Faculty Newsletter
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• The UNM Valencia Strategic Plan process will be officially launched on November 1 in a short campus wide event in the SCC from 11:30-1:00pm. At the event, Dr. Dosumu will share how the process will unfold, involving everyone across the campus including students. This will be held in-person as well as via Zoom (please refer to formal communications from our Communications Office (Jon Lechel). This process will solicit input from internal and external constituents as we build our path forward. As mentioned during the Convocation, this is the time for us to take our college to the next level.

• The Chancellor continues to meet with internal and external stakeholders to better understand how our college is meeting their needs and what we should be doing to continue to keep the college and community closely connected.

• Preparing for the Spring 2023 60-day Legislative Session in Santa Fe. It is an opportunity for us to stay connected with our legislators and inform them of all the good work our staff and faculty are doing for our students. Our legislators want to make sure higher education comes back to pre-pandemic levels. The UNM branch campuses are preparing informational video of student testaments detailing how we are helping them attain their life goals.
Please make note of these events:

Thursday, November 10 – Veterans Day program (flagpoles), 11am
Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11 – Diversity Summit (virtual, though UNM-ABQ)
Friday, November 11 – Faculty Academy (A-131), 10am, followed by lunch and then Faculty Assembly at 1pm (LRC101C)
Wednesday, November 16 – Reading New Mexico (virtual), 7pm
Tuesday, November 22 – Valencia Speaks (LRC101C), 1:30pm

I hope that everyone has heard about our new strategic planning process! Some of you have volunteered for a workgroup, and I look forward to hearing of the progress and the interesting ideas that come out of the work. This will be a wonderful opportunity to include elements in the new plan from all areas of campus as we look to create a new long-term (well, five years, at least) vision for the institution.

If you haven’t had time to go by and see the new greenhouse, you definitely should. It is up and running, and members of the science faculty are getting it all prepped and ready to start growing things! Some of the resulting work will be for scientific research, and some is headed for the PASOS resource center as fresh food for the pantry. Ask Victor French for details! (The new greenhouse is the big one!)

As we approach the deadline for curriculum workflow, I want to let people know that our curriculum committee has approved (along with several program tweaks or course changes) two new associate degrees – one in English and one in Chicana/o Studies. These are the first non-STEM or CTE programs that we have proposed in quite some time, and they represent a great way to expand our transfer possibilities in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Our efforts are bolstered by the UNM-ABQ/CNM/UNM branches partnership with the Mellon Foundation to strengthen pathways in the Humanities. This semester, we are offering CCST 2110 (Introduction to Chicana/o Studies), and it is full! I am hopeful that our students will gravitate to these new opportunities. Also, it will give faculty new outlets for content and creativity. Ian Burch, chair of our Curriculum Committee, will keep people apprised of the progress of these two programs.
Liz Axelrod’s poem “No One Here Gets Out Alive” was included in the Three Rooms Press Journal of Contemporary DADA Writing and Art, Maintenant 16. She had the honor of performing the poem on October 27th in a reading in conjunction with The New York Public Library, Tompkins Square. The reading was recorded and will be available in November.
The Student Nurses' Association is holding a flu shot clinic on campus on Thursday, November 17 9am-2pm. Be on the lookout for signs for more information. This will be in LRC Room 101 and 102.
Reading New Mexico 2022

Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m. MST
Virtual Literary Event

Victoriano Cárdenas (he/they) is a trans boriken/genizare poet from Taos, NM. He earned a dual Bachelor's, and his MFA in Creative Writing from the University of New Mexico. His debut poetry collection, Portraits as Animal, is forthcoming from Bloomsday Literary Press in Spring 2023. He lives in Albuquerque with his dog, Sophie.

