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- Pi Day Celebration
- STEM Resource Center

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# President's Report

*Danizete Martinez*

It always surprises me when we get to this point in the semester; I panic that I still have so much to do (as do our students), but we all manage to get things wrapped up. Our UNM-Valencia Commencement will be on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and as much as I enjoy seeing our students graduate, I also get a kick out of seeing faculty in full regalia. It reminds me of my graduation and of my professors looking on proudly, and maybe a bit nervously. A fun fact: from the mid-eighteenth through the beginning of the nineteenth century, students at Princeton and Columbia were required to wear their “college habits” at all times.

Speaking of graduations and initiations, we will be holding our Faculty Executive Committee elections at the next Faculty Assembly on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be my last meeting as acting President, and I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve on the FEC for the past three years (the first two as the CHESS representative). I also want to thank Dr. Letteney, Dr. Sax, and the Advisory Board. I appreciate the opportunity to see more of the administrative side of campus, and I have a fuller understanding of how our institution runs. I look forward to continuing as the Program Coordinator of English and attending Faculty Assembly as a civilian.

But...that's not until April 16<sup>th</sup>, so in the meantime, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me at: [danizete@unm.edu](mailto:danizete@unm.edu). Have a great end of semester!

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## **Faculty Executive Committee**

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# Executive Director's Report

*Alice Letteney*

To My Colleagues:

I spent several days last week in Washington advocating for our Hispanic Serving Institutions with both White House staff and Congressional members and staff. The main points of discussion were the desire to re-instate the Summer Pell Program as a means of accelerating college completion, restoration of the Ability to Benefit Program which allows students without a high school diploma to receive federal financial aid if they qualify to begin taking college courses, and support for our Hispanic Serving Grants as well as our TRiO grants. The UNM delegation was joined by staff from NMSU and NMTech. Congressional staff were particularly interested in the collaboration between UNM and Valencia on research grants that would allow undergraduates research experience.

Cindy Shue is our new Senior Program Manager responsible for Grants and Contracts. Rita Logan will assume responsibility for the Development Board's private sector fundraising. We received our Title V Eligibility Letter on Friday, and will be applying for a Title V grant focusing on gateway writing and math courses as well as the creation of a new Integrated Information Technologies area.

**On April 30, from 11:30am to 1:30pm,**

representatives from main campus and from the health plans being offered to employees will be in the Student Community Center to discuss changes in our health care benefit programs. This year employees will have to actively choose a health plan during the April through June window.

The Board of Regents plan to meet on Monday to vote on the 2.5% increase for staff. I want to convey my appreciation to Richard Holder, UNM's Faculty Senate President, for his comments on the importance of both staff and faculty compensation increases.

Our Advisory Board met on Friday, April 4, and passed a budget with no tuition increases for students. That budget will be voted on by the Board of Regents at their May meeting. As Dean Sax is leaving us in June, I have conferred with your Faculty Assembly President, Dani Martinez, and we have agreed that there is no need for a Dean's yearly evaluation.

Finally, thank you to those faculty and staff who helped 147 Belen Middle School students learn about UNM-Valencia on Friday, April 11. Printmaking, Robotics, Nursing, Mathematics, College Writing, and Google Wars were the topics presented for the day. This kind of activity is critically important as we get our students to begin thinking about college.

## **Open Enrollment and VEBA-Opt-Out period**

*Open enrollment for employee benefits is  
April 23 through May 14!*

You MUST select a health insurance plan even if you want to keep the same plan. ALL health insurance coverage will end on June 30 unless you enroll during open enrollment.

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# Dean of Instruction Update

*Richard Sax*

The corrected schedule of classes for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 is now back on campus and available; students will begin to register for classes on April 21. Please make certain that your summer book orders are already submitted to the Bookstore and that your fall book orders are submitted soon if you have not already done so. With both the summer and fall schedules, one of two things must take place: either enrollment needs to be quite robust in the summer and fall terms, returning to 2011-2012 levels at the least, or we will need to cancel aggressively so that we align budgeted accounts with overload and adjunct teaching schedules.

The Dean of Instruction Search has a best consideration date at the start of May. Faculty Assembly President Danizete Martinez is serving as Chair of the Search Committee. The Director of Nursing Search has a best consideration date of April 30, and I am serving as the Chair of the Search Committee.

