



Faculty Newsletter February 2025

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DEAN OF INSTRUCTION REPORT

Dr. Laura Musselwhite

Hello everyone, and welcome to spring semester! Thus far, we are in the swing of things and classes are running smoothly. Thanks to everyone for the role you play in the running of our academic endeavors. I also want to thank Frances Duran for coming into the role of Unit Administrator in the Academic Affairs Office. She is already an asset to our office and daily learns more and more about the inner workings of scheduling and contracts. Please come by if you haven't already to give her kudos!

With all the excitement that normally accompanies the beginning of a new term, this term has certainly proven to be somewhat different. We have many changes and sources of anxiety that are coming to us from the federal level. I know you are receiving lots of good information from both the state and the University about what is happening with grants and the intricacies of immigration enforcement/policy, and it is likely overwhelming. Please know that the UNM-Valencia administration is working in coordination with UNM-ABQ to get the best and most useful information to you. My hope is that you as a faculty member in the classroom do not have to directly deal with any of these changes, but we have to be prepared, and gathering sound information is always a good idea. I have spoken with many of you about how to proceed in this new landscape, and I will continue to share what we know from day to day. The support and protection of the students in our charge is my primary goal, along with maintaining the learning environment that they deserve and that we have pledged ourselves to. Please keep reading the announcements that come from UNM-ABQ, as they are guiding policy. But also be on the lookout for more local information from either myself or Dr. Dosumu. And, if you have concerns or questions, never hesitate to come and see me. Lastly, do not forget that our UNM-Valencia police department is our partner in keeping the campus safe. You do not have to handle anything on your own. If you ever have a situation that you are unsure of or do not know how to address, contact my office or Dr. Dosumu's office and the campus police. (Their number is 505-925-8570.) Maintaining a healthy learning environment is paramount, and not just for students. Our faculty and staff colleagues also devote a large measure of their talents and time to our campus, so reach out to each other as well. We can be a good source of mutual support.

LEARNING COMMONS: TUTORING SERVICES REPORT

*Shalaine Castillo and
Patricia Gillikin*

ENROLL Embedded Tutoring Update

In December, we hosted a Tutor/Faculty Collaborative training for both instructors and tutors in-person and over Zoom. In the Collaborative, we presented best practices in embedded tutoring, guidelines and expectations of instructors and tutors, and we held brainstorming sessions on how to destigmatize tutoring and integrate tutors in class and various platforms.

For lower-level math embedded tutoring, we have:

- Lizeth Bustillos collaborating with Tutor Alistair Gillikin in Math 100, Math 1996, and Math 1215
- Edric Chavez collaborating with Tutors David McKee and Moriah Sonnenberg in Math 1996, Math 021/022, Math 1215 X/Y/Z
- Cindi Goodman collaborating with Tutor Aaron Parra-Eravez in Math 1215 X/Y and Math 106

For English 1110Z embedded tutoring, we have:

- Steven Romero collaborating with Writing Consultants Galilea Mendiola and Jimena Mendiola
- Lily Intong collaborating with Writing Consultants Stephanie Romero and Jimena Mendiola
- Natalie Sheppard collaborating with Writing Consultant Layla Taylor
- Patricia Gillikin collaborating with Writing Consultants Stephanie Romero and Galilea Mendiola

Conference Presentation: 13th annual CNM Conference on Teaching and Learning

For the 13th annual CNM Conference on Teaching and Learning on January 10, Steph, Lily, and Patricia presented their collaboration for the embedded pilot, which included audio from Raysa. Their presentation was called “Make It Make Sense: An Embedded Tutoring Pilot at UNM-Valencia.” The slide show used the visual theme of bridges to indicate how embedded tutoring creates bridges among faculty, students, and tutors. Several CNM tutoring administrators attended and asked questions about our program.

