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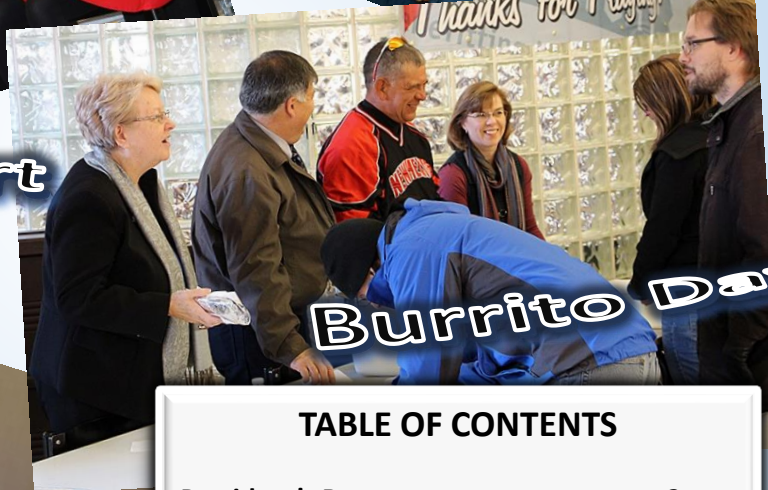
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Winter Concert



MLK Event



Burrito Day



Kiss the pig

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President's Report

Heather Wood

Spring is in the air as professors and students move through Week 6 learning requirements at the Valencia Campus. Courses are well underway with midterms looming in a few weeks.

The Spring Gala honoring Julie Depree is coming up, as well, and the community is excited to celebrate Professor Depree's extensive service to the campus.

Faculty committees in Assessment and Curriculum have been working hard to fulfill their charge with yearly program reviews. The Program Development committee has offered one Teaching Tips seminar this semester and is planning on another in February dedicated to Personal Web Page design.

Many faculty members will be attending the upcoming New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference at the Hotel Albuquerque at the end of the month. NMHEAR provides higher education professionals with workshops, seminars, and info sessions to strengthen teaching and learning throughout the state.

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Executive Director's Report

Alice Letteney

To My Colleagues,

This has been an extraordinarily busy semester for all of us. Many thanks to you and the voters of Valencia County for voting in favor of our mill levy bond on February 3. This bond replaces our current capital mill levy bond which is being retired. When the bonds are sold, we will have \$16 million dollars for the renewal of our campus infrastructure. And congratulations to Paul Luna, Russell Griego, and Belinda Martinez who won re-election to our Advisory Board—running unopposed in each case.

Thank you to the friends of the Tome Gallery, led by Jan Pacifico, who raised over \$4,000 for the Virginia Cassados Clark Endowed Scholarship. The event, held at our Student Community Center on February 1, was very well attended, with great food, music, and beautiful bowls. It was truly a wonderful community event.

This Saturday Evening at 6:00pm, the Development Board will host our Annual Gala, with a Mardi Gras theme. Music will be provided by Jeff Jolley and his Advanced Guitar Class from School of Dreams Academy. We will be honoring Julie DePree and her family in recognition of their donation of an endowed scholarship, and Corrine G. Sedillo, past Advisory Board Member who was instrumental in starting our college. As Chairman of the Belen School Board, Corrine advocated for the opening of our college in 1980 both with the UNM Board of Regents and with the Board of Educational Finance.

Last week we attended UNM Day at the Legislature on Monday and Community College Day on Wednesday. Our Phi Theta Kappa All State honor students, Anna Herrera and Sarah Essenmacher, were presented with their medals and their tuition scholarship for two years at any four year public college in New Mexico.

On Friday, the Senate Education Committee heard testimony on Senator Clemente Sanchez's bill, SB 255, authorizing our Westside Facility. With a great deal of work from our legislators led by Senator Sanchez and others, the bill passed with only one dissenting vote. Among those who spoke in favor of the bill: Belinda Martinez, our Advisory Board Secretary; Ralph Mims and Luke Otero, representing the Village of Los Lunas, Matt Munoz, representing UNM; and, Ty Trujillo, representing NMACC; and Department of Higher Education Staff, representing Secretary Designate Dr. Barbara Damron. This is the first step in the passage of this legislation. I will keep you posted as to our progress.

Dean of Instruction Update

Laura Musselwhite

Although it is well underway, I want to welcome you back for spring semester! I particularly would like to welcome Dr. Joseph Barbour, our new full-time psychology instructor who began this semester. If you haven't already welcomed Joe to the fold, please take the opportunity to do so.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that the Curriculum Committee had sent forward to main campus several proposals for new programs. I am proud to announce that the Board of Regents approved three new certificate programs on Friday, February 6: Medical Assistant, Film Technology, and 3-D Printing. We have also gained approval for new courses associated with these programs, so look out for those in the fall.

