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Annette Hatch presenting to visitors from local middle schools.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 18

Left to right: Will Scott, Rita Gonzales-Logan, Alice Letteney, Schuyler Michael

Mr. Scott and Mr. Michael are members of the Rio Abajo Lodge who have sponsored the event for the past 25 years.

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Valencia Speaks: A CHESS and Community Connection

Former Lt. Governor and performing artist Roberto Mondragón accompanied by guitarist Stanley Gutierrez of the *Los Reyes de Albuquerque*; presentation on the Treaty of Gaudalupe Hidalgo and its impacts on New Mexico.

President's Report

Danizete Martinez

Welcome to the new 2014 semester! The second annual Branch Faculty Colloquium will take place Friday, February 21st in the SUB at Main Campus. Each Branch will deliver a 30-minute presentation in the morning, and then be served lunch at noon. Much thanks to Dean Sax for helping organize the event, and to Michael Brown of our Game Design & Simulation program for presenting on the behalf of the Valencia Campus. This will be my first time attending and I am looking forward to meeting folks from different campuses.

Of interest: the Valencia Shelter Services along with the Valencia County News-Bulletin has extended a special invitation to our students to participate in the Shelter's 25 year celebration of service:

"Valencia Shelter Services, the sole domestic violence and sexual assault service provider in Valencia County, celebrates 25 years of service this year. I am looking to collaborate with students in helping us tell our story over the past 25 years -- stories that will be published in the News Bulletin. I thought this would be an opportune time to collaborate with UNM-VC and potentially utilize students in some interviewing and story telling (sic). Students would be involved in interviewing individuals who have played a role in the history of VSS, writing a 500-650 word article, and having it published in the News Bulletin. The series will begin in February and run through October, which is domestic violence awareness month."

This is a great community outreach opportunity for all students interested in writing. Please let me know if you are interested, and/or would like to see the publication agenda that runs through spring, summer, and fall.

Just a reminder that Faculty Assembly is Wednesday, February 19th, 1:30-3:00 in LC 101C. Core course assessment, faculty handbook, and restructuring are key items on the agenda. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact me at: danizete@unm.edu. Have a great semester!

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Executive Director's Report

Alice Letteney

To My Colleagues:

As of Monday morning, the Legislature has not yet reached agreement on a budget. The Senate took the unusual step of proposing its own budget since the House has not yet passed one. The Senate budget includes a 3% compensation increase for all state workers, so let's hope that that remains in a final budget proposal and is signed by the Governor.

February 20 is the deadline for the Legislature to reach agreement on this and many other matters. A Special Session is inevitable if agreement is not reached by that date. UNM-Valencia is included for a million dollars of capital money in Senate Bill 53, which is the bill for the General Obligation Bond. The allocation is dependent upon voters agreeing to the General Obligation Bond for Higher Education this November. Many Lottery Scholarship bills are currently being considered this session; we will have to wait for the conclusion of the session to determine the outcome of this issue.

Many thanks to all of our faculty and staff who participated in and volunteered for our 5th Annual Gala to raise funds for our Student Scholarship Endowment. Miriam Roman Chavez and Rigo Chavez were our Platinum Sponsors, donating funds to begin a scholarship in memory of their mothers who worked tirelessly to ensure their children had excellent educations.

Jan Pacifico and her colleagues from the Tome Gallery were honored for their work in raising funds for both art student scholarships and our endowment, especially through their "Souper Bowl" event which raised \$3,000 this year.

Bank of the West and Russell Griego, Advisory Board Member and Past President of the Development Board, were honored for their increasing contributions to our endowment.

Dan Chadborn and Michael Hopper both spoke to the group of 200 participants, thanking our donors for their work in providing funds for our students.

I will update you at your next meeting regarding any news from

Cultural Enrichment Series Spring 2014

**All events take place in the Student-Community Center unless indicated otherwise.
Refreshments will be served.**

3rd Annual New Mexico Film Festival

February 27
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
(see poster on page 5)

Healthy BBQ & Blood Drive

March 26
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
In conjunction with the Wellness Center

5th Annual Student Film Festival

April 23
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM; 1:30 – 4:00 PM
6:00 – 9:00 PM

In conjunction with the Digital Media Arts program

the Legislature on issues affecting our campus. As ever, I am very grateful for the contribution you make every day towards the success of our students.

Dean of Instruction Update

Richard Sax

Spring, 2014, enrollment numbers continued a downward decline, only slightly in Headcount, more significantly in FTE (Full-Time Equivalent). As of Friday, February 14, our Headcount was 2458 (down 1.7% from 2501 in Spring 2013), FTE was 1272.5 (down 6.5% from 1360.3 in Spring 2013). The average Valencia student is taking 7.8 cr., down from 8.2 a year ago. As of February 17 (this past Monday), first drafts of the Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 schedules were due in Academic Affairs. Please make certain that you have communicated with your Division Chair and/or Program Coordinator concerning academic scheduling.