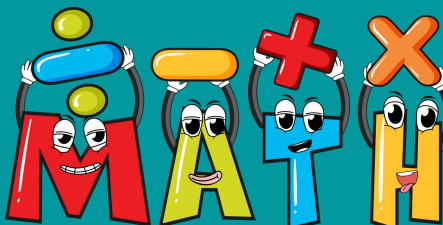
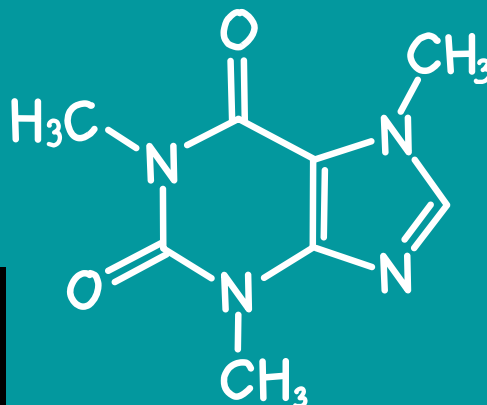


Professor Lily Intong, Writing Consultants Stephanie Romero and Raysa Ramirez, and Writing Center Director Patricia Gillikin

Chemistry Mondays

The collaboration between the Learning Center and TRIO presents **CHEM STUDY GROUP** for CHEM 1120C and 1215 every Monday 11am – 1pm in LRC 119.

Chemistry Tutors Moriah Sonnenberg and Rosalie Tapia can support, encourage, and collaborate with students on their toughest problems.



MASTER MATH WITH US!

Struggling to keep up with math? Don't worry—you're not alone! Join our Math Study Group to tackle tough concepts and ace your coursework!

Math Courses up to MATH 1220

Time: Every Thursday 12pm-1pm

Location: LRC 119

Starts: February 3rd

Open to everyone! Let's solve it together—one step at a time!



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Math Thursdays

The collaboration between the Learning Center and TRIO presents **MASTER MATH WITH US!** for math courses up to MATH 1220 every Thursday 12pm – 1pm in LRC 119.

Math Tutors Katie Baldonado and Rosalie Tapia can help you tackle tough concepts and ace your coursework!

CHEMSTUDY GROUP

Feeling stuck with Chemistry?

You're not alone!

Join our Chemistry Study Group!



Get support, encouragement, and collaborative learning. A professor and tutors are ready to help with your toughest problems.



CHEM 1120C - CHEM 1225!

TIME: MONDAY 11AM-1PM

LOCATION: LRC119

START: FEBRUARY 3RD



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Learning Center Hours of Operation

The **Learning Center** and **Math Center computer lab** is open for use Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm, including **Late Night Tutoring** on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 7pm.

Tutoring is available in person and Zoom during the times listed below.

**** Note:** Available tutoring hours are subject to change at any time due to tutor availability. Please refer to our [Bookings page](#) for the most up-to-date availability.

					Chemistry 1215 General Chemistry I for STEM Majors	11am – 1pm (Chem Study Group)		11am – 7pm	12:30 pm - 5pm
						12pm – 4:30pm			
Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday					
Biology 1110 General Biology	12pm – 4:30pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 7pm	12:30pm - 5pm	Computer Science 105L Introduction to Computer Programming	9am – 1pm		9am - 1pm	
Biology 1140 Biology for Health Sciences	12pm – 4:30pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 7pm	12:30pm - 5pm	Math 021/022/100 Introduction to Algebra	9am – 4:30pm	2pm – 5pm	9am – 7pm	12:30pm - 7pm
Biology 2101 Principles of Biology: Molecules to Cells	12pm – 4:30pm		3pm – 7pm	12:30 pm - 5pm	Math 1215 X/Y/Z Intermediate Algebra	9am – 4:30pm	2pm – 5pm	9am – 7pm	12:30pm - 7pm
Biology 2210 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	2pm – 4pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 4pm	1pm - 4pm	Math 1220 College Algebra	9am – 4:30pm	2pm – 4pm	9am – 7pm	12:30pm - 7pm
Biology 2225 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	2pm – 4pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 4pm	1pm - 4pm	Math 1240 Pre-Calculus	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Biology 2305 Microbiology for Health Sciences	2pm – 4pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 4pm	1pm - 4pm	Math 1350 Introduction to Statistics	9am – 4:30pm	2pm – 4pm	9am – 7pm	12:30pm - 7pm
Chemistry 1120C Introduction to Chemistry	11am – 1pm (Chem Study Group)		11am – 7pm	12:30 pm - 5pm	Math 1430 Applications of Calculus I	12pm – 4:30pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 7pm	12:30pm - 7pm
	12pm – 4:30pm				Math 1512 Calculus I				5pm - 7pm
					Nursing 239 Pathophysiology I	2pm – 4pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 4pm	1pm - 4pm
					Nursing 240 Pathophysiology II	2pm – 4pm	2pm – 4pm	3pm – 4pm	1pm - 4pm

