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Wednesday, April 18

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9th Annual Santero del Rio Abajo

March 29 – April 12

Reception: March 29, 5- 7 pm

Faculty Staff Exhibit

April 9 – May 17

Reception: April 26, 5- 7 pm



Dawn Marie's Theater class presented: A staged reading of Pedro Calderon de la Barca's Allegorical Religious Play "The Great Theatre of the World"

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Faculty Assembly Meeting

Join your colleagues

Wednesday

March 28, 2012

1:30 pm to 3:00 p.m.

LRC 101C

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President Report

Submitted by Elaine Clark



Greetings Faculty,

Well, we lost some shingles off our roof the other day in that wind storm. Yikes! Hope you all fared better. ☺ As for important topics of note for the upcoming Faculty Assembly meeting, we are still working on tweaks to the Handbook. There are some changes we would like to vote on at the March 28 meeting. Dani Martinez, Handbook Committee chair, sent out an email before Spring Break explaining the different options. I'll include the list at the end of my article. These changes are because of comments on the paper ballots at the end of last semester or because of things that have come up that require clarification. The changes coming up for vote are not all of the items we received comments about. Yes, there will be another round, if not this semester then in the fall.

Della sent a complete list of the full-time and adjunct faculty to Toni Black, so I hope the v-fac listserv is now complete and everyone is receiving v-fac messages! I will pursue checking this in the next few weeks so if you see an email from me asking for a response, please let me know you received the message. Yes, I really do like to open my email and find 100 new messages. Well, for the cause I'll do it this time. ☺

Recently an email went out to the ALLFAC-L listserv about mediation training for faculty. Please, if you are interested, sign up for this training. It would be nice to have a good pool of people to choose from to serve on our Conflict Resolution Committee, especially since one of the proposed changes in the Handbook is for all members of this committee to have the mediation training. The FAC account can probably reimburse you for your travel and parking to attend. The training days all Friday, Sept. 7; Saturday, Sept. 8; Friday, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22; each day from 8:30 to 4:30. The person to contact is Jean Civikly-Powell at jcivikly@unm.edu or 277-3212.

Also, an email went out recently about the next conference of the UNM Mentoring Institute. I'm not familiar with the buzz words in this discipline so I'm not sure the significance of the focus of the upcoming conference on "developmental relationships," but I do feel it might be worth some of us attending as we can. The early-bird registration deadline is June 15, 2012 so there may not be Faculty Professional Development funds available (the next batch won't be available until this coming fall) but maybe we can talk to Dean Sax or Dr. Letteney about some matching funds for the Faculty Assembly to send at least one person to this conference.

We're over the hump of the semester and slipping down the back side toward finals week. Hope you manage to cover all your learning objectives and I'll see you at the meeting Wednesday, March 28 from 1:30 to 3:00 in LRC101C. —

Message from Dr. Letteney

To My Colleagues:

I was on annual leave last week and so am sending you a brief report for your March Faculty Assembly Meeting. Governor Martinez signed both the budget bill and the GO Bond bill this month. We are very pleased that UNM-Valencia Campus will be included in the General Obligation Bond for HVAC improvements and more parking. The election for that bond issue which also includes some funding for our library will be this November. I will be in Washington, DC at the HACU Legislative Conference this week to get updates on legislation from HACU and meet with staff from our Congressional Delegations. I will be discussing the importance of both Pell Grants and HSI Grants for our students.

I hope you all had a relaxing Spring Break. I will see you this week.

Dean of Instruction Update

The Summer 2012 and Fall 2012 schedules are in completed form and will be sent to the publisher today (March 28). However, there may still be some adjustments, mostly deletions, since we continue to be over budget in terms of summer salary budget and fall adjunct salary budget. Given the number of new fulltime faculty members we have added, our adjunct pay expenditures should be going down somewhat. I will be in contact with scheduling chairs and directors in the next few days and weeks to see where we might be able to cancel a few more sections.