As you should know by now, we have decided to allot the average 3% increase in full-time faculty pay for 2014-2015 on a merit basis, 4%/3%/2%, depending on FEDI PDP scores. Deans' Council was cancelled last Thursday afternoon (April 10) so that all could attend the session on medical benefits and changes for next year which will include three possible options.

Please continue to **send feedback concerning the Strategic Plan** (<http://www.unm.edu/~strgplan/StrategicPlan2012-2015RevisedFinal.pdf>) to one of your faculty representatives (Rosa Auletta, Michael Ceschiati, Dani Martinez, myself) **by this Friday, April 18**, so that your input can be shared at our Strategic Planning Committee scheduled for next Monday, April 21, which will be focused on providing updates to our existing Strategic Plan, 2012-2015.

Division Co-Chairs Julie DePree and Miriam Chavez have agreed to serve as Interim Co-Deans for the months of June and July; the hope is that a new, permanent Dean of Instruction will be in place by Monday, August 4, 2014, two weeks before the beginning of fall term classes. I will be on-campus through the middle of the last week of June before relocating eastward.

I continue to serve (with Connie Bracewell of the University of Arizona) as Co-Chair of the American Indian Literatures & Cultures (AIL&C) section of the American Culture Association. Our joint annual conference for PCA/ACA (Popular Culture

## **Highlighting Faculty:**

### ***Julia So (Sociology)***

On April 5, Julia presented a talk, "You Don't Have to Like Me, But You Have to Do Well in This Course" at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association in Albuquerque, NM.

### ***Richard Sax (English)***

On April 17 Richard will present a paper *An Historian's Life's Work: Robert Utley's Legacy and his Geronimo* at the American Indian Literatures and Cultures: PCA/ACA National Conference in Chicago, IL

### ***Danizete Martinez (English)***

On April 26 Dani will present a talk, "Cross-Cultural Approaches through Regional Writing," at the Transitions and Transactions II Conference: Literature and Creative Writing Pedagogies in Community Colleges, in New York, NY.

### ***Richard Palmer (Business)***

Richard Palmer served as site coordinator for the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program that serves low-income families, students, and senior citizens in our community.

### ***Alfonso Hera Llanos (Mathematics)***

On April 8 Alfonso successfully defended his PhD dissertation on "Differential Subgroups of GL... $(n)(R)$ ".

### ***Richard Melzer (History)***

On April 5 Richard delivered a speech on Harvey Houses in New Mexico to the New Mexico chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Ruidoso, NM.

On April 12 Richard served on a panel discussion of Southwest writing at the Gallup Authors Festival in Gallup, NM.

### ***Barbara Lovato (Librarian)***

In March Barbara was elected Vice President/President-Elect of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL).



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Association/American Culture Association) occurs this week in Chicago. Even though the conference is from midday Wednesday through midday Saturday, all five of our concurrent sessions, as well as the Session Chair meeting, have been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday only, so I am traveling Tuesday through Friday so that I can chair two sessions and present a scholarly paper at a third session. For your information, I have appended our tentative schedule for later this week in Chicago (at end of newsletter)! I regret not being able to attend this final Faculty Assembly meeting of the 2013-2014 academic year, but I am looking forward to these final weeks of the academic term, all of our Commencement week activities, and continuing to adjust the summer and fall schedules, as student enrollment patterns dictate, with your input.

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## Reports from the Road

**by Tracy Terry**

**UNM Chemistry Department Meeting with Branch Campuses**

**Location:** Albuquerque, NM

**When:** April 4

The Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at UNM, Steve Cabaniss, hosted a meeting of branch campus and CNM faculty on April 4th. Joe Ho, the Director of Undergraduate Education in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, several other main campus lecturers, CNM faculty, and faculty from the Valencia, Taos, Grants and Los Alamos branch campuses were in attendance. The main goal of the meeting was to increase communication across the campuses to facilitate the standardization of course content and student assessment for Chem111L, Chem121, Chem122, and the labs Chem123L and Chem124L. Toward this end, it was proposed that a web folder be developed to contain contact information for instructors on each campus, as well as course specific information such as syllabi, practice exams, and original or innovative class activities. Several online file-sharing methods are being examined for this purpose including Dropbox and Google drive. This summer, the faculty on each campus will be invited to submit course information to the online folders.