Various cultural events have and will take place on campus. On February 4 and 5, the 4th Annual New Mexico Film Festival was held in the SCC. The lineup was an interesting array of short and feature films, primarily with a tie to New Mexico. Several filmmakers came to participate in panel discussions, and some of you either attended or brought classes to the showings. I am hopeful that in the future we can create more of a connection between this event and the student film festival that is currently being planned, in order to showcase the talents of our students and demonstrate to them the wider world of film. With the advent of our new Film Technology certificate, I hope to see more such opportunities for the students.

In photo: Laura reads for Veterans Day



Additionally, there will be two more installments of the Valencia Speaks program this semester, with Rita Powdrell (President of the African American Museum and Cultural Center) on February 19 and Suki Halevi (Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League in NM) on March 26.

Many of us (myself included) will be attending the New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference in Albuquerque at the end of February. The keynote speaker will be Linda Suskie, an expert in the area of assessing student learning outcomes at the college level. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about how assessment can enrich the classroom. I am extremely happy to let you know that we have eight faculty members presenting at the conference, and am very hopeful that they will report on their activity at a Faculty Assembly meeting in the future. On a related note, please keep our core course assessment data collection in mind for this semester.

At this time of year, the work of promotion and tenure takes place in earnest. I want to commend Elaine Clark and Clifton Murray on leading these continuing efforts. I have never been at an institution where the body of the faculty had as meaningful a role in these proceedings, and that is a clear indicator of the strength of the corps of instruction. Thanks to all of you!

Laura.



Valencia Campus Library News

Submitted by Barbara Lovato

Spring Break Library Hours

March 9-13.....8:00am-5:00pm

VC Library goes live!

January 5, 2015 was the official “go live” date for the VC Library to transition over to the new LIBROS Integrated Library System (ILS). After a process that began with an RFP in summer of 2013 and an entire year of migrating the 16 member libraries of LIBROS; all libraries, including the VC have completely transitioned over to the new system. The new system; WorldShare Management Services is an integrated suite of cloud-based library management and discovery applications that manages library workflows in the areas of acquisitions, collection management, cataloging, interlibrary loan, course reserves, circulation and the public interface.

VC Library staff are in the process of creating new internal and public policies, procedures and guidelines for use with the new ILS. An open house for faculty and staff to get acquainted with the new system was hosted in the library classroom on January 6th and 7th, 2015 and new bibliographic instruction classes will be taught using the new system beginning Spring 2015. The hope is that the result of this migration to a new system will be more efficient workflows and improved access to library collections and services.

The address of the new LIBROS is <http://vclibrary.on.worldcat.org/discovery>



New Database from the New Mexico State Library

The New Mexico State Library is thrilled to now offer online tutoring and career assistance through Brainfuse

What is Brainfuse?

Brainfuse is an online educational portal that specializes in one-to-one tutoring, study skills-building, and career assistance through its HelpNow™ and JobNow™ services.

[HelpNow](#) is a unique tutoring and study suite designed for patrons of all ages. It consists of expert tutoring including one-to-one online homework help, state-aligned skills building, writing assistance, an adult learning center, foreign language center, and 24/7 question center. Further, its study tools include access to a testing center, group study collaboration tools, and flashcard creation. The Brainfuse Mobile App provides access to HelpNow anywhere.

[JobNow](#) is Brainfuse's premium job coaching service. Its distinctive suite of resources for job seekers includes on-demand access to trained career experts who provide live, one-to-one interview coaching and resume assistance. Brainfuse job coaches provide live, online assistance in strategically targeting jobs best suited to a patron's interests and qualifications.

Brainfuse boasts a state-of-the-art routing and staffing system to ensure that students receive help in a timely fashion even during periods of high demand. All tutors have a four-year college degree and submit to a rigorous selection and training process. Additionally, Spanish-speaking tutors are available. Brainfuse's policy is to provide explanations of concepts – not just answers.

How can individuals access Brainfuse?

Visit elportalnm.org and look under the **Popular Resources** heading for the HelpNow and JobNow links.

How can libraries access Brainfuse?

In the coming months, Brainfuse will work with public libraries, academic libraries, and school libraries (in that order) to connect Brainfuse to individual library websites. Until then, all patrons are encouraged to utilize Brainfuse from the [El Portal homepage](#). The HelpNow and JobNow links are listed under "Popular Resources." They can also be accessed from the Complete Resources page.

Why Brainfuse?

"This innovative program provides the next logical step in ensuring New Mexico's students come out of school with a firm grasp of the curriculum they have just studied," said Acting State Library Director and Department of Cultural Affairs Deputy Cabinet Secretary Mike Delello. "It then increases the probability that those students will put their education to use – hopefully right here at home in New Mexico, with solid career counseling and advisors provided by Brainfuse."