I am pleased to share with you that our long, strange trip of seeking a permanent replacement for the Unit Administrator I position in Academic Affairs has concluded with the appointment on long-time Valencia employee Margaret Anaya, currently working as a Budget Analyst. Margaret will begin splitting her time between Budgeting and Academic Affairs on March 3, and she will be full-time in Academic Affairs beginning March 17. I believe that many, even most, of you already know Margaret; in any case, I know we will all seek to make her feel comfortable and accepted... ..before we start making outrageous requests of her! Sincere thanks to the continuing members of our Academic Affairs office staff: Deb Venable, Laura Encinias, Tara Best, and work study students Arielle Gonzales and Loryn Baca, all of whom helped to take up the proverbial slack since Della left.

We are deep into revisions for the 2014-2016 UNM-Valencia Catalog. We continue to publish a print catalog every two years because of our understanding of the various constituencies that we serve. Please continue to work with your upward reports, as I work with Jon Lechel as he puts to bed (i.e., publication) the VC Catalog later this spring!

We have 15 Valencia faculty who have committed to attend (and who have submitted boxed lunch orders—

Highlighting Faculty:

Michael Brown (Game Design; BT&FA)

Michael will represent Valencia Campus at the UNM Branch Campus Colloquium on February 21. His presentation will be about the new Game Design program at UNM-Valencia.

Julia So (Sociology; CHESS)

On November 15 Julia presented a session, "Decoding the Inscrutable Asians," at the Albuquerque OASIS.

Julia also recently published an online article, "Quantum Leap for the Gay Movement," at the American Diversity Report website

Heather Wood (English; CHESS)

Heather will present at the 2014 Southwest Popular and American Culture Associations Annual Meeting, February 19 – 22.

Dustin Shafer (Wellness Center; CHESS)

On January 15 Dustin gave a presentation to the Center for Ageless Living on, "Nutrition and Weight Management."

Dianna Johnston (Nursing)

Dianna, MSN, RN, FCN was selected to participate in the ATI RN Content Mastery Series for Adult Medical Surgical & Pharmacology in Kansas City, Missouri.

Elaine Clark (Mathematics; M&S)

In December 2013 Elaine independently published her first novel, "A Tangled Weave," as an e-book with Amazon.com.

thanks, Tara Best!) the annual UNM Branch Faculty Colloquium this Friday, February 21, beginning at 10am in the Timberline Room of the SUB at Main Campus. The Valencia presentation will be given by Michael Brown who will discuss and show our new Game Design & Simulation program. Each Branch will present between 10am-12 noon, then lunches will be brought in, then the afternoon is unscheduled as faculty members re-align in self-selected groups by: academic discipline, delivery modality, etc. I will share the agenda via a V-FAC at least several days before Friday the 21st; the room size can accommodate a few more faculty than have RSVPed, but we had to submit the food order last Friday.

The 3rd Annual New Mexico Film Festival will be held on Thursday, February 27—we continue to require that all films shown either be filmed in New Mexico and/or have New Mexicans as actors, actresses, directors, producers, screenwriters, etc. I have attached the poster (thanks to Jon Lechel and Bill Nevins, not to mention Ann Lerner from Film!ABQ and the City of Albuquerque) for the 3rd FilmFest. We will have films from 8:30am to approximately 6:00pm in the SCC with another classroom for a few smaller screenings. Highlights include: Tiger Eyes at 10:30am (an adaptation from a Judy Blume Middle School novel starring Albuquerque native Elise Eberle and shot in Los Alamos among other NM locations); A Tale of Two Poets at 1:00pm (concerning the Taos Poetry Circus); a Panel on New Mexico at 2:30pm; Tapia, a documentary film concerning native Albuquerque boxer Johnny Tapia, which premiered last week at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Please recall that the Film Festival, as always, remains free and open to the public.

Curriculum leaders at Main Campus have started the process to change most baccalaureate degree programs from 128 cr. to 120 cr. (the latter number is the minimum requirement for the Higher Learning Commission, our regional accrediting body, and is used by most institutions in North America across all six accrediting regions. I initiated a conversation with Provost Abdallah and Associate Provost (for Curriculum) Heileman, and it is their shared hope that the Branches will soon initiate a similar process of reducing all appropriate Associates programs from 64 cr. to 60 cr.

Fine Arts Gallery Schedule

Evan Dent Drawing Exhibition

February 4 - March 4

Artist Reception **February 13**, 5 to 7 pm

11th Annual Santero del Rio Abajo Exhibition

March 11 - April 8

Artist Reception **March 27**, 5 to 7 pm

TBA

April 15 - May 13

Artist Reception **April 24**, 5 to 7 pm



UNM VALENCIA

3rd annual New Mexico Film Festival



Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 SCC Building

Open and free to the public!