In addition to the file-sharing component of the meeting, information was disseminated about two new chemistry courses: Chem192, a preparatory course for Chem121; and Chem101, a 'chemistry in context' course for non-majors. Chem101 has many similarities to EPS110 – Chemistry in the Environment that is offered in the fall semester at Valencia and we were able to share ideas for improving both courses. We also hope to begin offering Chem192 at Valencia in the near future.

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

Please nominate one of your exceptional students for Student of the Month!

The nomination form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Deadline April 25 for May

If you have any questions contact Michael Carriere at [fallout@unm.edu](mailto:fallout@unm.edu)

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## Reports from the Road (cont.)

by Sarah Garde

**On Course Workshop: Empowering  
Students to Get on Course**

**Location:** Los Alamos, NM

**When:** March 28



On Friday, March 28 I attended an On Course Workshop in Los Alamos entitled ***Empowering Students to Get on Course***. Other UNM faculty attending were Steve Castillo (Economics-UNM-VC) and Lourdes McKenna (Computer Science-Main Campus). The purpose of this workshop was to provide us with:

1. learner-centered structures and strategies for helping students learn more deeply, and
2. empowerment strategies for helping students become active, responsible and successful learners who thrive in a learner-centered environment.

Throughout the day, we practiced thirteen different structures (activities free of content) and strategies (activities that contain content), and conducted these in the four groupings of whole group, small-group, pair and solo. Our “Learner-Centered Tool Box” was enhanced by practicing the following structures/strategies:

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| • Case Study           | • Value Line                                   |
| • Popcorn Reading      | • Thirty-Five                                  |
| • Quick List           | • Read Around                                  |
| • Think/Pair/Share     | • PMI + Q (Plus, Minus, Interesting, Question) |
| • How Can I use/Adapt? | • Gallery Walk                                 |
| • Jigsaw               | • Hands Up/Stand Up                            |
| • Who’s the Expert     |  |

Participants included people from multiple disciplines and roles at the college and high school level. Everyone, regardless of their role, was able to walk away from this workshop with additional tools to use with their respective clients. Prior to attending this workshop, I had used a few of the above strategies, but was not aware of many of them.

This is definitely a worthwhile workshop. I strongly recommend it to others should the opportunity arise again. There are” take-aways” from this workshop that are easy to immediately implement in the classroom, which I really appreciate after attending training.

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## CHES Pieces

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### Social and Cultural Studies

*by Jami Huntsinger, Division Chair of CHES*

Joseph Barbour, PhD will present at the New Mexico Christian Child Care Association Conference on April 16, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM. He will present on "Signs and Symptoms of Children Who Have Been Abused, and Communicating When No One Else Wants To." Joseph was also part of a team effort of Community Home Administrators working with state level administrators from CYFD to form new regulations. This three-year process made an additional 270 beds available for children in the overpopulated foster care system. These beds were previously unavailable due to previous agreements and laws separating faith-based homes from state control. The final draft of the new regulations were adopted by the state on February 28, 2014.

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, Julia So attended a mediation workshop "Mediation: The Journey Continues" by Mark Bennett at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court in Albuquerque. She also presented "You Don't Have to Like Me...but Please Do well" at the 35th Annual Western Social Sciences Association Conference in Albuquerque.



### English

*by Danizete Martínez, Program Coordinator*

On April 26, Danizete Martínez will be presenting "Cross-Cultural Approaches through Regional Writing" at the Transitions and Transactions II Conference: Literature and Creative Writing Pedagogies in Community Colleges hosted by [Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY](#) in New York, NY.

The English Department is also working on the new curriculum for incoming Freshman students. There will be three choices for students: English 101, English 111/112, and English 113. Each of these choices is designed to help ensure student success.

At the end of March, a group of 12 students and English faculty members Dr. Jami Huntsinger, Dr. Heather Wood, and Dr. Danizete Martínez had a very fun visit to Santa Fe for the annual Reading New Mexico field trip. Here we are at the New Mexico History Museum!





## News from the Wellness Center

*by Dustin Shafer, Program Manager*

As the spring semester is coming to a close, we at the Wellness Center are proud about some recent trends we are seeing. This semester we have seen an increase in foot traffic in conjunction with an increase in personal training. Trends like these help to foster a culture of wellness on campus and in the community. According to the CDC healthier people are less likely to display absenteeism. They also have a reduced rate of “presenteeism,” or being present but ill, which, like absenteeism, also reduces productivity in the workplace. I would like to extend a special thanks to all of those in the community who continue to utilize and support our programs.