Available Math Faculty in the Learning Center:

Cindi Goodman	LRC 109	Monday & Wednesday	9am – 10am 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Michael Gonzales	LRC 107	Monday Wednesday	1:30pm – 2:30pm 12pm – 1:30pm

Writing Center Hours of Operation/Schedule

In Person and Online for Zoom and Email Appointments

Monday 10 am – 3 pm

Tuesday 12 pm – 4 pm

Wednesday 11 am – 4 pm

Thursday 12 pm – 4 pm

Friday 1 pm – 4 pm

Online ONLY for Zoom and Email Appointments

Wednesday 4 pm – 7 pm

Thursday 4 pm – 7 pm

Friday 7 pm – 8 pm



Scheduling Appointments

You are able to schedule in person and Zoom appointments for math, science, writing, and other subjects. You are also able to do email appointments for responses to a writing draft.

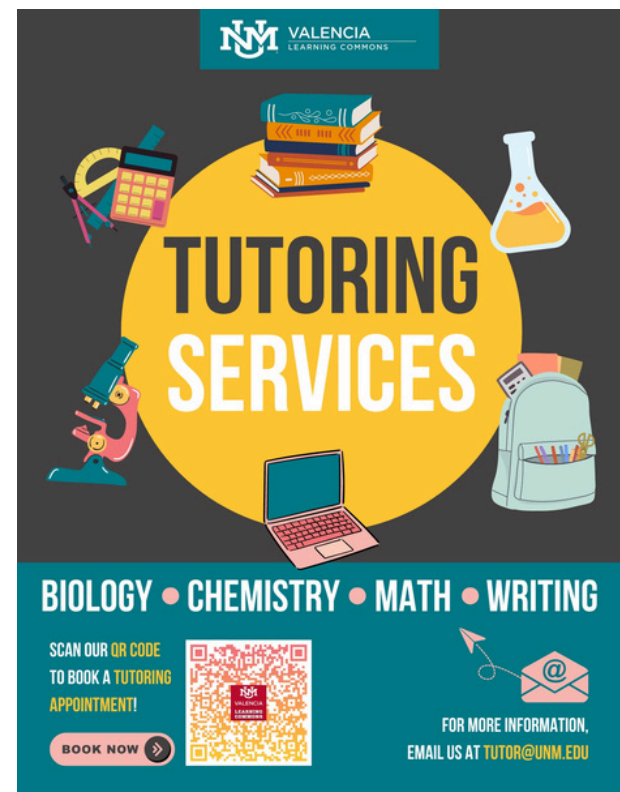
To schedule an appointment, please go to: [Learning Commons Bookings](#)

At that link, choose the specific kind of appointment you want and fill out the information.

If you make a Zoom appointment, you'll get a Zoom link sent to your email before your appointment.

If you are making an email appointment with the Writing Center, email your draft to tutor@unm.edu after you fill out the form above.

If you have difficulty with the scheduling link above, would like an appointment in a subject not listed at that link, or have a question, email tutor@unm.edu. You'll get answers during business hours Monday through Friday.