Discussions have ensued in both Chairs Council and in Instructional Council concerning a faculty mentoring program for new faculty to begin in Fall, 2012. At present, we are developing the idea of individual 1-on-1 mentoring (senior faculty to junior faculty) arrangements which seem more feasible on a campus where, given everyone's heavy teaching load, it remains very difficult to designate a time (lunch? late afternoon? early morning?) when a critical mass of faculty members are both available and on-campus.

The Strategic Planning Committee is moving toward the conclusion of its revisions to the past (2009-2012) Strategic Plan. We expect to hold what I'm sure we all hope is our final meeting on April 3 (!), and there will be a Town Hall meeting midday on Wednesday, April 18, for community input and feedback. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this important and worthwhile endeavor.

The third of four spring term Centennial events, produced by Academic Affairs was held on Thursday, March 22. Kudos to Dawn-Marie Lopez and her THEA 130 students who performed an adaptation of The Great Theatre of the World, an *auto sacramentales* from medieval Spain, recast during the time of New Mexico's 1912 statehood. The next and last Centennial event of the term will occur on the evening of Wednesday, April 4, when Patricia Gillikin hosts three extraordinary New Mexico poets: Hakim Bellamy, Damien Flores, and Olivia Gatwood, in the Student Community Center. Please encourage your students and other members of the **UNM-Valencia** community to attend what will likely be a memorable event!

Business, Technology and Fine Arts Division

Digital Media Art Article

Submitted by Alexa Wheeler

We are enjoying a return from Spring Break in the DMA program. Alexa attended the SXSW Interactive and Film Conference in Austin, TX over break. Some of the most relevant topics discussed in various panels at the conference included: Transmedia Storytelling, the Technical Art Scene in Europe vs. the US, the "UnCollege" - Learning Outside the University, Innovative Approaches to Mobile Learning, and many other discussions revolving around the transformation of higher education today through digital and social learning. A very productive conference indeed!

Please continue to spread the word about the MediaArts Club! Tell your students to find DMA on facebook by searching for: dmavc@unm.edu. They, and you, can stay abreast of MAC meetings (via the MediaArts Club Facebook Page housed on the DMA Facebook site) and other DMA activities.

It's that time of year for the annual student film festival! The "Leading Edge Student Film Festival" is actively looking for submissions to the annual DMA film festival. Please see: www.unm.edu/~dmavc/filmfest.html for info on dates, times, submissions, etc... Spread the word!—

Fine Arts Department Report

Submitted by Michael Ceschiat, Fine Arts Coordinator

Gallery

Our 9th Annual Santero del Rio Abajo show is up till April 12 with the artist reception Thursday March 29 from 5 to 7pm. This year's reception will be in conjunction with an open house/arts crawl at the Tome Gallery and Sedillo-Zamora Home.

Our last show of the semester will be the Faculty Staff Exhibition. All talented campus members are encouraged to participate. It will run April 19 through May 17 with an artist reception April 26 from 5 to 7pm. Works need to be "hang" ready (framed) and dropped off at the Fine Arts Gallery April 9 through 13. If you have any questions please email me ceschiat@unm.edu or call Susan at 925-8711.

Faculty News

Dawn-Marie Lopez's acting class performed a staged reading of Pedro Calderon de la Barca's Allegorical Religious Play "The Great Theatre of the World" last Thursday March 22 as part of our Centennial Celebration. Turnout was great and it was nice to see theater at our campus once again.



Department of CHESS/Language and Literature Department

Created and Presented by Jami Huntsinger and Miriam Gustafson

CONGRATULATIONS ... Dr. Richard Melzer

Dr. Richard Melzer, has been awarded the Dorothy Woodward Award presented by the Historical Society of New Mexico for outstanding contributions to the advancement of education. We are so proud of your outstanding accomplishments.