Rachael Johnson is a disabled, neurodivergent Diné writer/poet from the Navajo Nation. She belongs to Táchii'nii, the Red Running into the Water people, and is born for Kinyaa'áanii, the Towering House clan. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of New Mexico. Her prose and poetry have been published, or are forthcoming, in The Diné Reader: An Anthology of Navajo Literature, Anti-Heroin Chic, Wordgathering, Writers Resist, Poetry Northwest, Abalone Mountain Press, and Prairie Schooner. Her essay, 'Nowhere Place,' won Prairie Schooner’s 2017 Summer Creative Nonfiction Contest, a Giena Luschei Award, and was recognized as a 2018 Notable Essay by Best American Essays. The Diné Reader: An Anthology of Navajo Literature, in which her poems were published, received a 2022 Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award. Her poetry/photography chapbook, "My Body is an Ill-Fitting Costume," will be published by Abalone Mountain Press in March 2023. She is a kajukenbo mixed martial arts student and is writing a novel, Ash, an untitled memoir, and poetry.
Fall Library Hours
August 22, 2022 – December 17, 2022
Monday - Thursday  8:00am - 6:00pm
Friday               8:00am - 5:00pm

Thanksgiving Break Library Hours
Thursday, November 24-Friday, November 25, 2022 – CLOSED

Winter Break Library Hours (Subject to change)
December 23, 2022 – January 2, 2023  CLOSED

Class Assignments
If you anticipate a class assignment that will make use of Library Resources,
please do let us know. We may have a finite number of materials on a certain topic (Rome) and the first student
that makes their way to the library could (did) check out everything we have. Just a quick email to
unmclib@unm.edu to let us know what to expect is greatly appreciated. Also, please remember that if you
require supplemental materials (not the textbook) for your class that the library does not already own, please let us
know and we will consider it based on our collection development policy and as funds permit. Additionally, you
can always, put materials on Library Reserve for your students to access while in the library. Please contact us to
discuss all the options the library can provide to make your students experience a successful one.

You Need Libraries! Libraries Need You!
Since 2002, Libraries across New Mexico have benefited from General Obligation funds that are generously approved by voters every two years. This year Bond 2 is for Libraries. Below is an estimate of how the libraries in Valencia County will benefit if Bond 2 is passed by voters this year.

Patriot’s Pen and Voices of Democracy scholarship reviewer
Barbara Lovato was asked by the Daniel D. Fernandez Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9676 to serve as a local reviewer for two scholarship competitions. Patriot’s Pen is a youth essay competition which gives students in grades 6 through 8 an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme.

Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay.

Both competitions are nationwide, with local Post winners advancing to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition.

Dr. Lovato will serve this year with two other reviewers at the Post level.
NMCAL GO Bond 2 Funds: Informing and Spending
Barbara Lovato, a member of the New Mexico Consortia of Academic Libraries (NMCAL) Legislative Committee co-presented on General Obligation (GO) Bond 2. This presentation focused on the processes involved obtaining these funds, including appropriate promotion and advisement, as well as the cycle of allocation of funds once they are approved by voters. Lastly, the presentation discussed the process of appropriately spending these funds. Dr. Lovato has been a member of NMCAL for nearly 20 years and has served in many capacities during that time.

New Mexico Library Foundation: Funding Changing Needs in New Mexico Libraries
Kat Gullahorn, outgoing chair of the New Mexico Library Foundation (NMLF) co-presented on how their organization can assist all types of libraries throughout New Mexico. This presentation discussed the changing needs of libraries due to natural disasters and the pandemic and how NMLF funding may help with library development, technology, and special initiatives. The NMLF annual fundraiser during this conference raised over $1500 for future library grants. Ms. Gullahorn has been a member of the NMLF since 2011 and has served in many capacities; most recently as chair. You can read more about the impact NMLF has across New Mexico on their website: https://newmexicolibraryfoundation.org/

Lightning Lounge
Barbara Lovato has been invited to present at a session of Faculty Lightning Lounge to be held via Zoom on Wednesday February 8 at 4:00 pm.