Support for Brainfuse is made possible through a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

News from the Wellness Center

Dustin Shafer



We here at the Wellness Center are extremely excited about the increase in activity levels that have accompanied the change in semester. This success would not be possible without the continued support of Hank Vigil and Rosa Auletta. Recently, we gave a concerted effort to ensure that the Wellness Center got an update to the login system. The new Lobo ID card reader system is more efficient, registration friendly, and will allow the surrounding community to frequent the facility at a very affordable cost. We will begin beta testing this summer and be officially online fall 2015. Thank you to all that helped in this process as this marks a huge milestone for the Wellness Center.

In February we would like to welcome two new adjunct faculty, Dr. David Jackson (Personal Defense & Karate) and Fransico Israel Cervantes (Zumba). Dr. Jackson, Professor of Business and Technology at CNM said he has many passions in life, and has been lucky to turn them into lucrative careers, but the most recent of which is teaching martial arts classes. Jackson has been practicing martial arts for 37 years, and owns a dojo in Albuquerque and another in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he got his start on the martial arts path. Jackson also is an innovative, results-oriented business professional with 21 years proven success in managing multi-million dollar operations for Dish Network, Caesars Palace, and Los Lunas Community Program. Israel (Izzy) Cervantes has been dancing since he was a child, but began instructing Zumba in 2011 at his Los Lunas location, Ritmo Latino Dance Studio. He hold certifications Zumba basic, Zumba basic 2, Zumba toning, Zumba Sentao. Recently he has been asked to participate in a Zumba Master Class with some of the best instructors in the surrounding states. Both instructors are a great addition to the Wellness Center and if you see them on campus don't hesitate to welcome them.

Finally, the Wellness Center would like to announce its Spring BBQ/Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 18, 2014 from 11AM-2:00PM. UNM-VC Spring BBQ will be located outside of the Business and Technology Building in the courtyard. United Blood Services will be holding the blood drive in the mobile unit (registration is available at unitedbloodservices.org). We would like give special thanks Student Government, Student Services, and Pepsi (H₂O) for their continued support of the Wellness Center events. As always we look forward to seeing you there and making this event a success!

Spring BBQ & Blood Drive
Wednesday, March 18-11am-2pm



CHESS Pieces



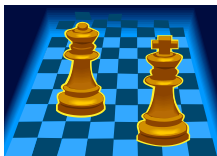
CHESS Program News By Dr. Jami Huntsinger Chair of CHES

The Fourth Annual New Mexico Film Festival held on Feb 4-5, 2015, was a great success. Special thanks go to Bill Nevins, who organized the event, Dean Laura Musselwhite, Justin Romine, and all who attended, helping to make it the fine time at the movies.

Bill Nevins is organizing the third in his series of free public concerts at the Albuquerque South Broadway Cultural Center. RESOLANA CELEBRATION will take place at 7 pm, Monday, March 15, 2015, and will feature musical performances by SIHASIN, the Dineh/Navajo rock group whose name means Hope. The group will be joined by the New Mexico Celtic Singers, the Saoirse Freedom band, and a few fine poets for an evening of celebration and joy in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. The event is open to everyone, Irish or not! The event is free, and all ages are welcome!

Steve Sylvester, now in his second year as an online UNM history instructor, recently presented "Flintlocks, Tomahawks, and Food for Thought" at the Garden Valley Library in Idaho, at Lewis and Clark sites in Great Falls, Missoula, in Three Forks, Montana, and to 150 fifth grade students in Havre, Montana. Dr. Sylvester, a former member of Humanities Montana and the Minnesota Humanities Committee, is a member of both the Idaho and Montana Humanities Speakers Bureau and Speakers in the Schools. The presentations are funded through the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Congratulations go to Dr. Brendon Rowley, our distinguished French instructor who successfully defended his dissertation *Voyages and Discovery: Myth and Memory of the Canadian New World* at Washington University in St. Louis. In May, he will officially receive his doctorate degree.



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

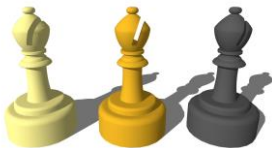
On January 23-25, 2015, Patricia Gillikin spent the weekend at IFDM's Main Campus facilities on Central, participating in the Albuquerque contingent of the Global Game Jam, a 48-hour game development marathon. She joined one of nine different teams that formed, and contributed concepts, story, and writing. Patricia, along with four other team members, joined the as the team called Shaky Shack. Anyone interested in seeing what their game is like can view it here: <http://globalgamejam.org/2015/games/shaky-shack>

Dr. Patricia Gillikin also attended the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association conference on February 12-13, 2015.