ENTERTAINMENT



Professor William Nevins was a featured reader in the Bank of America Theatre at National Hispanic Cultural Center on March 15 for the *Librotraficante* gathering of authors, who are concerned with restrictions on books being taught as well as curricula used in the Tucson, Arizona, school system. This has become a matter of national educational concern and addressed by MLA and the AAUP. Bill, who read pieces from Irish poet John Montague as well as his own original compositions, shared the state with poets Tony

Mares, Margaret Randall, Hakim Bellamy, and Levi Romero.

Please note in your calendars that Bill is organizing the April 18 Voices of New Mexico Program at UNMVC, held in the SCC building, which will feature scholar and singer Steve Cormier and poets Jessica Helen Lopez and Maria Gallegos.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

This Year's NMHEAR Conference was the site of the presentation by Dr. Patricia Gillikin, Mary Cooper-Wallace, and Richard Sylvestre, together with Adrien Lawyer, who is the Executive Director of the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico entitled "Retaining Students Through the Creation of Safe Zones. The presentation included discussion of consideration for all students. In order to thrive, all students need not only an environment that supports their intellectual work, but also one that supports them as people. This very important and ultimately successful presentation was well received and attended.

Also, a note from Lisa Hase-Jackson advising us that her 200 New Mexico Poems project, celebrating New Mexico's Centennial through poetry, has received official endorsement from the New Mexico Centennial Steering Committee making it an officially sponsored centennial project. Submissions are still open. The site can be accessed at 200NMPoems.wordpress.com. Way to go, Lisa!!

That's it for now—See you next month.





Valencia Campus Library News

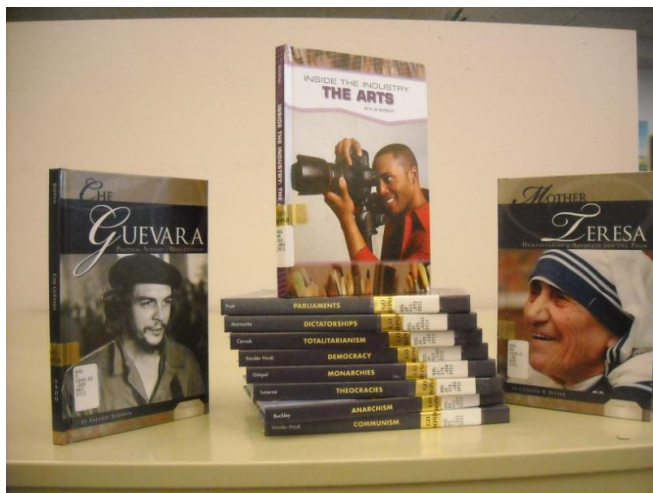
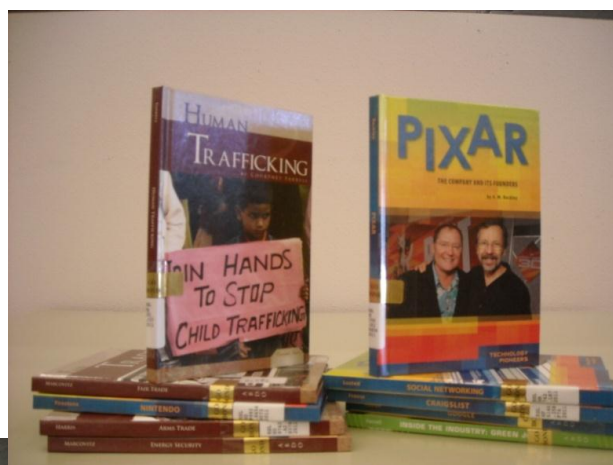
Submitted by Dr. Barbara Lovato-Gassman

Purchase Recommendations

Need supplemental materials to support your classes? The library is very happy to consider purchasing resources that you feel would be beneficial to support students in your classes.

We just purchased and added a wonderful collection of books GED/ESL books recommended to us by Tina Newby.