Join us for the

**PI DAY
CELEBRATION**

**Wednesday, March 12th
11:30am-1pm in the SCC!**

Free food!

Pie party!

Pi-decorating!

Games and other activities!

Come and meet your math faculty!

LIBRARY NEWS

Valencia Campus Library News

February 2025

Spring Library Hours

January 21 – May 16, 2025

Tome' Campus Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

WTC Campus Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Virtual Tuesday - Thursday 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Spring Break Library Hours

March 17-21, 2025: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Gaming Club– Game nights sponsored by Gender and Sexuality Alliance and hosted in the library. There will be a variety of games available or you can bring your own. For more information contact: gsava@unm.edu

Monday 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 – 6:00 pm

ASL Socials @ the Library every Monday from 4:30-5:30 pm.

Learning ASL? Join our weekly sign language conversation group is open to all signers - any level & interest. This is a terrific opportunity to practice voice-off in a safe and inclusive environment, and to explore language and culture through supported inquiry. ASL Socials are open to the community, everyone is welcome in the Library.

ASL Socials @ the Library

Mondays 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Spring 2025



Voice-off Study Group for Intro to Sign Class

A weekly voice-off ASL conversation group for our Intro to Sign Language students and broader signing community.

Join us at the UNM-Valencia Campus Library to practice ASL in a safe social setting.

All signers are welcome. Come See!

<http://valencia.unm.edu/library/>



Luminaria tour activities
As part of the campus annual
luminaria tour, the library participated
in some fun activities.



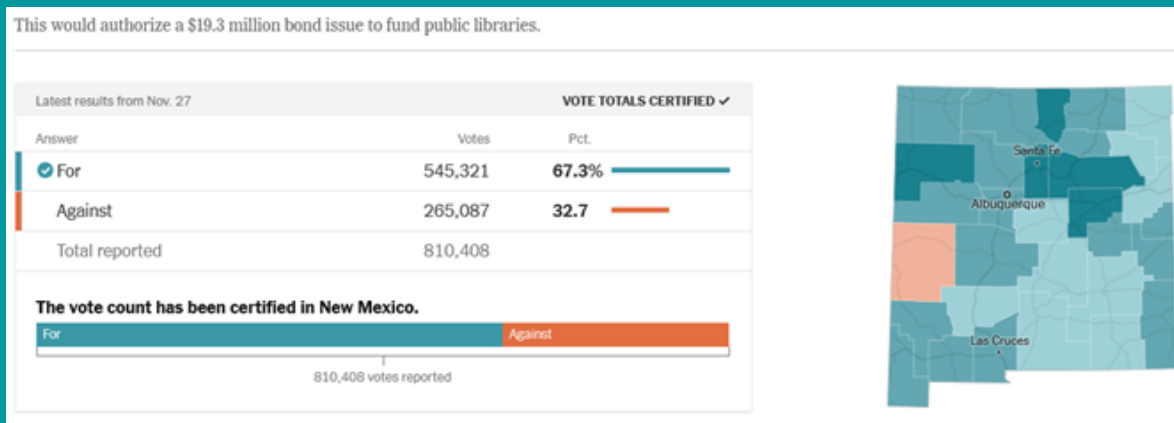
Kat Gullahorn attends Complete College America conference in Indianapolis, IN

Our Public Services Librarian/Senior Lecturer III represented UNM-Valencia Campus at the Complete College America Conference in Indiana last November. She attended many inspiring programs, made meaningful connections with both state and national change-makers, and discovered unique opportunities for UNM-Valencia to break ground in New Mexico as a Hispanic Serving Institution.



GO Bond 2 for Libraries passed

UNM – Valencia Campus Library is projected to receive nearly \$40,000.00 from this Bond to be spent on Library resource materials before June 2027. We are pleased that not only did this measure pass in the entire state, it passed 61% YES to 39% NO in Valencia County. Bonds should be should in March and we will have access to these funds beginning July 1, 2025. Thank you so much for your continued support of Libraries in New Mexico!