Dr. Karen Foster, instructor of English 110 at UNM Valencia Campus and Associate Professor Emeritus of English at Dickinson State University, North Dakota recently published several **creative nonfiction, fiction, and poetry works**. Her poem “Breast” was published in *Fathers and What Must Be Said*, and broadcasted live January 17, 2015, at Spinning Wheel Bar in Castletownroche in County Cork, Ireland. Her prose poem “The Lesson” was also published January of this year in *Van Gogh’s Ear*, a Kindle book available on Amazon. In August of 2014, “The Lesson” was submitted by Sundress Publications as *Best of the Net*. Her poem “Farmed Out” was published March 2014 in *Leif*, a Minneapolis publication by Mike Finley. “Pentimento for Grandfather” was published in the anthology *Pentimento* in January 2014. Her short story “The Dog” was published for the second time in *Towers Journal* (Sept. 2013), and in March 2014, a flash fiction piece was published in *Lascaux Review*. A nonfiction selection entitled “Memorial Hall” was published May 2014 in *I Am Subject*. *Congratulations, Karen!*

Dr. Jami Huntsinger finished the Oral Traditions, a class offered by N. Scott Momaday at the University of New Mexico. Momaday indicated the paper she submitted as her final project was worthy of publication!

From the Social Sciences Suite of CHSS



Social Sciences Program News **By Dr. Julia So,** **Program Coordinator of Social Sciences**

I bring great news from the Social Sciences Suite—our veteran adjunct instructor since 2006, Dr. Joseph Barbour, has joined us this spring semester as a tenured-track Assistant Professor of Psychology. With decades of experience in non-profit management and conflict resolution, he was most recently the Executive Director of El Ranchito de los Ninos, a children’s home in Los Lunas. El Ranchito is the only facility in New Mexico that accepts an entire sibling group under the age of five. Prior to that, he was Executive Director of a Political Subsidiary created for the Developmentally Disabled serving Marion County (home of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn), Missouri. Dr. Barbour left private practice after twenty years of specializing in marriage and family issues and trauma, specifically, dissociative disorders. Dr. Barbour was recognized as Instructor of the Year in the category of Part-time Instructor from the Division of CHSS in AY2013-14. He has three children and is engaged to Rosalind DeGeorge.

Our legendary Dr. Richard Melzer’s most recent work *Legendary Locals of Albuquerque* is scheduled to be released May 2015. Congratulations, Richard!

By Bill Nevins

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BT&FA Division Report by **Michael Ceschiat, Division Chair** **and Fine Arts Coordinator**

New Programs

The Film Technician, 3D Printing and Medical Assistant certificate programs were fully approved by the UNM Board of Regents Friday Feb 6. It was the diligence of many staff, faculty and curriculum committee members involved throughout the lengthy approval process that ensured our success.

Hard to believe it was this report last year I announced Justin Romine being hired 0.5 to teach Film Tech courses and implement the certificate program. He's done a fine job for us hitting the ground running.

Alex Sanchez had a great article about his 3D Printing certificate program in UNM's Daily Lobo Thursday Feb 12. Follow the link to find out more about this exciting new direction in technology.

<http://www.dailylobo.com/article/2015/02/2015-02-12-3d-printing-certificate>

FRAGMENTARY VISIONS **SANDRA JOY HILL / DAVID SAIZ** **EXHIBITION**



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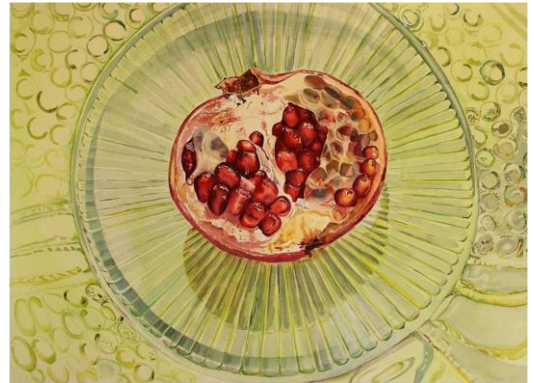
Good News

Sarah Clawson and Michael Brown are in the beginning stages of developing an industry partnership with a law firm in Albuquerque. The firm approached us interested in providing practicum opportunities for our Game program students animating auto accidents used in court presentations.

One of our Valencia Campus studio art transfer students currently at UNM main was recently hired by international artist Judy Chicago. David Linares is now a studio assistant for a new project Judy is working on in her Belen studio.

Fine Arts Gallery

The current show "Fragmentary Visions" (*art shown at right*) represents a collaborative installation of the paintings by Sandra Joy Hill and David Saiz. Both Joy and David graduated with their Associates of Arts in Studio Arts from our campus in 2012 and transferred to UNM main where they earned Bachelors of Fine Arts summa cum laude last Fall. The artists were kind enough to give a slide lecture about their new work to my art history class the night of the reception. The open dialogue about their educational journey from our campus to main was an invaluable experience for all who attended. If you haven't seen the show yet be sure to stop by the gallery. The exhibition is up till February 24th. Our next show will be the "12th Annual Santero del Rio Abajo" March 3 - March 31 with the artist reception March 19, 5 to 7 pm.



