Committee chair to Faculty Assembly

The Curriculum Committee met on September 23rd, September 30th and October 14th to discuss a wide variety of course and program amendments as well as course and program creation. The committee also reviewed the Health Education Associates program and the General Studies Associates program.

The following is a summary of specific courses and programs that were brought before the UNM-Valencia curriculum committee in the event that anyone is interested:

- In Progress: Secondary Education certificate – form C to delete program
- In Progress: Elementary Education certificate – form C to rename it (Education certificate) and realign with succeeding degree programs
- In Progress: Elementary Education associates – form C to realign with Main Campus
- In Progress: Health Education associates – form C in progress to revamp and align with Main Campus BS degree
- Approved: new course (Form B) - CAD 170 Introduction to 3D Printing
- Approved: new course (Form B) - CAD 190 Modeling for 3D Printing
- Approved: new course (Form B) – CAD 294 3D Printing Project
- Approved: new program (Form C) – 3D Printer certificate
- Approved: changes to program (Form C) – Early Childhood Multicultural Education (ECME) Associates of Arts was realigned with Main Campus to improve transferability of credits

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- Program Reviewed: Health Education Associates
 - Recommendations: supported Dustin Shafer's ideas to improve the program and increase student enrollment and graduation. Dustin encouraged to submit a Form C with these changes through Curriculum Workflow
- Program Reviewed: General Studies
 - Recommendations: supported Jami Huntsinger's ideas to improve the program by better aligning core content with Main Campus programs and reducing the number of unguided electives in favor of encouraging students to have a focus. Jami will create a Form C to begin the process of implementing these changes.

The Main Campus Curricula Committee met on Friday October 3rd. Thomas Whittaker attended the meeting on behalf of the UNM-Valencia Campus. Form Bs and Cs relating to graduate courses were presented and discussed. It was also brought up that the path all forms take through the Curriculum Workflow system will be changing slightly in the near future and that new flowcharts depicting these changes will be made available on the Registrar's Office webpages.

8. President's Report (Heather Wood)

- Reminder: Have your peer and advisor evaluations completed soon if you are coming up for evaluation in January.
- Thanks for the brownies Alice and thanks for the donations to the snack fund, thanks to the Curriculum Committee for their hard work.

9. New Business/Announcements

- Our 3rd annual Mole Day celebration will be held on Thursday, October 23rd from 11:30-1:30. We will have lots of games and prizes. As part of Mole Day, we are having a 'Chemistry on Campus Photo Competition'. Digital photos need to be submitted to me via email by Oct 17th. The top photos will appear on the campus Facebook page and prizes will be given during Mole Day.

Adjournment 2:35pm
Respectfully submitted, Tracy Terry