The Wellness Center continuously strives to serve its constituents in the best manner possible. In an effort to meet our high standard of campus and community service, the Wellness Center is proud to highlight the long-term accomplishments of Alice Choinard. Prior to her employment at UNM-Valencia, Alice obtained a B.A. in Dance from the University of California, Santa Barbara. After graduating, she performed for nine years with a California based dance company, obtaining a certificate in Shiatsu massage. Alice joined the faculty at UNM-Valencia in the fall of 2000. She received her yoga training and certificate from the White Lotus Institute in California, and has since taught for over twenty years in the field. Recently, she completed a Pranayama/Dhyana class and Senior Yoga Teacher Training at High Desert Yoga in Albuquerque. Alice has so much continuing education that it’s hard to calculate the true depth her education and experience with regards to mind-body instruction. In this field, we sometimes talk about mastery-level skill acquisition. The amount of time that many have settled on to master a skill is about 10 years or 10,000 hours, which when you break it down further is approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes a day for 10 years. There is no doubt in my mind that Alice Choinard is a master yoga instructor. It is hard to quantify the transfer this type of knowledge base has to students. It can be seen in her full classes, on students’ faces, and with her ever-faithful following of yogis. It can heard in remarks like “I look forward to your class” or “Your class is like church to me.” The Wellness Center truly appreciates the work and dedication that Alice Choinard gives her students, and we thank her for her continued commitment to excellence.

### **Student Math League Competition results:**

The top five scorers for this semester's SML Competition were

- Patrick Burgess (currently in Calc II/Math 163)
- Joseph Good ( currently in Calc I/Math 162)
- Clarissa Freeman (currently in Physics 152 & 152 Lab)
- Andrew Dille (currently in Math 163)
- Andrew Lindberg (currently in Math 162)

These competitors, combined with last semester's top five scorers, complete the UNM-Valencia Campus Team for 2013-2014.



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## **Business, Technology, and Fine Arts**

*Michael Cheschiat, Division Chair and Fine Arts Coordinator*



### **Business Administration, Office, and Business Technology**

*by Cindy Chavez, Program Coordinator*

As some of you may know, Professor Toni Black is retiring and moving near Hot Springs, Arkansas at the end of this semester. Toni began teaching with UNM-Valencia as an adjunct teacher and was subsequently hired as a full-time instructor. She has served as a full-time faculty member for the past 16 years and during that time worked on and completed a doctorate degree in Educational Thought. As the full-time Information Technology (IT) teacher, she taught a variety of courses over the years that included Excel, Access, Computing for Business students, Programming, and eventually Public Speaking, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She has an excellent rapport with students and this is evident by the number of awards she has received as "Teacher of the Year" (which is 8 and yes I am jealous!).

## **HUERFANO BY AUGUSTINE ROMERO**



**APRIL 15 - MAY 13, 2014**  
**RECEPTION APRIL 22 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Toni served as the IT program coordinator and helped develop the IT curriculum. She has served on many committees on campus and assisted in maintenance of the Faculty Website.

She can be proud of her accomplishments during her tenure here at UNM-Valencia. Toni is excited about the move and looking forward to spending her time painting, dancing, and hiking in the beautiful community of Hot Springs Village.

Toni has been an excellent teacher, friend and colleague! Please join us for a sendoff on April 30<sup>th</sup> in B121 for a potluck from 11:30AM to 2:00PM. She will be missed by all!

### **Fine Arts Gallery reception**

**Tuesday, April 22  
5:00 to 7:00 PM**

*by Julie Depree and Miriam Chavez*



Congratulation to Alfonso Heras Llanos who successfully defended his dissertation, “Differential Subgroups of  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ ” on Tuesday, April 8. Dr. Heras will be joining us in the Fall 2014 as a Lecturer III, Mathematics instructor.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship grant is coming to an end after three years. During the three year period 63 students have received scholarships. We are currently supporting 22 students majoring in a STEM field. Sixteen students have graduated or transferred (4 to New Mexico Tech, 10 to UNM – Main, 2 – looking for a job). This semester we are expecting four students to complete their degrees. A big THANK YOU to the faculty mentors who have provided individual support to our students (Claudia Barreto, Toni Black, Annette Hatch, Clifton Murray, Alex Sanchez, and Alexa Wheeler). We look forward to writing a new grant to continue this wonderful support for our students.