Perkins Grant

Susan Jackson and I attended the Perkins Director Meeting at CNM Workforce Training Center January 14 and 15. The meeting was very informative and went over requirements for writing the new grant which is due April 1st. Our campus is working with Belen High, Los Lunas High, SODA, and Valencia High to articulate Career Technical Education programs the new grant may fund.

UNM Valencia Spring 2015 Fine Arts Gallery Schedule

Fragmentary Visions - Paintings by Sandra Joy Hill and David Saiz
January 27 - February 24
Artist Reception **February 5**, 5 to 7 pm_

12th Annual Santero del Rio Abajo Exhibition
March 3 - March 31
Artist Reception **March 19**, 5 to 7 pm

Mark Kerns - Pastels
April 7 - May 5
Artist Reception **April 16**, 5 to 7 pm

The UNM-VC Faculty Professional Development Committee Corner

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

Khaled Kassem

Julia So

Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie

For presenting at our first Ten Minute Teaching Tips (TTT) Colloquium on January 28, 2015.

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: **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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February's TTT will be on February 25 at 1:30 pm and it will be featuring:

Heather Wood

Webpage design workshop

If you are interested, please RSVP by February 18.

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

Please plan to present and attend!!

Highway to Success and Learning Center



We are happy to announce a small improvement in Math 100 success. Congratulations to Cheryl Black's class who earned the highest Math 100 pass rate last fall. We are working on a modularized developmental math option for students to begin in the fall. This will be similar to the current practice of Math 101, 102, and 103.

Thank you Patricia Gillikin and Amiee Shaffner for your efforts in training our tutors on best practices for tutoring writing. This is a 6-8 hour training over the course of the spring semester that is not only improving writing tutoring, but strengthening our tutors' own writing as well.

Reminder to all faculty: the Learning Center has laptops and calculators available for checked out by students. Students must use the equipment in the Center. Instructors needing laptops for classroom use, should check with the Learning Center front desk for availability. Please encourage your students to seek free tutoring from the Learning Center either face to face or online. In addition to online tutoring offered by the Learning Center peer tutors, Ryan Baltunis, the Title V Online Tutor, can be reached at rmbtunis@gmail.com or 925-8553.

Rosa Auletta



By Julia So

While visiting her family in Dallas, TX, during the Christmas holidays, Julia So seized the opportunity to do some research at the National Archives at Fort Worth. She located quite a few original copies of testimonies of Chinese who were arrested because of their illegal entry into the country as well as their deportation papers issued by the Districts of El Paso and Tucson in 1908. Some of these materials will be used in her lecture on Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.



Report from the MPLA/AzLA Road

By LeAnn Weller

I returned from the joint Mountain Plains Library Association/Arizona Library Association meeting held at Wa Ko Pe in Scottsdale, Arizona on November 12-14, 2014 excited about Southwestern books and authors. Keynote speakers included Kevin Fardarko author of the [Emerald Mile](#) and Connie Willis, author of many science fiction novels inspired many in the audience. Many of the handouts and slides from the presentations are available at <http://www.azla.org/?page=2014confmaterials>

However, I want to mention several programs that I found particularly interesting or inspiring. The programs on Reading Arizona focused on digitizing books about Arizona and by Arizona authors with the “literary map” as a highlight (see <http://map.readingarizona.org/map/>). Another source of “good” southwestern reading are the Southwest Books of the Year winners. Check out that web site at <http://www.library.pima.gov/books/swboy/>. Another interesting program was “Project Enable” (<http://projectenable.syr.edu/>) which is currently focused at training K-12 librarians dealing to help their faculty deal with students with disabilities. The workshops and training are available online and there will be a focus in the next year to make materials available to faculty and librarians in the higher education area. It is a website and program worth monitoring. Even some of the K-12 materials were interesting to view and the list of resources to be used in developing curriculum could be helpful to for instructors for any age group. Another focus of the conference was using social media in the classroom and for outreach to library patrons. Overall the conference was thought provoking and I came back with several new websites to monitor for ideas and reading matter.