Remember that we do not purchase textbooks, but we continue to put instructor-provided copies of textbooks on Reserve in the library for your courses.



Send your purchase recommendations to bllovato@unm.edu or bring them by the library. I will evaluate purchases based on the library Collection Development Policy as well as available funds.

Shifting and Spreading

We are still shifting and spreading books into the rearranged and relocated book stacks in the library. This ongoing project should be completed by the Fall semester. At that point we will label the stacks with the call number ranges to assist in locating items. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance if you are having problems locating something in the stacks.

Book Art



The Library has repurposed some of the old legal books that were removed from the former Law Library. The vase and flowers on the left were created by Amanda Griego, a library workstudy and artist. It was donated for auction to the recent scholarship Gala. The vase and flower on the right were created by Barbara Lovato, Library Director and is on display in the Library.

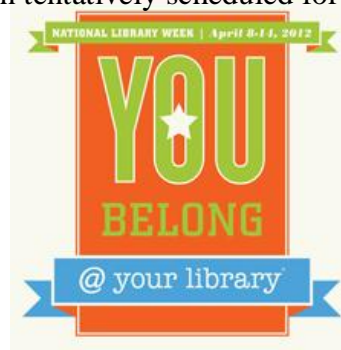


Celebrate New Mexico: Exhibition of Artist Interpretations of *So Far From God* by Ana Castillo

In combination with the digitization of the Tome' Collection and to coincide with the New Mexico Statehood Celebration, the library will present an Art Exhibition of artists interpretations of the book *So Far From God* by Ana Castillo. This book is set in Tome', New Mexico and comes highly recommended by Library Journal. The imagery provided in its prose will work well in this project. This exhibition will be displayed on the West Wall of the library from October 2012 through December 2012, with an opening reception tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2012, 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm.

National Library Week

National Library Week is April 8-14, 2012. This year's theme is "You Belong @ your Library" Look for a library bulletin board, book display and web page.



Syllabi

The library continues to create and host a Syllabi Page for regular and online courses each semester <http://www.unm.edu/~unmvclib/newwebsite/syllabispring2012.htm> Remember to submit your syllabi to LeAnn Weller as soon as possible in the semester. The library will not post any syllabi on this page until at least 60% have been received. Please encourage your colleagues to submit syllabi in a timely manner and in an acceptable format.

Mathematics Department News

By Julie DePree

Our algebra course redesign project continues to grow and change. Most students have responded very favorably to the computer-based classes. We are now using the iLearn program for students who are continuing in that program from Math 100 but have added a MyMathLab-based program for students who wish to use that instead. Next semester all sections of Math 118 and Math 119 will be computer-based courses. All sections of Math 120 will be lecture. The STEM team is working on multidisciplinary projects that will help students see the relevance of mathematics and the value of learning mathematics. These projects will be incorporated into all sections of Math 118/119/120 and Math 121 in the fall. A committee is also working on revising Math 193. Changes in this course will occur in the fall. I would like to thank the faculty who participated in these projects.

Most members of the math faculty have been busy with professional development activities this past semester. Several faculty members attended OSET trainings on various topics including critical thinking, active learning, and technology. Most of the mathematics faculty also attended the NMHEAR conference last month and many plan to attend the New Mexico Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Conference in May. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated mathematics faculty members who are focused on improving student learning.

Staying **onTRAC** with TRiO/SSS

by Nanci Nielsen

Stacie Kirtley and I attended the NMHEAR conference in February and found Vincent Tinto to be a refreshing and highly motivating speaker. It was an extra bonus for us when he began praising TRiO programs!

It is amazing how quickly this term is passing. Students and staff at TRiO are getting ready for our annual awards banquet and graduation. This year we held an open house; the week of February 27, was designated TRiO Week on our campus by our Student Government. We would like to thank everyone who participated.

All students accepted in our program must pass, with a C or better, the TRiO First Year Experience course. The course is designed to help students gain a fundamental understanding of how attitude, self-management, study, life and workplace skills are the cornerstones to achieving educational and career goals.