Numbers are up!

We are happy to announce that more and more people are coming back to the library. We are committed to creating more opportunities through events and programs for people to come and enjoy our physical space.

Below is our unduplicated gate counts for the last three years.

	2022	2023	2024
January	770	929	1030
February	936	763	1099
March	812	711	879
April	780	902	1043
May	521	563	874
June	465	463	641
July	364	574	772
August	1217	1179	1535
September	1238	882	1441
October	942	966	1919
November	783	824	1272
December	560	665	1297
TOTAL	9384	9419	13799





Faculty Assembly Meeting Draft Agenda
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 (12:00 – 1:15 PM)
Zoom Meeting URL: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/96222174891> (Passcode:6859)
In-person Meeting in H101

1. Call to Order (1 min)
2. Acceptance of Agenda (1 min)
3. Approval of Minutes (1 min)
4. Chancellor's Report - Sam Dosumu (10 min)
5. Dean of Instruction's Report - Laura Musselwhite (10 min)
6. Treasurer's Report - Piotr (1 min)
7. Committee Accomplishments for AY 24-25 (3 min per)
 - Faculty Professional Development Committee
 - Faculty Online Teaching & Review Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
8. Faculty Senate Report (5 min)
9. EIRG & Program Development Vote (10 min)
10. NCFDD Accounts (5 min)
11. UNM-Abq's Global Diversity Course Requirement (10 min)
12. Our handbook vs Faculty Handbook (10 min)
13. New Business / Announcements
 - Pi day (3 min)
14. Adjournment

Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 (12:00 – 1:15 PM)
Zoom Meeting URL: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/93763558333> (Passcode: 161803)

Attendance

Ian Burch
Andy Taylor
Cheryl Bryan
Laura Musselwhite
Ariel Ramirez
Mindy Schwartz
Ana June
Andisheh Dadashi
Patricia Gllikin

Karen Waters
Justin Bendell
Steven Romero
Barbara Lovato
Kat Gullahorn
Gabriela Peterson
Precious Andrew
Ben Flicker
Joshua Frank Cardenas

Annica Cox
Sarah Heyward
Susan YaSenka
Cindy Goodman
Piotr Filipczak
Michael Gonzales
Steven Takach

12:04 Call to Order (1 min) Andy Taylor

Andy: this is my final meeting as fa prez, <applause> thank you all for bearing with me

Acceptance of Agenda (1 min) Justin Bendell motions, Annica Cox seconds

Approval of Minutes (1 min) Justin motions, Ana June seconds

Chancellor's Report - Sam Dosumu (10 min)

Laura Musselwhite: I haven't seen sam today, maybe he'll come in later

Dean of Instruction's Report - Laura Musselwhite (10 min)

Laura: You've seen all these events coming up

Filling of luminaria are normally just staff, would be nice to see more faculty

I mentioned last meeting there's an auditor, we have a casual meeting this afternoon. This was needed

Wednesday before Thanksgiving, there will be no one in the academic affairs office. It'll be open, but no humans there

12:08: Sam Dosumu: Good afternoon everybody, I don't have a lot to share except that spring enrollment is open. Trend is what we normally see

Last time I talked about transportation, working with Rio Transit. I met with them and it looks promising. They're hoping to bring in some new shuttles. Find a way to sync our schedules & start time. The plan is to pilot it in spring, maybe February. Even if it's just one route from the train station, that's still a start. More ridership they get, more federal funding they get so it helps everybody

Cheryl Bryan: So they know what our class schedule is so they can organize?

Sam: Yes, so they can align with that. Want it to be a comprehensive schedule, and should help the enroll grant, increasing access and reaching more people

Sam: Big luminaria stroll coming up, working in the next few weeks. Activity center is 70-80% complete. Place for students (and others) to just hang out

Barbara Lovato: The Bond for the VC campus passed, right?