In photo: MPLA Board

Report from the NMLA Road-By LeAnn Weller

At the New Mexico Library Association meeting in Ruidoso on October 22-24, I presented a program on the benefits of belonging to professional associations and moderated a discussion group on the new integrated library system WMS for LIBROS Consortia members. I was also able to attend a couple of interesting programs. Kathy Barco (retired librarian from ABC Library) inspired many people to go home and create unusual and interesting bulletin boards and displays. I’ve already used several of her ideas. Paulita Aguilar from UNM Libraries provided examples of using narratives in library instruction. Another program was a good refresher on the value of assessment program not just for instruction but also for all library services. At the exhibits I picked up 2 handouts that point to useful websites. The UNM Center for Development and Disability Information Network (<http://www.cdd.unm.edu/InfoNet>) is available to librarians and the public to provide info on intellectual and developmental disabilities and general health and has a group of tips sheets that many be useful to many people. Another resource I picked up directed me to a group of websites on open educational resources. With the rising cost of textbooks and other instructional materials, these sites may be worth exploring



Campus Technology Complete Guide to Open Educational Resources
<http://campustechnology.com/articles/2014/08/27/complete-guide-to-open-educational-resources.aspx>

Find OER (<https://open4us.org/find-oer/>)

Open Educational Resources: Resource Roundup
<http://www.edutopia.org/open-educational-resources-guide>

Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources
<http://oerconsortium.org/>

Global Game Jam, January 23-25

By Patricia Gillikin

In January, I participated at the Albuquerque site of the Global Game Jam, held at UNM-Main's Hartung Hall, next door to the Frontier. During the opening events we watched videos to inspire us, one of which focused beautifully on intersectionality, addressing gender and diversity issues in games and encouraging participants to make games for everyone. Then we got the prompt: "What do we do now?" The Albuquerque organizers then divided everyone into temporary groups for brainstorming on the topic.

The team I joined spent the weekend creating a game involving building blocks, and included an artist, a programmer, a sound technician, and designers and writers. I contributed to the concept discussions early on, and then did some writing for the game; I also made suggestions for public domain music and art.

During the weekend, a local indie game developer who was not making a game for the jam, but working on a game he and his partner are hoping to release soon, talked with me about making a game that's an interactive story, and I worked on that just enough 1) to see how exciting a form of storytelling that could be, and 2) to realize that I don't have time during a semester to give such a project the attention and time it deserves.

Hands-on learning is the most effective, and I learned a great deal about the role writing—"creative" and technical—plays in developing games, as well as how diverse talents and perspectives come together in game creation. In addition to working with my team, I witnessed other teams at work all weekend long, and on Sunday evening, the teams presented what they'd made. We all voted on awards for different categories, and our game, Shaky Shack, and our artist Shandiin Yazzie Woodward, won the award for art.

[This link has pics from the game itself: <http://globalgamejam.org/2015/games/shaky-shack>]

[This link has a picture of folks at the Jam, including me (*see below*), playing one of the other games from the Jam: <http://globalgamejam.org/2015/games/defuser>]



Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference, February 12th-14th-By *Patricia Gillikin*



If it's not popular,
it's not culture.

Given my long-time fannish and academic interests in everything from original Star Trek to Harry Potter and Doctor Who—I'm an original acafan, as it were—it's a little shocking that

the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque was the first pop culture conference I've ever attended. I'd feared it might be a bit stuffy, quite frankly, and while there was some of people reading their papers to us in a less than dynamic fashion, I actually enjoyed the conference immensely. I attended sessions on Game Studies, pedagogy, and fanfiction; I met Levi Romero wandering the hallways seeking sessions on the Grateful Dead; I enjoyed Jessica Helen Lopez (current Albuquerque Poet Laureate) performing guerrilla poetry in the hallway; I participated at the Buffy musical and Dr. Horrible's Singalong Blog singalong and played Cards Against Humanity with (at the time) total strangers. Most importantly, I networked with colleagues from Dona Ana Community College and many other folks.

"You are exactly where you are suppose to be"



GET YOUR TAXES DONE

NOW ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS
10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Thursday, February 18th
Thursday, February 26th
Thursday, March 5th
Thursday, March 19th
Thursday, March 26th
Thursday, April 2nd

WHO is Eligible?

- Single
- Married Filing Jointly
- Qualifying Widower
- Head of Household
- Income under \$53,000

What to Bring:

- Picture ID for person filing taxes
- SS Card for all persons claimed
- W2's, 1099's and other income verification forms
- Mortgage/Tuition (1098 forms)
- Copy of prior year tax return (if available)
- Child and Dependent Care provider statement with Federal ID number
- Marketplace form 1095-A if claiming premium tax credit



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Submitted by Eva Rivera

From the senator's desk...