We started our FYE course in summer 2007. From then through fall 2011 **72.1% of TRiO/SSS FYE students are still attending, transferred, graduated or graduated and transferred.**

TRiO Works!

Adult Education Center

submitted by Tina Newby



On March 6, Univision (KLUZ TV) broadcasted their visit to our family literacy program at El Cerro Mission Community Center. They interviewed students, an instructor and the child development specialist. This program is very beneficial to those who need to improve their English language skills or prepare for the GED in Spanish but do not have childcare. The child development specialist, provided by the Valencia County Literacy Council, teaches the child (birth to 12)

while the parents participate in classes provided by the Adult Education Center. Then parents spend time with their children and learn about literacy activities they can do with their children. This year the number of children participating has decreased and there are openings. The full story can be viewed at www.kluz.tv. Search for Ayuda gratuita on March 6.

On February 17, Rita Logan and Tina Newby attended the NM Skill Up meeting to learn more about how the TAACCCT grant objectives. Support for Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training has become a top priority in this grant so we have the monetary support we needed to continue what we started in the fall and for the next three years. We look forward to continuing the Personal Care Attendant course as an I-BEST course and adding more to the schedule.

In the meantime, faculty and senior tutors are working on helping students find their career paths and assessing their progress using portfolios. Portfolio assessment adds hours to the work schedule but quality to the process. This will also help student build the skills necessary to be successful in their continuing education.

Faculty Assembly Meeting

February 22nd, 2012

1:30-3:00 LRC 101C

In attendance: Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie, Danizete Martinez, Elaine Clark, Alice Lawson, Patricia Gillikin, Dubra Karnes-Padilla, Julie Dupree, Miriam Chavez, Claudia Barreto, Barbara Lovato, Miriam Gustafson, LeAnn Weller, Najib Manea, Alexa Wheeler, Richard Sax, John Anderson, Tina Newby, Alice Letteney, Cindy Chavez, Eva Rivera, Tom Whittaker, Annette Hatch, Donna Ketcheson

- 1. Call to order:** Elaine Clark called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.
- 2. Acceptance of agenda:** there was an addition to the agenda. Faculty Development Committee needs to be added. Miriam Gustafson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with LeAnn Weller as a second.

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- 3. Approval of minutes:** Cindy Chavez made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting with Julie Dupree as a second; all were in favor.

4. Executive Director's Report:

- Thank you to all who donated or volunteered for this year's Gala. Just over \$10,000 was raised. The endowment is approximately \$820,000. Dr. Letteney would like to see \$1 million. Student body president Victor Escobar spoke at the Gala and did very well.
- The final funding formula proposed by the LFC (Legislative Finance Committee) made sure that 2 year colleges were not disadvantaged. Dr. Letteney would like the Faculty Assembly to thank LFC for their work. The funding formula has not been signed and can still be vetoed by the Governor.
- Money that is "off the top" which is approximately \$100,000.
- GO Bond would give \$1 million to UNMVC for heating, ventilation and cooling upgrades and more parking in the south lot.
- Barbara Lovato added that an additional bond would give UNMVC library \$20,000.
- We are currently working with main campus to lift a 30 credit requirement to receive certificates. UNMVC needs certificates to increase our student completion. However many of our certificates are less than 30 credits.
- The current art exhibit of Elaine Soto was very well done.
- Faculty Assembly are invited to Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony this Friday, 2/24 at 6:30. There will be a small dinner to accompany the ceremony.
- Scholarships for travelling abroad, our students are eligible so please encourage applications and the deadline is within a few weeks.