**Come join us in celebrating Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22.**



On Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> the campus will celebrate Earth Day. First celebrated in the U.S. in 1970 (but haven't we always celebrated Earth?), awareness of the event has ebbed and flowed over the years and is now growing in significance given increased scrutiny of human activities and their impacts on the Earth system. The UNM Valencia Earth Day 2014 event includes the following scheduled activities:

<b>11:00AM – Noon Room to be announced</b>	<b>Earth Science in the Workplace.</b> We will welcome three representatives from the local National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS – USDA) offices to our campus to speak about the work they do here in the Middle Rio Grande Valley, and training and opportunities at their workplace.
<b>Noon – 1:00PM Plaza</b>	<b>Scavenger Hunt and Renewable Energy demonstrations.</b> To take place in the plaza
<b>1:00 – 3:00PM Academics 101</b>	<b>A screening of the movie Carbon Nation.</b> Tired of the doom-and-gloom news about climate change? 'Carbon Nation' is an inspirational, optimistic, solutions-based, non-preachy, non-partisan, big tent film that shows tackling climate change has benefits for our nation. To be shown in Academics room 101 – movie to begin at 1:15pm



## Highway to Success

*Rosa Auletta, Division Manager*

### Developmental Mathematics Report

See Reports from the Road article by Sarah Garde.

### Developmental English Report

*by Patricia Gillikin*

Mary Clark's UNIV 101 class has focused on banned books. Students are giving presentations and discussing censorship challenged as well as the consequences of banning books. They are also writing letters to argue for or against banning specific books in schools.

Meanwhile, Amiee Stahlman and Patricia Gillikin conducted another tutor training workshop for developmental English writing tutors in April. Word has it that these tutors are feeling more comfortable as writing tutors.

Finally, Patricia Gillikin has been invited to write an analysis of an episode of original series Star Trek for a book which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Star Trek, which first aired in 1966. She's presently mired in revisions.



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## Valencia Campus Library News

*by Barbara Lovato, Library Director*

### Summer Library Hours

May 19, 2013-August 15, 2013

Monday – Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

May 26, 2013

Closed (Memorial Day)

July 4, 2013

Closed (Independence Day)

### National Library Week Activities “Lives Change @ your Library”

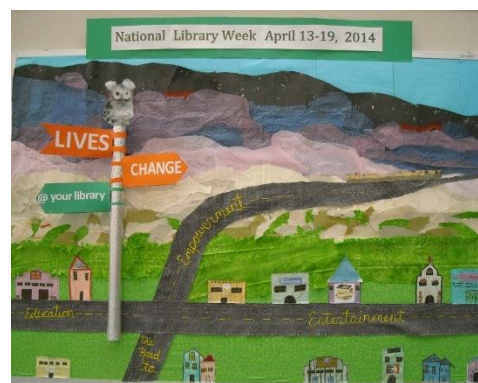
Monday, April 14th – Create a Story!

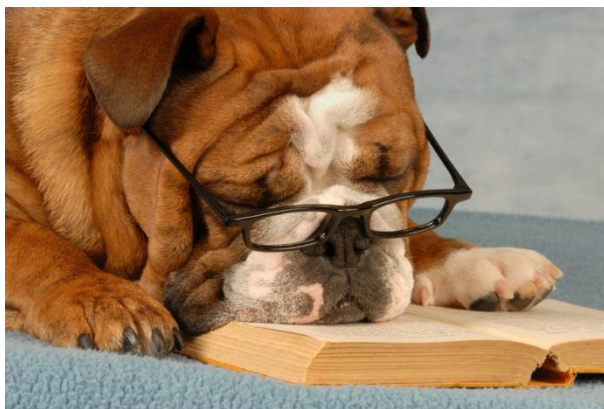
Tuesday, April 15th – Game Day!

Wednesday, April 16th – Snapshot Day! and COOKIES!

Thursday, April 17th – Book Sale!

Friday, April 18th – Book Sale!





### **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. Let us know in plenty of time to acquire what your students will need.