The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 27, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Scholes Hall Roberts Room

- Approval of the agenda and acceptance of the November meeting minutes.
- Posthumous degree awarded to Briana Hillard and Matthew Grant
 - UNM-Main students, victims of fatal car accident late 2014
- Faculty Senate President's Report
 - Freedom of speech vs freedom of teaching
- President Frank's Report
 - Professor-Practice
 - College might hire up to 10% of the faculty
 - Bring real world/outside experience to the classroom
 - Might be hired for 3 – 5 years (yearly contract)
 - Non-tenure track position
 - Share their experiences
 - Not necessarily have academic degree
 - Jill Pilgrim
 - Sexual harassment/assault consultant
 - Consolidate rules/policies on this subject (17 different policies in place)
 - Dept. of Justice conducting investigation – make campus safe
 - Budget
 - Looking for internal reduction
 - “lobbying” in Santa Fe
 - Approve funding formula (no changes regardless of gas prices)
 - Don't take money from GIA
 - Have capital project approve (Health Science building, Phase 3 of engineering building)
- Provost's Report
 - **UNM-Branches report to Academic Affairs as of January 1, 2015**
 - VPR Search
 - 5 strong candidates will be invited
 - Global Education Office (GEO)
 - Work-Life Survey
 - Childcare
 - No difference with race/gender, differences with school you belong
 - Budget
 - Protect benefits

- Approval of Faculty Senate Committee Appointments
- Approval of Forms C for several departments
 - Cut back the number of credits needed for graduation to 120 hours
- Approval of the request to add ME217 (Energy, Environment and Society) to UNM Core
 - Can be used as substitute for Social Science UNM Core requisite
 - ENG200 or ME217 (not both)
- Innovation Academy
 - Goals: (1) provide students skills to succeed in knowledge economy, (2) give faculty opportunity to collaborate/innovate across disciplines, (3) allow UNM deepen its community engagement by helping solve big issues and (4) let UNM contribute to the local economic development.
 - Can creativity, critical thinking and problem solving be taught?
- Trip to Santa Fe (UNM Day – Monday February 9, 2015)
 - Van will be provided (noon – 8:30 pm)
 - Interested contact Lee Brown or Candice Torres
- Legislative Update
 - Work on new revenue projection
 - Cost increasing, revenue decreasing
- Meeting Adjourn 5:00 pm

Faculty Assembly Agenda
Wednesday, February 18, 2015

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

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes

1:30pm November 19th 2014

In Attendance

Miriam Chavez	Donna Ketcheson	Sarah Garde	Eva Rivera
Claudia Barreto	Helen Walton	Tina Newby	Alfonso Heras-Llano
Elaine Clark	Teresa Goodhue	Richard Sylvestre	Annette Hatch
Alexa Wheeler	Barbara Lovato	Michael Carriere	Dianna Johnston
Julia So	LeAnn Weller	Rosa Auletta	Laura Musselwhite
Deirdre Williams	Khaled Kassem	Michael Brown	Heather Wood
Danizete Martinez	Cindy Chavez	Lucille Farrington	Alice Lawson
Julie DePree	Dustin Shafer	Patricia Gillikin	Thomas Whittaker
Alice Letteney			Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie

Agenda

1. Meeting called to order 1:33pm
2. H Walton moves to approve agenda – seconded – Approved
3. Minutes - move to approve E. Clark & H Walton – motion passes
4. Executive Director Report – Alice Letteney
 - a. Funding formula – always up in the air. Every meeting yields a different formula. \$84k at the moment (in the black). “We do better than the average bear”
 - b. Valencia County politicians are moving into more prominent positions of power in Santa Fe with the electoral changes this fall.
 - c. Bonds B & C passed so we can look forward to funding for the Library and a new HVAC system on the campus.
 - d. Holiday concert on Dec. 10th
 - e. Feb 21st Gala honoring Julie Depree.
5. Dean Report – Laura Musselwhite
 - a. Candidates for the new Psychology position have been interviewing on campus. The search is in progress. The position has a January start date.
 - b. The School of Dreams Academy (SODA), in partnership with UNM Valencia, has received a grant to be designated an Early College High School. As a result of this grant, SODA will provide stipend funds for seven to eight Valencia faculty members to work with faculty members at SODA. Over the course of this academic year, the two sets of faculty members will work together to ensure that the two curriculums are compatible, in order to provide a smooth transition and appropriate preparation for SODA students who want to enroll at Valencia, through dual enrollment or after high school graduation.

Contact Rita Logan for more information.
 - a. Loryn in the Academic Affairs Office is leaving.
 - b. A retirement party for Miriam Gustafson will be held on Dec 4th from 3-5 pm in the Administrative Conference room.
6. Hank Vigil - Student Services is trying to help students maintain financial aid.