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★ Other directors or panelists may take part ★

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Reports from the Road

by Annette Hatch

Tour: PNM's 4-unit San Juan Power Generating Station

Location: west of Farmington NM

When: early January

Annette was a guest on an excellent, personal tour of PNM's 4-unit San Juan Power Generating Station. Unit 1 of the coal plant was down for repair so it was possible to see the entire unit. PNM's tour made it possible for her to better convey the way coal provides power to customers. Annette will teach ME 217 (Energy, Environment & Society) the 2nd 8-weeks of this semester. This trip was funded by the current NSF STEM grant.

by Julianne White

Conference: 7th Annual ASU Writing Programs Composition Conference

Location: Arizona State University, Tempe campus

When: February 15

Julianne presented, "Adding Ethics to English 302: The Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics" with her colleague, Shavawn M. Berry. They described their winning proposal for the Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics Fellowship for 2013, and how the receiving of this fellowship resulted in a changed curriculum for English 302: Business Writing, resulting, ultimately, in more meaningful, more considered and thoughtful document production from their students.

by Elaine W. Clark

Meeting: New Mexico Partnership for Mathematics & Science Education

Location: NM Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque, NM

When: December 13

This organization is a consortium of mathematics and science educators, K-12 as well as higher education and informal education, i.e. museums and such, and practitioners of mathematics and science. The partnership is supposed to promote educational opportunities in New Mexico as well as professional development opportunities for math and science educators. Their main focus for 2013 was professional development for science educators in the public schools and acceptance of the Next Generation Science Standards by our state legislature. Another focus was building the New Mexico STEM Connection website <http://nmstemed.org/>. They are looking for people to be part of this growing community!



Faculty Professional Development Committee
Submitted by Cindy Chavez, Committee Chair

The Faculty Professional Development Committee has been able to provide funds for 7 full-time faculty members and 3 part-time faculty members. The funds have been used to pay for conference fees and other various activities related to their teaching assignments here at UNM-Valencia. The account has a remaining balance of \$5,600 which is still available for this semester. Remember, as a full-time faculty member you may request \$750 and a part-time faculty may request \$300.

Please submit your request to Cindy Chavez @ c2chavez@unm.edu.

After you return from the activity please provide the committee with a short summary regarding the professional development activity and how it will be implemented into your classes, etc.

(Editors note: And, if you wish, send a short report for our Reports from the Road for the Faculty Newsletter!)

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CHESSE Pieces

Jami Huntsinger, Division Chair

News from Social and Cultural Studies

by Jami Huntsinger

Brianna Otero, a senior at Belen High School, spent a full working day shadowing Joseph Barbour, PhD as he performed his duties as Executive Director of El Ranchito de los Niños, a children's home in Los Lunas. Dr. Barbour serves as Adjunct Instructor in psychology at the Valencia Campus. Ms. Otero participated in activities that included rearranging duties of a key administrator ready to give birth, struggling with issues of a parent who was refused visitation because of active substance abuse issues, and working on a plan for fundraising. In addition, much more fun was her participation in brain development activities with eight children aged two to four. Her last hours were spent in a parent-teacher conference developing a plan for an eight-year-old that has only sporadic school attendance history who carries books with her everywhere, but cannot read. Ms. Otero's questions and observations added richness to El Ranchito. Joe looks forward to the next opportunity to have a student visit El Ranchito de los Niños.

Julia So recently published an online article at the American Diversity Report website. To get an update on the progress of the LGBT movement, you can read "Quantum Leap for the the Gay Movement" at <http://americandiversityreport.com/2014/01/28/quantum-leap-for-the-gay-movement---by-dr-julia-w-so.aspx>.

On February 6th, over 100 community members, students, faculty and staff attended a presentation by Former Lt. Governor Roberto Mondragón on the Treaty of Gaudalupe Hidalgo and its impacts on New Mexico. Accompanied by guitarist Stanley Gutierrez, Mondragón, he sang ranchera music and shared stories about New Mexican culture and the accomplishment of present Land Grants in the states. Here is a photo of Mondragón and some of the CHES faculty. Thanks to Julia So and her committee, Valencia Speaks, for bringing this wonderful presentation to our campus!



News from the English Department by Danizete Martinez

English Department Faculty Member Heather Wood will be presenting at the 2014 Southwest Popular and American Culture Associations Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, NM, Feb. 19-Feb. 22, 2014. Her presentation is entitled “Surviving Ourselves: Ecological Sustainability in Hayao Miyazaki’s *Spirited Away*, *Princess Mononoke*, and *Nausicaa Valley of the Wind*.” The paper will be included as part of a panel on Eco-critical approaches to film and literature. As such, it draws a connection between the films of Japanese Filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki and principles of Ecofeminism highlighted by Vandana Shiva in her seminal text *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development*. Examining three cinematic works by Miyazaki, including *Spirited Away*, *Princess Mononoke*, and *Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind*, the paper illustrates how Miyazaki’s female protagonists embrace concepts of ecological sustainability as they navigate the often turbulent interactions with modern systems.