Open Education Resources (OER) Working Group
Barbara Lovato has been appointed by Provost Holloway as a member of the new OER Working Group. This group will work closely with the OER Steering Group to explore various options to better support our students and faculty. This initiative will align with Goal 2 of the UNM 2040-Student Experience and Education Innovation
Each year, UNM-Valencia Campus Library Halloween decorations are designed around a campus-wide theme. Each item is handmade by our librarians and student employees. We use surplus materials and cardboard, teamwork, and lots of creativity. This year’s theme was Tim Burton and the Library chose The Corpse Bride for our focus. The Library was proud to win third place in this year’s competition.
Patricia Gillikin has participated in two book clubs for CounterStories from the Writing Center, edited by Wonderful Faison and Frankie Condon, one in the summer organized by the Rocky Mountain Writing Center Association, and one this fall organized by the East Coast Writing Center Association, all in Zoom. She also presented on Oct. 28, with Karen Walter, Jimena Mendiola, and Stephanie Romero, at the state adult education Teachers’ Institute on “Transforming Our Approach: Synergizing Neurodivergent Literacy Learners, Tutors, and Teachers with bell hooks’ Social Justice Pedagogy.”
Teachers’ Institute Presentation

Two writing consultants, Jimena Mendiola and Stephanie Romero, as well as Education instructor Karen Walter and Patricia Gillikin, presented at the state education Teachers’ Institute conference on October 28. The session, “Transforming Our Approach: Synergizing Neurodivergent Literacy Learners, Tutors, and Teachers with bell hooks’ Social Justice Pedagogy,” was about a transformational approach to working with neurodivergent tutors, teachers, and learners. This approach is strengths-based and does the following:

- strengths-based,
- regards the differences of neurodivergence as within social norms,
- cultivates anti-ableism and universal design,
- shows how the resulting pedagogical strategies and capabilities we develop make us better educators for all learners,
- includes neurodivergent people in the academic community.
Halloween Decorations

Enjoy some pictures of the Learning Commons and PASOS collaborative Halloween decorations! The theme was Tim Burton’s Alice in Wonderland.
Writing Center Spain Connection

At the end of September, former UNM-Valencia Writing Consultant Jane Tabet-Kirkpatrick, who is currently on a Fulbright in Spain, wrote to say:

“I have some very exciting news! Here at my university (Universidad de La Laguna), we are opening a Writing Center! We are going to try and keep it close to the pedagogical standards of the writing centers in the states, while also being culturally flexible.”

Universidad de La Laguna is on the island of Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Patricia and Stephanie from UNM-Valencia's Writing Center have Zoomed with Stephanie and one member of her team. We plan to continue to stay in touch and support this new writing center in any way we can.

We're Looking for New Tutors!

The Writing Center seeks to hire new Writing Consultants—kind, reliable, compassionate students who are savvy about writing. Multilingual a definite plus! If you have students with these qualities, send their names to Patricia at gillikin@unm.edu and she will invite them to apply.

The Learning Commons is seeking to hire new STEM Tutors!

If you have any students who you think will make wonderful Tutors, please send their names and email addresses (if you can) to Shalaine Castillo, sbuck07@unm.edu. Students can apply online by scanning the QR code in the flyer below, or they can search for the job posting Learning Commons STEM Tutor at https://unmjobs.unm.edu under Student Jobs.
Fall 2022 Tutoring Hours
The Learning Center is open for use Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm. The STEM Center is currently closed due to new carpet installation.

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Writing Center Schedule—In Person
Monday: 3pm - 5pm at the Valencia Campus
Tuesday: 3pm - 7pm at the Valencia Campus
Wednesday: 3pm – 6pm at the Valencia Campus
Thursday: 10am -12pm at the Valencia Campus (find tutor in Learning Center)
2pm - 4pm at the Workforce Training Center
Friday: 1pm - 3:30pm

Writing Center Schedule—Online
You can make Zoom appointments for the following times, and tutors will also respond to drafts you email at the following times.
Monday: 3pm – 5pm
Tuesday: 10am - 12pm & 3pm – 8pm
Wednesday: 9am – 11am & 3pm – 6pm & 7pm – 8pm
Thursday: 10am – 4pm
Friday: 1pm – 3:30pm
Saturday: 11am – 1pm

For Questions, Contact:
Shalaine Castillo, Education Specialist, Learning Commons, sbuck07@unm.edu
Patricia Gillikin, Writing Center Director, Writing Center, gillikin@unm.edu
For the most up-to-date information, you can refer to our webpage multiple ways:
https://valencia.unm.edu/campus-resources/learning-commons/index.html
Going to the main UNM-Valencia webpage https://valencia.unm.edu → Campus Resources → Learning Commons: Tutoring Services under Academic Support Services
Scanning the QR code to the right