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](mailto:bllovato@unm.edu) or bring them by the library. Requests will be evaluated based on the Library Collection Development Policy as well as available funds.

### **NMCAL Vice President/President-Elect**

Barbara Lovato was elected Vice President/President-Elect of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries (NMCAL) in March 2014. NMCAL is a group of nearly 40 Academic Libraries in the state which:

- Provides academic libraries in New Mexico a forum for the discussion of common goals, issues, and a venue for networking.
- Facilitates the sharing of resources, access to services, and information which benefit all those served by New Mexico academic libraries.
- Encourages partnerships which strengthen and build stronger academic libraries in New Mexico.

Dr. Lovato's term will begin in April 2014 at the next NMCAL Director's meeting in Albuquerque.

*Faculty Assembly Meeting*

*Wednesday, April 16*

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



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## Faculty Assembly Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order (1)
2. Acceptance of agenda (1)
3. Approval of Minutes from March (1)
4. Executive Director Report (10)
5. Dean of Instruction Report (2)
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 (2)
  - e. Faculty Professional Development Committee—Cindy Chavez (2)
  - f. Faculty Senate— Julia So (5)
8. President's Report (3)
9. Faculty Executive Committee Elections—(15)
10. New Business/Announcements (5)
11. Adjournment

(70 total minutes)

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## Minutes – Faculty Assembly Meeting March 26, 2014 1:30-3:00 LRC 101C

### In attendance:

Margaret Anaya	Patricia Gillikin	Najib Manea	Richard Sax
Rosa Auletta	Annette Hatch	Danizete Martinez	Dustin Shafer
John Austin	Alfonso Heras	Tina Newby	Julia So
Claudia Barreto	Jami Huntsinger	Richard Palmer	Richard Sylvestre
Michael Ceschiat	Donna Ketcheson	Eva Rivera Lebron	Tracy Terry
Cindy Chavez	Dianne Johnston	Justin Romine	Helen Walton
Elaine Clark	Alice Letteney	Melanie Sanchez-	Alexa Wheeler
Julie Depree	Alice Lawson	Dinwiddie	Thomas Whittaker
Lucille Farrington	Barbara Lovato		Heather Wood
Sarah Garde			

### Call to Order

- Dani Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

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**1. Acceptance of agenda**

- A motion was offered to accept the agenda.
- The agenda was accepted.

**2. Approval of minutes**

- A motion was offered to accept the minutes from February 2014.
- The minutes were accepted.

**3. Executive Director's Report (Alice Letteney)**

- Tuition meeting with Regents turned into a discussion about budgeting. Compensation increases are a matter of discussion among Regents and students.
- Los Alamos requested a 4.5 % increase in tuition. Their size requires more funding.
- Dan Chadbourne received a Gold Medal Scholarship. He will receive his award in Orlando at the upcoming Phi Theta Kappa Award Ceremony.
- 17 individuals have applied for Dean of Instruction. The search committee (Dani Martinez, Michael Ceschi, Elaine Clark, Hank Vigil, Andy Sanchez) has been formed and it is hoped that the position will be filled in time for the fall semester.

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

- In response to Alice's report, Dr. Sax mentioned that the Provost's Office believes strongly that the market drives salary increases for faculty due to national and international competition.
- Margaret Anaya is now Unit Administrator in Academics-welcome to Margaret. She will be finishing her MBA at Anderson School of Management in May.
- Margaret-"I'm excited to be here and look forward to working with everyone."
- The Strategic Planning Committee meets March 27, 2014.
- April 11 is the upcoming high school student visit w/ Danny Bustos.
- Thanks to Dustin Shafer for the Spring BBQ.
- Gloria Sanchez is the new contact in the bookstore; please re-send all book orders to Gloria.
- Assessment is crucial at the course and college-level. Claudia is doing a great job on this with the Assessment Committee.
- English 100 level requirements are changing. Stretch courses and studio courses will be offered. Remedial courses will be blended in with the regular 101 courses.

**5. Treasurer's Report (Tom Whittaker)**

- Faculty Assembly budget currently holds \$477.87.
- \$33.81 in snacks budget. Please donate if you can.
- In-state travel-submit requests by end of semester.