Bill Nevins has begun hosting the monthly second Wednesday 7 pm open poetry readings at the Range Cafe, Bernalillo, New Mexico. All poets welcome to come and read. Each month there is a feature poet. Feb. 12's feature is noted public performance poet Don McIver.



Cyndi Sabo received her 1 year pin, a kudu (for kudos, get it), for her time as a zoo docent, and Dani Martinez received a 1 year pin for being a touchpooler at the aquarium.

The new UNM-Valencia Writing Club began meeting on Thursdays 3:30-5:00pm in A141. All kinds and levels of writing and writers are welcome!

Bodies of Scientific Knowledge -- Dr. Heather Wood's English 219

Technical Writing course for STEM majors recently completed the Bodies of Scientific Knowledge Group Project. Groups presented 20-minute PowerPoint presentations on various theories and scientific eras including Evolutionary Theory, Aristotelian Science, the Scientific Revolution, Relativity, and Quantum Mechanics. The project led students on a historical, cultural, and scientific tour of some of history's most innovative thinkers, including Aristotle, Isaac Newton, Galileo Galilei, Charles Darwin, and Albert Einstein. The presentations included interactive quizzes, extensive reference lists, and informative Q & A sessions.

News from the Wellness Center

Dustin Shafer



We here at the Wellness Center are extremely excited about the change in activity levels that have accompanied the change in season. This success would not be possible without the continued support of Director of Student Affairs, Hank Vigil and the Chair of CHESS, Dr. Jami L. Huntsinger. These two continue to be agents of positive change within the university and the Wellness Center is truly blessed to have them overseeing the facility.

The Wellness Center strives to continue professional development and community service. On January 13th, the Wellness Center was proud to initiate the fitness assessments/programming of our Campus Police. Collaborations like this help to ensure the health of our first responders and the overall safety of our campus. Also on January 15th, Dustin Shafer gave a presentation to the Center for Ageless Living on Nutrition and Weight Management. Furthermore, on January 25th, the Wellness Center, in conjunction with Upward Bound, volunteered at the 14th Annual Hispano Chamber of Valencia County Matanza. Lastly, on Friday, January 31st, the Wellness Center helped 130 middle school students from Los Lunas with tours and transitions between academic session classes here at Valencia Campus.

In February, we will ensure that all of our new hires have completed their orientation materials and are American Heart Association certified. On February 22nd,th the Wellness Center will be chaperoning a climb at Stone Age Climbing with Upward Bound. Lastly, we will be finishing the month off as an exhibitor in the New Mexico Public Education Department's *2014 School Health Education Institute* on February 25th.

Bob Culver recently passed his nutrition certification examination through IYCA. By taking this examination, Bob will significantly add to the knowledge and services that can be offered to those who take advantage of the Wellness Centers free fitness assessment and personal training services. Additionally, Bob is planning to attend a USA Weightlifting Seminar in March. The seminar, held at the U.S. Olympic training facility, details safe and effective weightlifting techniques. After attending the seminar, Bob will be even better equipped to teach advanced weightlifting exercises in a similar style to U.S. Olympic coaches. Last, but not least, Bob has been an integral piece in four grants (Adidas, General Motors, Polar, and USDA) that the Wellness Center has completed and will be pursuing this spring.

Finally, the Wellness Center would like to announce its Spring BBQ/Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 from 11:00AM-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 SCC (registration is available at unitedbloodservices.org). We would like give special thanks Student Government, Student Services, and Pepsi for their

Spring BBQ/Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 26

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Student-Community Center

and

Central Courtyard

Preregister for blood donations at:

www.unitedbloodservices.org

continued support of the Wellness Center events. As always we look forward to seeing you there and making this event a success!

Business, Technology, and Fine Arts

Michael Cheschiat, Division Chair and Fine Arts Coordinator

It is a pleasure to report our new Division structure is working well.

Automotive Technology Program

UNM Valencia's Automotive Technology instructor, Anthony Chavez attended the ACTE (Association of Career Technical Education) Best Practices 2013 conference in Las Vegas, NV in December. Conference provided training in career technical education and recruitment as allocated by Perkins grant funding for dual credit students and college students.

Anthony Chavez also met with the head of automotive technology for UNM Gallup at end of October to help align our new program and curriculum to industry standards.

Business Management

Rich Palmer attended an annual Tax preparation course in November offered by the IRS. Conference covers new laws and changes for tax preparation which is used in OBT 293 Tax Preparation Class taught by Richard in the Spring.



Gallery

The "Dirty Paper" show artist's reception was fun last Thursday night. Evan Dent, our new adjunct drawing and painting teacher, was kind enough to give a slide lecture about his work in my art history class the night of the reception. If you haven't seen his show yet be sure to stop by the gallery. The exhibition is up till March 4th.