5. Dean of Instruction Report:

- Budgeting requests have been reviewed and sent to Andy. It looks like all will be funded.
- NMHEAR conference is 2/23 and 2/24, 18 UNMVC will be attending.
- Summer and fall schedules are currently being worked on and will soon be completed.
- It is a catalog year and work is being done to get that finalized. Work is being done to add the undergraduate degrees of faculty in order to increase attractiveness of UNMVC to students.
- UNMVC has 6 new full-time faculty who has joined this semester. Dr. Sax asked that they be welcomed.
- A search for a Game Design and Simulation Faculty is ongoing.
- New Mexico Centennial events were a success.
- February 10th was the Film Festival, many films were screened, it was very well organized, and was an enjoyable event.
- The Strategic Planning Committee continues to meet. The committee is meeting 2/29 to finalize the plan; however there may be need for a March meeting. A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for April 18th.
- Dr. Sax ended with allowing any questions.

6. Treasurer's Report

The amount of money in the account for Faculty Assembly is \$154. We have run out of money for snacks so please donate to that fund.

7. Committee Reports:

- Faculty Senate (Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie)—there was not much that pertained to UNMVC. A posthumous degree was awarded. Several honorary degrees were voted on. There was some discussion from Tim Ross about the process in the selection of the new UNM President, Robert Frank. Dean Sax added some insight to some of the controversy that arose from the selection of President Frank.
 - i. Dubra Karnes-Padilla has served as the UNMVC representative for 4 years and can no longer serve. Danizete Martinez was voted as the official representative and Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie will be the alternate. This new term will start Fall 2012.
- Faculty Development (Tina Newby)—there has been discussion by this committee to create a Faculty Mentoring Program and to work with Najib to increase participation of faculty in using technology. Tina would like input from Faculty Assembly. Khaled offered some suggestions on training for completing FE/DI evaluations and help with the tenure process. John Anderson would like in the mentoring program an emphasis on the importance of committee involvement.
- Curriculum Committee (Alexa Wheeler)—program reviews will be coming up starting at the end of the spring semester and continuing into the fall semester. Information has been added to the <http://www.unm.edu/~vccurric/>. Alexa reviewed the website to familiarize faculty with the upcoming program review process.
- Core Course Assessment (Claudia Barreto)—these are the reports that must be completed in the Spring semester for all core courses. Claudia will be sending an email on VFAC that will contain the form for Core Course Assessments and will also have the list of which courses need reports. Claudia handed to the attending faculty a list of the core courses. Committee members will be available to complete the reports for a variety of time slots later in the semester.
- Faculty Handbook (Dani Martinez)—thank you to all who voted in December on the handbook changes. Everything that was up for vote passed. There will be another vote at the March meeting for more changes that are being reviewed. Dani will be sending out via VFAC the information on the changes that are being proposed.

8. President's Report:

- April 18th is the Strategic Plan Town Hall meeting. This is in conflict with the Faculty Assembly meeting, therefore the Faculty Assembly meeting will be on April 25th.
- Main campus establishes their committees in the spring. If any UNMVC faculty is considering being involved with those now is the time to sign up.

9. Announcements

- Cindy Chavez had a question from Toni Black about who is allowed to be on VFAC. Toni is receiving some requests that she is not sure is appropriate. This topic was discussed previously in Faculty Assembly and Elaine made the remark that we could refer to previous meeting minutes for the decision of who could be on VFAC. Dean

Sax emphasized that VFAC needs to maintain high integrity so that VFAC retains its importance. The discussion ended with the statement that staff should not have access to VFAC.

- 10. Adjourn:** Claudia Barreto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:42pm with a second from Cindy Chavez; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie

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

1. Call to order (1)
2. Acceptance of agenda (1)
3. Approval of Minutes from February 2012 (1)
4. Executive Director Report (10)
5. Dean of Instruction Report (10)
6. Treasurer Report (3)
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Core Course Assessment—Claudia Barreto (2)
 - b. Curriculum Committee—Alexa Wheeler (5)
 - c. Faculty Program Development Committee— (5)
 - d. Handbook Committee—Dani Martinez (5)
7. President's Report (10)
8. Announcements (2)
9. Adjournment (55 total minutes)