Sam: Yes it did. <applause> The first of it is to start architectural work on nursing and health sciences complex. Not building a new building, just joining two existing ones together

Cheryl: How's the stability of the nursing program

Laura: Good. Because our pass rates have been lower over time, we're in a status change. Propose to the board of nursing that they give us until end of calendar year 2025 to see if we get to where we need to be. Notion has been supported by head of the board of nursing, so optimistic. Should know by the end of feb

1214 Treasurer's Report - Andisheh Dadashi (1 min)

Andisheh: we propose to send some of our \$ to the food pantry, inspired by the SGA. Donating 200-250

Cheryl: The concert costs \$20 and goes to the food pantry. Can we buy people tickets to that event?

Andisheh: I am not sure yet; I don't have a list of things we can spend \$ on. I thought the donation would be something no one can say no to

Cheryl: But can we donate it for 10 tickets?

Andy: Who's running the chorus?

Laura: My husband

Andy: if there's no objections, we can check it out, run it by business office

Andisheh: I'll let admin know we're donating, see if we can

1217 Committee Plans (2 min per)

Faculty Program Development Committee <moot, more discussion later>

Faculty Handbook Committee

AJ we've got language we all need to vote on to redefine role of Program Development and EIRG. Merge them to 1 committee that counts as 2 cmts of work.

<brief discussion, rearranging, moving EIRG handbook Pro[posal to now>

12:20 SGA Toy Drive (5 min)

Neil Schwartz: Student here on campus, I reached out to the county resource center and they needed a place to run a Christmas event for a toy drive for underprivileged children. They have santa, elves, toys, just needed a location and volunteers with warm smiling faces. Wrapping gifts is as hard as it goes. If anyone from FA wants to be a part of this, let me know. If anyone wants to volunteer, we'd be grateful.

Laura: We can also donate toys?

Neil: Yes, and they're also casting a bigger net than usual. churches , community centers, etc, people can get a card to get something for specific students

Cheryl: so it's not a bring whatever drive?

Neil: yes, we have a list and you pick something off that. We have some backup gifts too for a tangible gift in case there's mistakes or issues

Mindy Schwarz: So are they bringing all the gifts here and then we wrap them?

Neil: They had another location, but that's no longer an option. They just needed the place, and anything on top of that is just a blessing.

Andy: I think LRC 101 was the idea?

Neil: That was my idea, so we can route people from the parking lot without anyone getting lost. Partition the room so we can have wrapping in the back. There'll be cocoa and candy and snacks etc.

Laura: Staff prof dev is in LRC101 at the 18th

Neil: Good to know. We might move it

Laura: I'd say we do it in the SCC. It has even more natural flow

Neil: It'll be on the 17th & 18th

Andy: Thank you so much for coming by Neil. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or Neil.

12:26 EIRG Handbook Proposal (10 min)

Steven Romero: We have a lot of DEI work on campus, but its being duplicated across campus. We think it's important to consolidate EIRG and ProgDev so we can do important work in the framework of ProgDev

Proposing that EIRG becomes a standing cmt. ProgDev merges. Redefine EIRG's goals & assignment

Make a more robust effort to address DEI issues. More people can develop work better and help bring it to classrooms. Continue work with PASOS and bring more cultural events to campus. Proposal redefines and clarifies the goals & handbook work. We also propose that since we're consolidating 2 cmts, it's not less work, it's 2 cmts worth of work, so we think it should be considered as 2 for assignment purposes.

<Presentation of proposed Handbook update to vote on in February for for revisions>

Anicca: Our rationale is that we want to create a space for this work to be impactful and more structured than it's been. We've been doing things ad hoc and we want a more representative assembly from across campus so we can make this more relevant to peoples specific areas

Steven: I'll stop sharing for now, but if you need me to bring anything up lmk

Andy: Thank you Steven and Anicca. Any more questions, please forward them to AC or SR

Karen Walters: I am wondering about language and the inclusion of adjunct participation

Cheryl: since we cant require adjuncts to participate

Laura: This has gone to FEC and handbook, when will it go to everyone?