Our next show will be the "11th Annual Santero del Rio Abajo" March 11 - April 8 with the artist reception March 27, 5 to 7 pm



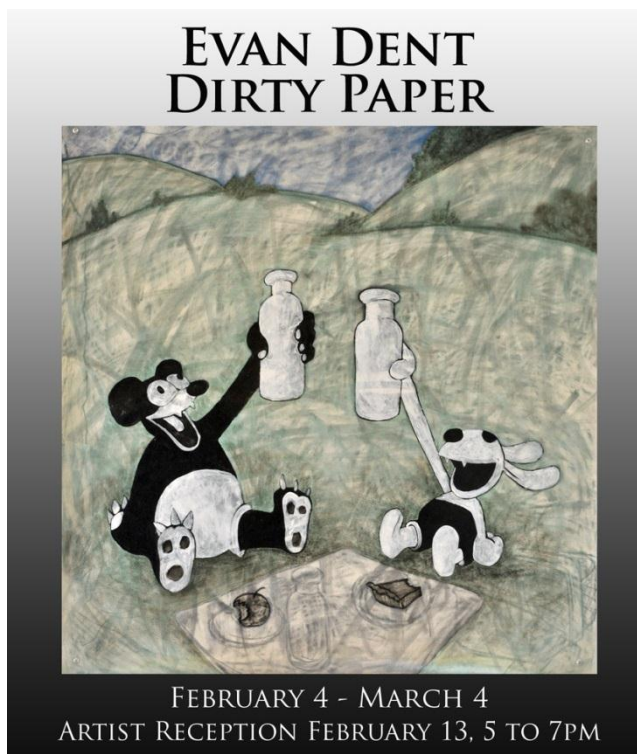
Global Game Jam 2014

Michael Brown, our Game Design instructor, and eight UNM Valencia students participated in the 2014 Global Game Jam that took place in 73 countries with over 485 locations during the weekend of January 24-26, 2014. This was the first year for our campus to participate. Game Design students were given a theme Friday at 5pm then had 48 hours to design, create, and test the game they produced by 5pm Sunday. Their game was created on Unreal Engine and in full 3D. Only about 1% of the submitted Global Game Jam games are in full 3D due to the challenge of creating the art assets for them.

Theme for this year's global game jam was "We don't see things as they are we see them as we are". Our Game Design students created a game that had the player navigating their way through a couple of situations with the ability to switch the theme of situation with the press of a button. This allowed the player to decide on how they want to go through the story to get an ending they prefer...but is it the true ending? Anyone can find out for themselves by downloading the game that was completed from start to finish in 48 hours. <http://globalgamejam.org/2014/games/wake-jon>

Film Technology Program

After over a year of discourse our Perkins grant monitor approved the .5 FTE Film Technology teaching position and a successful national search was completed with the hiring of Justine Romine during the last week of Fall classes. Justin will implement a new campus degree program in Film Technology that will align with industry certification. The new CTE program will enable our students to compete for entry level jobs on movie shoots. When you see him be sure to say, "Hi". I'm confident he will do well here.



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Science/Math Division

Julie Depree, Math Co-Chair; Miriam Chavez, Science Co-Chair

Celebrate Pi Day with us!!
Wednesday March 12, 2014
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
SCC 108

- Amazing Pi Race
- Free Pie
- Prizes
- Presentations
- Much more...

STEM is Happening!

Monday, February 24

John Moreno, Civil Engineer, US Army
10:30 – 11:30 AM; H101

Friday, March 7

Field trip to UNM School of Engineering
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Centennial Engineering Building, Rm. 2080

Friday, March 28

Field trip to New Mexico Tech in Scorro
~9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tuesday, April 1

Lisa Moss, Genetics Counselor, UNM
OB/GYN Dept.
10:30 – 11:30 AM; STEM Center

Friday, April 4

Field trip to UNM Biology Research Day
~10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Castetter Hall, Basement Level

Other field trips and talks pending!

Nursing Division

John Austin, Division Chair

The Nursing Department at UNM-VC continues to be well represented by our outstanding students and faculty! The UNM-VC Student Nurses Association was recognized by the New Mexico Nurses Association in publication The New Mexico Nurse, January 2014 edition.



The UNM-Valencia SNA made significant contributions to the Belen High School (BHS) Weekenders' Backpack Program. They obtained donations of food and personal items for high school students at BHS. The program supports over 60 students who receive a bag of food/snacks every Friday afternoon to get them through the upcoming weekend. Truly the spirit of nursing!

The UNM-Valencia students were also well represented at the 2014 Nursing Students at the Roundhouse event on Thursday, February 13th, 2014. Sponsored by the NMNA, the Capitol Challenge for pre-licensure nursing students in Santa Fe provided the students with an “up close” look at the New Mexico legislative process. It also helped foster leadership skills that they will one day use as advocates for their patients and the nursing profession.



The Nursing faculty has also continued to distinguish themselves as active participants in the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) to help develop a standardized nursing curriculum for New Mexico. UNM-Valencia has been selected to host a statewide meeting of the NMNEC membership on our campus February 28, 2014. We are excited to show both our program and our wonderful campus to the leaders of New Mexico nursing.