Using Zoom
As a UNM-Valencia student, you already have a UNM Zoom account.
Instructions to sign into Zoom and start your Zoom appointment:
1. Go to https://unm.zoom.us
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Sign In”
3. Log in like you’re signing into your UNM email
4. After logging in successfully (you should be seeing your Zoom profile), leave the internet browser open
5. Go to your email in another window or tab
   a. If you Accepted the meeting, go to your calendar and click on your Zoom meeting link
   b. If you didn’t Accept the meeting, the Zoom meeting link may still be in your inbox. Search for the email with your Zoom meeting link and click on the link
If you are not a UNM-Valencia student and you would like to request a Zoom appointment, please email Shalaine Castillo, sbuck07@unm.edu or email the Learning Commons, tutor@unm.edu for more information.
Resources Available—Learning Center
We welcome you to hold some (or all) of your office hours in the Learning Center. It's a great way to interact with students! The Faculty Alcove is a space located next to the printer and it has 2 desks with desktop computers that are available for your use. We also have 8 whiteboard tables and 3 mobile whiteboards. We provide dry erase markers and microfiber cloths!

We have an up-to-date computer lab known as the Math Center. The Math Center is housed inside the Learning Center, and it has 19 desktop computers with 3 rounds tables that can hold an additional 12 people. You are welcome to reserve the Math Center to host classes, meetings, etc. To reserve the Math Center, please email Shalaine Castillo, sbuck07@unm.edu or the Learning Commons, tutor@unm.edu to prevent possible double-booking.

Resources Available—Writing Center
Faculty are invited to bring their classes to the Writing Center for orientations to our services or even to hold class or do a workshop with our Consultants, schedules permitting. Faculty are also welcome to hold office hours in the Writing Center.

Scheduling Appointments
To schedule an appointment, please go to https://esurvey.unm.edu/opinio/s?s=146475 and complete the Tutoring Appointment Request form. You can also schedule an appointment with us over the phone at the Learning Center, 505.925.8907 or emailing the Learning Commons, tutor@unm.edu.

Tutor Education
Tutor Education is specialized training for Tutors as outlined by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) curriculum. These tutor education sessions are weekly and cofacilitated by Shalaine Castillo and Patricia Gillikin, with some special guests presenting on various topics. We are grateful for recent guest workshop facilitators Cheryl Bryan and Karen Walter.

Recent topics:
- October 7: Wellness, Self-Advocacy, and Saying No
- October 14: No Tutor Education – Fall Break
- October 21: Using Time Management to Complete Assignments Thoroughly presented by Cheryl Bryan
- October 28: Self-Efficacy presented by Karen Walter
- November 4: Neurodivergency and bell hooks presented by Stephanie Romero, Jimena Mendiola, Karen Walter, and Patricia Gillikin
For anyone who is interested in volunteering to help tutor who lives in the Rio Communities area!! For any additional questions, contact Cynthia (Cindi) Goodman (cyndia@unm.edu)
I hope your semester is going well!

Please join us Friday, November 11, for Faculty Academy (10:00 AM), lunch at noon, and then Faculty Assembly (1:00 PM). The Faculty Academy presentation is “Pedagogies of Care,” and it will be given by Magdalena Dathe and Jennifer Pollard from the UNM-ABQ Center for Teaching and Learning. Lunch will be green chile chicken enchiladas, red chile cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, rice, chips and salsa, and a tray of assorted cookies for dessert.

Did you had an opportunity to hear Dr. Dosumu’s presentation regarding Strategic Planning for UNM Valencia? If not, he mentioned several options to take part in planning the future of our campus. If you have not already done so, please let Dr. Musselwhite know the workgroup you are interested in to represent faculty interests. If you’re not sure which workgroup would be a good fit for you, talk with Laura and she can help you decide.

Happy Holidays! They'll be upon us in no time,

Cheryl