**6. Committee Reports:****Faculty Handbook & Communications Committee (Elaine Clark)-**

- Official handbook links are now available on the Faculty Website
  - Motion approved to add the new section on Amendments.
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- Motion was seconded.
  - Vote to put the new section on Amendments at the end of the handbook was accepted unanimously.
  - Alexa Wheeler-Digital archiving of newsletters is needed. Alexa can provide more than three years of newsletters on the website.
  - New language to handbook was also voted on and approved.

Assessment (Claudia Barreto)—

- Core course assessment is not going away.
- Assessment can drive important changes in curriculum.
- Please sign up for your time with committee this Spring.

Curriculum Committee (Thomas Whittaker)—

- Committee will meet again in April. Nothing new to report now.

Faculty Professional Development (Cindy Chavez)—

- Committee has not met since last meeting.
- Some money is still left in the budget. Please apply.
- Discussion surrounding how leftover funds can be used. Solid argument is made to allow previously funded faculty to apply for leftover funds. If funds are not used up, future funding could be reduced in the future.

Faculty Senate (Julia So)—

- Open enrollment for health insurance (3-week period) is coming up this semester. Everyone must re-enroll.

**7. Teaching Tip (Elaine Clark)**

- Elaine shared her Smart Pen, which she uses to teach math on-line.
- It has a microphone in it and links to BB Learn.
- Smart Pen makes it easier to help students solve math problems on-line.

**8. President's Report (Dani Martinez)**

- Best wishes and bon voyage to John Austin.
- Please send nominations for FEC to Heather. Current FEC people are running again.
- Positions of Faculty Secretary and Adjunct Representative are open for nominations.
- Nursing Faculty are encouraged to apply for vacancies.

**9. New Business/Announcements**

- Tom Whittaker-kudos to those who worked on PI day.
- Tom Whittaker-Please incorporate Earth Day topics the week of April 22.
- Dani Martinez-Friday is English Dept. Field Trip to Santa Fe.
- Barbara Lovato-April 13 is National Library Week.
- Richard Palmer-free tax returns are performed on campus.

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**Adjournment:** 3:01

Respectfully submitted, Heather Wood

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NCA/ACA National Conference 2014, Chicago, Illinois  
Marriott Chicago Downtown-Magnificent Mile  
(abridged agenda)

Wednesday, April 16, 2014—445-615pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ballroom B

Session Chair: Richard Sax

*The Lenape on the Wapahani: An Experiential Learning Documentary*

Chris Flook, Ball State University

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*Native American Silent Films: Sympathetic and Oppositional Lenses*

Ken Melichar, Northwestern Michigan College

*Following the Path of the Armed Ones: Where the Stories Come From*

Elizabeth Kelley, Russell Sage College

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Wednesday, April 16, 2014—815-945pm, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ballroom B

Session Chair: Richard Sax

*Shell Shakers and Ghost Singers: Subverting Spatial and Temporal Boundaries of  
Colonization*

Marlene Kobre, Ithaca College

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*“Every evil which entangled him was cut to pieces”: The Challenge to Masculinity  
in Silko’s *Ceremony**

Tessa Pyles, University of Maine

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*Disabled on the Rez: Overcoming Disability in Sherman Alexie's The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Thomas Jordan, Upper Iowa University

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Thursday, April 17, 2014, 3-430pm—5<sup>th</sup> Floor Ballroom G

*White Woman Speak Truth: Humor in LeAnne Howe's Choctalking on Other Realities*

Ken Hada, East Central University

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*The Death of Tecumseh and the Making of an American Myth*

Billy J. Stratton, University of Denver

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*An Historian's Life's Work: Robert Utley's Legacy and his Geronimo(2012)*

Richard Sax, University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus

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*The Contested Voice of Mary Rowlandson: Billy J. Stratton's Buried in Shades of Night: Contested Voices, Indian Captivity, and the Legacy of King Philip's War*

Connie Bracewell, University of Arizona

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

The Student of the Month Committee invites faculty to nominate students who deserve recognition for extraordinary effort and accomplishments.

The accomplishments may include but are not limited to: academic achievements, service to fellow students in the classroom or on campus, significant improvement, dedication and persistence in the face of obstacles, and attitude to learning.

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

To nominate a student, provide the following information:

THE STUDENT S NAME (please spell clearly):

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THE NOMINATING FACULTY NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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DESCRIBE THE STUDENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS (the more details, the better decision can be made, thank you!):

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