We would also like to send kudos to our very own Dianna Johnston, MSN, RN, FCN! Dianna was selected to participate in the ATI RN Content Mastery Series for Adult Medical Surgical & Pharmacology in Kansas City, Missouri. She was chosen from a large pool of educators and subject matter experts to help norm test items and establish proficiency levels in not one but TWO different subject areas for advanced testing of nursing students. This certainly speaks to her expertise and the quality of nursing education our students receive at UNM-Valencia. Great job Dianna!



Transitional Studies/Highway to Success

Rosa Auletta, Director

Developmental English and The Greater Good

Scroll translated by:

Amiee Stahlman, Instructor for English 100 and English 099

Teresa Goodhue, Instructor for Academics and UNIV 101

Patricia Gillikin, Coordinator for Developmental English

Two fierce warriors from Ancient Greece landed rather awkwardly in the sticky weeds and cottonwoods by the blinking marquee for UNM-Valencia, both holding onto a bright green stone. The one with honey-blond hair grumbled, pulling goatheads out of her boots. “What *are* these things?”

“I don’t think we’re in Greece anymore, Gabrielle,” the dark haired one replied. “But, this Kronos Stone should have brought us to where—uh, when—Ares plans to cause trouble next. We’d better investigate.”



Peering strangely at the architecture, they found their way into the nearest building. Through several doors, they found a small group of people in an inner room. A woman with dark red hair was expounding energetically on the topic of Rhetoric.

"Scholars of Aristotle and the Sophists!" Gabrielle said wonderingly in a whisper.

Xena read off a piece of paper left behind on a nearby table. "This says **Amiee Stahlman and Patricia Gillikin** are doing a whole series of these workshops on certain Friday afternoons for students who help their fellow students with writing. Hey, this isn't in Greek—why can I read it?"

"It's got to be the Kronos Stone," Gabrielle replied absently, fascinated by Amiee's discussion of discourse communities and genre.

One of the tutors--Shelly--was speaking up. "Doing these workshops, I feel more confident as a writing tutor now. But I don't think we're spending enough time--we have too much to talk about, and not enough training sessions."

Xena raised her eyebrows and gave Gabrielle a significant look, then pulled her away. "Come on," Xena said urgently. Nearby, they found a friendly woman--a teacher named **Teresa Goodhue**, according to her door—working quietly in her office. She asked them if they needed assistance, not seeming to even blink at their leather outfits and formidable archaic weapons.

Xena and Gabrielle declined, but before they left Teresa told them about the **film series Monday afternoons organized around the Developmental English curriculum**. "We've already seen *Gandhi*, and for the next few Mondays we're watching other films such as *V for Vendetta*, *My Man Godfrey*, *Norma Rae*, and *Milagro Beanfield War*. We're focusing on films that address class issues, and all our students are invited."

After bidding Teresa farewell, Xena spoke urgently to Gabrielle. "We need to find out more. If my suspicions are correct—" she trailed off ominously.

They split up and explored separately. Gabrielle came back reporting excitedly on a conversation she'd overheard about a teacher named **Mary Clark who asks her Academics 100 students to read "Two Ways to Belong in America" by Bharati Mukherjee, and then has the students research poets from India who embrace cultural diversity**. Her students also watch the movie *Outsourced* to help develop a better cross-cultural understanding of similarities and differences between the U.S. and India.

"And look at this," Gabrielle pointed to words on a flyer on the wall. It stated that **the new campus Writing Club meets Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:00 in A141**. "I heard that the advisor is **Patricia Gillikin**, the one doing that workshop back there with Amiee—and that the two meetings, organized by ABE tutor James Westphall, have already been resounding successes."

"And there's this," Xena replied, handing Gabrielle a report she'd found. It said that **Developmental English is collaborating with English 101 to help students who place into English 100 accelerate into 101 via a program called ALP, or Accelerated Learning Program. In the fall, 80% of the students in one ALP support class, and 87% of the students in the other ALP support class, passed their English 101 classes**.

"So," Xena concluded, "All these people in this 'Developmental English' program are working to improve their students' powers in complex and challenging arenas for reading and writing."

“That’s going to result in increased understanding and peace—they are working for The Greater Good, Xena,” Gabrielle said with passion in her voice.

“Exactly. It’s obvious who is not going to like this,” Xena replied.

With a flash of light, Ares abruptly appeared with a roll of his eyes directed at the irritating blonde. He wore black leather and a glowering expression.

“Ares.” Gabrielle said grimly.

“You know, such skill with language could just as easily be used for evil.” With a smirk, Ares drew his sword and focused on Xena.

As the tall warrior drew her sword to defend this place of learning, a shriek erupted from behind the, now paused, melee.

“Stop!!! Not here! Not inside! Do you have any idea how many bond issues it would take to repair the damage!?” Arm raised resolutely, pointing at the door behind the outsiders, Dr. Alice Letteney’s stern expression made it clear what they must do.