Andy: as soon as SR finishes the recommended changes

Steven: What I just shared was

12:34 Faculty Communication Committee

Ana been collaborating with Michael Gonzales with the newsletter. everything's good

12:34 Professional Development Update

Precious Andrew: I've just taken over for Andisheh as chair of ProfDevCnt. Form on the faculty website has been updated and requests can be sent to me

Andy: Thanks Precious. Any update on the funds, are there any left to claim?

Precious: We still have ~\$6000

12:38 Faculty Senate Report (5 min)

Justin: Provost is the happy lottery credit requirement can now be filled over the whole year, that flexibility is something we should be doing more often post pandemic. Fac-student ratio had dropped significantly after pandemic, climbing again. 17-18 students per faculty. Conversation about diversity in hiring and how we're never there, is an important issue

Wayfinder website for identifying support services & reporting options. If you as a faculty or staff member might benefit from, please share. wayfinder.unm.edu. Take a look, see if it speaks to you

Related to us, Steven and I are members of the adhoc social justice cmt. We have a group, an interim charge. Spoke to ops last night, speaking to facsen next session. We're in purgatory right now, goal right now is to become a permanent cmt. If you want to join or know more, talk to me or steven.

12:42 President-Elect Election (10 min)

AT: With my vacating the president spot, Andisheh will be stepping up. Piotr has accepted the nomination. Anyone else want to step into the ring?

<no one else>

Alright, then let's vote

VOTE: PIOTR FOR PRESIDENT ELECT

YES: 22 NO: 0 ABS: 2

Piotr is president-elect

12:47 New Business / Announcements

Art Show (3 min)

Sarah Heyward: Art is on display now, with reception tomorrow. If you're on campus, come by tomorrow, 4-6. 28 fac & staff are on display. We have new snacks too! We hope to see you there!

Steven: Wanted to reach out to all and see if anyone had insight or suggestions in trying to collaborate on a winter coat drive. Wasn't sure if we were doing anything, but I'd like to know who to reach out to and collaborate with. Reach out to me if you're interested

Cheryl: Two groups; Staff Assn may be able to incorporate it with something they're doing. We had a campus events cmt, Laura can speak more to this, by talking with them you could create it as an annual event. I'd suggest contacting those two

Andy: We did talk about combining it with Neil's toy drive. A combination event could be helpful

Laura: Barbara said in the chat that campus events cmt wanted to do a toy drive. Can we combine this with Neil's?

Barbara: Yes, something they wanted to do. They were thinking of starting on the 2nd, so earlier than their drive. But we can talk

Cheryl: Events cmt is going to take over be kind

Ana: Reading NM is online, 7pm. Poet Laureate of NM is reading, and an open mic for short readings. Check out the flyer for more info, and the zoom link in the flier works for some people! Please come, just sit there and listen, it's exciting to have the PL of the state there

Andisheh: On Dec 6th, town hall. We don't have faculty members

Cheryl: I've mentioned this before, but having faculty members drive down to a town hall on a friday, when we're not normally on campus, is rough. Maybe move it to MTWTh

Andisheh: We're going to have a survey to figure out a better time for the next town hall

Steven: Transgender day of remembrance is today

Anicca: Union coffee social right after this as we head into contract bargaining as we work to get more \$ and better benefits. Big emphasis for unit 2 supports. Stuff to put on your door and bring working class consciousness to the campus

Barbara: Lots of publicity about luminaria stroll. Also having Santa in the library during the stroll, along with undergraduate research and cookies in the sub

Andisheh: Join is decorating the faculty assembly tree in the courtyard

Patricia Gillikin: They'll find you a tree. They're also hoping that smaller divisions and group can choose and decorate a tree

Ana: Mural dedication is December 5th at 3pm. There'll be food, everyone worked so hard on it and it's an incredible project

1:00 Adjournment