- a. Starting in the Spring 2015 students on financial aid will have to complete progress reports every month. These will require instructor signatures and tutoring. Those at 150% time must meet with a tutor.
 - b. For the first time in 8 years we have more than 50% at risk of losing aid.
 - c. There is usually a 24% default rate.
 - d. Lucille Farrington: Students appear not to be aware of Lobotrax, Can we make a better job of telling students what it is and what it does? Hank: we are not pushing it right now as it has issues. However, over break there will be updates and Student Services will push it harder in the Spring.
7. Treasurer's Report – Tom Whittaker
- a. Faculty Assembly budget is unchanged from the October Faculty Assembly meeting with a total balance of \$423.24 and the following breakdown:
 - i. \$295.00 Materials & Services
 - ii. \$24.00 In-State Travel
 - iii. \$100.00 Copying
 - iv. \$4.24 Banner Tax
 - b. The Faculty Assembly snack budget currently stands at \$27.81 after we took in over \$45 of donations at (and after) the last meeting and spent \$23 on the snacks for this meeting
8. Committees
- a. Claudia Barreto – Teaching and Learning Assessment
 - i. Teaching and learning assessment is going well. All the program reports have been submitted for assessment. Most were exemplary. TK20 is helping track our programs as we go through the years.
 - ii. D. Ketcheson – There is a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Luna Mansion sponsored by the Student Nursing Association Sat Dec 13th - \$8.
 - b. Elaine Clark – Communications
 - i. Proposed changes to the preface were sent out via email, please review by Feb Fac Assembly meeting.
 - ii. Everything in yellow is up for review. Please look it over.
 - iii. In fuschia are minor changes on which there will not be a vote. Still you should review these in case you have any comments.
 - c. Eva Rivera – Program Development
 - i. Jan 28th 1:30-2:30pm TTT with Khaled Kassem, Melanie Sanchez and Julia So
 - ii. Talk to Eva if you would like to volunteer for a TTT.
 - d. Helen Walton – Conflict Resolution
 - i. No report
 - e. Tom Whittaker – Curriculum Committee
 - i. Thanks to committee members for a busy semester where we met as many times as needed to get a slew of forms submitted.
 - ii. The committee met Oct 21st, Oct 28th, and Oct 30th following the last Faculty Assembly and ahead of the November 1st deadline for submission of Course/Program

Forms (A, B or C). We were able to help the following forms make their way up to Main Campus:

1. Manufacturing Operator (course) – Form B
 2. AAS General Studies – Form C
 3. AS Health Education – Form C
 4. DMA 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155 (courses) – Form Bs
 5. DMA Film Tech Certificate – Form C
 6. AAS Health IT – Form C
 7. Medical Assistant Certificate – Form C
- iii. Main Campus Curricula Committee – A representative attended the Friday, November 7th meeting. Of the 31 Forms B/C reviewed, 2 came from our campus. The Liberal Arts Associate's degree program change to include concentrations (Form C1405) was approved pending a minor revision. The Elementary Education certificate program changes (Form C1413) were also approved.
- f. Dani Martinez – Faculty Professional Development Committee
- i. Down to \$14.10. No funds left.
- g. Michael Ceschiati – Cultural Enrichment Committee
- i. Not in attendance-no report.
- h. Helen Walton – Faculty Senate Representative
- i. Main Campus is looking at changing metrics for evaluation (IDEA forms). It will be coming to us eventually so we will be keeping a close eye on any developments.
- i. Sarah Garde – Student of Month Committee
- i. October award was presented yesterday (11/18) to Jill Schaaf, sponsored by J. So and Deidre Williams
 - ii. The November awardee is Cynthia Marrufo and will be awarded 11/24. This student was also team nominated.
 - iii. Looking for nominations for Dec student of the month. Please submit recommendations by 11/16 5:00 pm.
- j. Deirdre Williams – Adjunct Faculty Committee
- i. Pay for adjunct faculty - Since 1998, the adjunct faculty has received a raise of \$50 per salary/credit hour every 4 years. This most recent raise was just \$20. MAs get \$770 per credit hour, whereas the equivalent instructors on Main Campus get a \$4k flat fee. There are 85 adjunct faculty instructors on this campus. We are looking to Faculty Assembly for support for petition for a raise.
 - ii. Laura Musselwhite - This is already on the radar of the higher-ups. During budget discussions this issue has been raised.
9. President's Report – Heather Wood
- a. Thank you everyone for your hard work this Fall 2014 semester. Be sure to encourage students to fill IDEA forms--online and in hard copy. Have a great Thanksgiving and holiday season.

10. Announcements

- a. Dani Martinez – There is a card available to sign for Miriam Gustafsen's Reception. Debra Venable is taking donations for a gift.
- b. Cindy Chavez – Wow! The attendance at Faculty Assembly is so high. This is great.
- c. Michael Brown – There will be a massive upgrade over Christmas. We are switching classroom capture equipment. There will be new software to link BB Learn, classroom capture and files together. New cameras will be installed in the classrooms.
- d. Rosa Auletta – There are now 8 intersession classes available. Start Dec. 12th. They are technically part of the Fall semester, so can benefit students who need credits.

11. Meeting adjourned 2:44pm