“Ooo, sorry about that. We’ll be leaving, then.” Ares replaced his sword, and all three took the fight to the mesa.

The teachers, tutors, and students continued hard at work inside.



Disclaimer: No Basic Writing teachers, students, or tutors were harmed in the making of this newsletter article. However, Ares left the area sulking and covered in goatheads.



Valencia Campus Library News

Barbara Lovato, Library Director

Spring Break Library Hours

March 17-21, 2014

8:00am - 5:00pm

Welcome Katherine Kelley

We are very pleased to announce that Katherine Kelley started as our new Library Information Specialist II on January 16, 2014. She has a B.A. and M.A. in Art History and an M.A. in Library and Information Studies. Katherine has experience working in public, art, academic, and museum libraries and she is a welcome addition to our staff here at the VC Library. Katherine will be the faculty contact person for Course Reserves so please feel free to contact her with your questions or requests.

Fuel for finals

The library provided free cookies, coffee, tea and cocoa to students the week before and the week of finals. Nearly 4,000 patrons came into the library during these two weeks as measured by gate count. Students, staff and faculty really enjoyed being able to take a break to partake in some refreshments and a snack during this stressful end of semester time.



LearningExpress Library 3.0

The latest version of one of our most useful online resources is here. LearningExpress Library 3.0 supports academic and career development as well as lifelong learning through tutorials, test-preparation, and skill building resources in English and Spanish. LearningExpress will continue to offer skill building in math, science, and reading/writing for school aged and adult learners as well as practice tests for the new GED, SAT, PSAT, AP, ACCUPLACER, ASSET, and COMPASS exams. Included in the new LearningExpress are even more tutorials and opportunities for feedback, guidance, reviews, and personalized, recommended learning paths. New accounts will need to be created to begin using this new version of LearningExpress. Ask at the library if you need help.

American Library Association Midwinter Conference

Barbara Lovato received Faculty Development funds to attend the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA on January 24-27, 2014. Below are some of the highlights of the meeting:

Information Literacy Course Module:

A 16-part, customizable product that can be utilized as a ready-to-use course or to supplement existing courses and instruction sessions. It contains pre and post assessment with reporting tools as well as tutorials and multimedia. Sections of it or the entire module can be incorporated into an existing Learning Management system for delivery to students and/or can reside on a separate vendor-specific platform.

Library Instruction Round Table Discussion Group “Bridging the terminology: a collaborative effort to help high school students transition to college”:

This discussion group focused on the importance of standardizing terminology related to libraries and research beginning in pK-12 in order to more easily transition students into the college environment.

Equipment demonstrations

Microform reader/scanner: The Library’s current microform reader/printer has become cost prohibitive to service and does not have the capability to create a digital copy. Since the VC Library is the primary custodian of the Valencia County News Bulletin back to 1913, it is important that we maintain a reliable, modern method of accessing this collection. Demonstrations of several products in the Exhibit Hall were viewed in order to make a more informed decision on this purchase.

Book scanner: Demonstrations of several products that are specifically designed for the scanning of books were attended. These scanners are more gentle on book spines and create images that better facilitate Online Character Recognition (OCR). The intent is to purchase a new scanner for the Library this fiscal year.

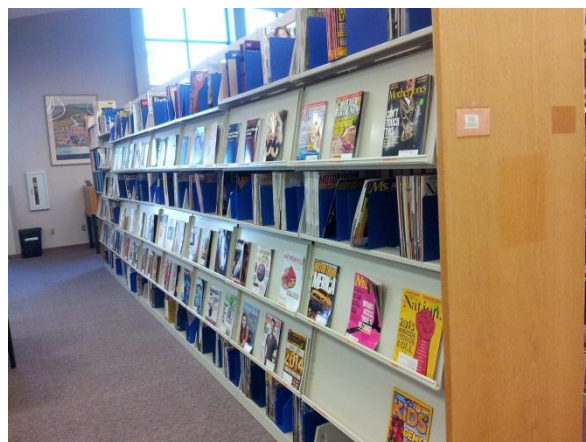


Space Changes

In order to create a more open, welcoming feel in the library, we have relocated a few of our collections and moved around some comfortable seating. The magazine collection that was housed in front of the circulation desk as you enter the library has been relocated to the west side of the library. The shelving that currently housed this collection has been removed to open up this area. The ESL collection has been moved into the small half-wall area that previously housed our

Microform (fiche, film) collection and viewing area. The Microform collection, reader/printer and video viewing area was relocated just North of where it previously resided.

So far, the feedback has been positive and we have received comments that the library looks and feels bigger. Please come visit us in the Library and let us know what you think!



Faculty Assembly Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order (1)
2. Acceptance of agenda (1)
3. Approval of Minutes from November 2013 (1)
4. Executive Director Report (10)
5. Dean of Instruction Report (5)
6. Treasurer's Report (2)
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications Committee—Elaine Clark (3)
 - b. Handbook Committee—Elaine Clark (10)
 - c. Core Course Assessment—Claudia Barreto (5)
 - d. Curriculum Committee—Thomas Whittaker (3)
 - e. Faculty Professional Development Committee—Cindy Chavez (2)
 - f. Faculty Senate— Julia So (5)

8. Teaching Tips—Danizete Martínez (5)

9. President's Report (5)

10. New Business/Announcements (5)

11. Adjournment

(63 total minutes)

Faculty Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, February 19
1:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
LRC 101C

Faculty Assembly Meeting
November 20, 2013
1:30-3:00 LRC 101C

In attendance:

Rosa Auletta	Sarah Garde	Alice Letteney	Richard Sax
Claudia Barreto	Patricia Gillikin	Barbara Lovato	Dustin Shafer
Michael Ceschiat	Miriam Gustafson	Najib Manea	Julia So
Anthony Chavez	Annette Hatch	Danizete Martinez	Richard Sylvestre
Cindy Chavez	Alfonso Heras	Bill Nevins	Helen Walton
Miriam Chavez	Michael Hopper	Richard Palmer	Alexa Wheeler
Julie Depree	Jami Huntsinger	Eva Rivera Lebron	Thomas Whittaker
Lucille Farrington	Khaled Kassem	Melanie Sanchez-	Heather Wood
	Donna Ketcheson	Dinwiddie	

Call to Order

- Dani Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

1. Acceptance of agenda

- A motion was offered to accept the agenda
- Agenda was accepted

2. Approval of minutes

- A motion was offered to accept the minutes from October 2013
- The minutes were accepted

3. Executive Director's Report (Alice Letteney)

- Two year branch presidents met to discuss funding formulas
- Our funding formula stays "in the middle" and is relatively stable
- Dec. 12 in LRC 101B, C- John Petronus, President of Architectural Research Consultants, Inc. will give a presentation. Lunch will be provided, please come.
- Sally Hebert is retiring; please refer any qualified applicants for this vacancy
- Have a great Thanksgiving-Alice is off to Paris

4. Dean of Instruction's Report (Richard Sax)

- Upcoming Master Plan Town Hall will be in LRC 101 ABC, Dec. 12, 11:00 AM-3:00PM
- We will hear feedback on the NSF Proposal in 8-10 Weeks; grant could provide funding for up to seven portable solar panels and two UNM-Main, PhD students to provide mentoring for STEM students
- FEDIs have been submitted by faculty and are being processed
- Instructional Council manual updates are in progress
- Catalog updates are also being made

5. Treasurer's Report (Thomas Whittaker)

- Faculty Assembly budget currently holds \$495.60.
 - \$43.81 in snacks budget. Basket passed around. Please donate if you can.

6. Ombuds Faculty Representative (Margaret Menache)

- Margaret discussed UNM Main's mediation program
- She encouraged interested parties to call Jean Civikly-Powell (505) 277-3212 if they need mediation; program is voluntary, confidential, and free
- Brochures were provided, detailing guidelines for mediation program and for resolving communication disputes
- Mediations are carefully arranged and monitored
- Breathe when you are in a situation where you are threatened

7. Committee Reports:

Faculty Handbook (Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie)–

- Vote is needed on new language regarding Committee Membership
- Bidding would occur every two years/would be staggered
- Issue will be brought up again in Feb.
- Several years of minutes are missing
- A system is needed to archive all minutes-Najib, Alexa, Heather, and Dr. Sax offered help in archiving. Decision needs to be made whether archives will be internal or external.
- Issue will be brought up again in Feb.

Assessment (Claudia Barreto)—

- Assessment went well; all reports except one are done
- Core Course assessment will be done in spring; please collect your data

Curriculum Committee (Thomas Whittaker)—

- Committee has not met since last faculty meeting
- If you have any requests, please contact Tom by next semester

Conflict Resolution Committee (Jami Huntsinger)—

- Thanks to Julia and Margaret for arranging OMBUDs presentation

Faculty Professional Development (Cindy Chavez)—

- Started with \$12,000 and 12 faculty were sent to conferences already
- \$5446 is left for future conference applications

Faculty Senate (Julia So)—

- Nothing new from Faculty Senate

Adjunct Committee Rep (Bill Nevins)

- Contact Bill with any adjunct issues

8. Teaching Tips (Thomas Whittaker)

- Playing music in class can help students connect to curriculum

9. President's Report (Dani Martinez)

- Please fill out FEDI form if you haven't already
- IDEA forms are due Friday Nov. 22
- Thanks to Sarah for brownies

10. New Business/Announcements

- Bill Nevins-Third Annual UNM-VC Film Festival is Feb. 27; please come
- Julia So-Thanks to everyone for your participation on Valencia Speaks events
- Dean Sax-Hank Vigil is LoboAchieve contact
- Barbara Lovato-due to Security breach new passwords are going to be needed for EBSCO database
- Anthony Chavez-Skills USA students are now being registered for automotive program

Adjournment: 2:46

Respectfully submitted, Heather Wood