



# The Interim Provost's Weekly Brief

**October 6, 2017**

Good afternoon! I hope you have had a pleasant and productive week. It has been a busy time as we move into the heart of the semester. I've highlighted below some of the variety of activities taking place on campus. Many are at the beginning of the work that will take place over the academic year with more news to come. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out.

## **Board of Regents - Academic/Student Affairs and Research (ASAR)**

There was a meeting yesterday of the [Board of Regents' ASAR committee](#). The meeting included a faculty presentation by Lisa Broidy, associate professor of sociology, describing her insightful research into child abuse, female offending, and how those issues impact policy and practice in NM. There were presentations on key goals from Interim Senior Vice Provost Richard Wood, and Interim Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment Pamela Cheek, two of the recent additions to the academic affairs leadership team. Finally, we heard from Terry Babbitt, the vice provost for enrollment and analytics, about financial implications of current enrollment trends and online programs, and from Gabriel Lopez, vice president for research, with a general review of research for the current fiscal year. The presentations are available via the [e-book](#).

## **Budget Leadership Team**

The Budget Leadership Team (BLT) continued its work this week. The BLT is responsible for making budget recommendations to the president, who then makes recommendations to the Board of Regents. The committee includes representation from students, faculty, staff, and the deans. The group is meeting monthly with occasional special meetings. The current discussion is focusing on outcomes for this academic year relative to projections (enrollments, tuition receipts, etc.) and current reserve levels. At the same time, student government leaders have been working on the Student Fee Review Board process. We will have more to report in the coming weeks.

## **Equity and Inclusion Taskforce**

After working with Interim President Abdallah, and in consultation with others in academic affairs and other parts of campus, I am appointing a [task force](#) to review UNM's mission and organization with regard to equity and inclusion. This decision was precipitated by the [departure earlier this year](#) of the long-time vice president for Equity and Inclusion. This task force will make recommendations on two

fronts: 1) UNM's key strategic goals regarding equity and inclusion in the context of the state's flagship research university; and 2) the organizational structure needed to meet these goals. The energy and commitment of our campus community was impressive, as I received many more nominations for the committee than could be appointed. The result, I believe, is an excellent group of highly qualified individuals. Senior Vice Provost (interim) Richard Wood will serve as chairperson of the task force, and work will begin immediately, with a goal of having recommendations formulated by the end of this semester. If you have any questions about this committee or their work, please email [provost@unm.edu](mailto:provost@unm.edu).

### **Carnegie Fellows Program: Call for Proposals**


The [Carnegie Fellows Program](#) provides grants of up to \$200,000 in support of research on challenges to democracy and international order. As a university leader, Interim President Abdallah may nominate two exceptional full-time faculty—one a maximum of ten years out from the Ph.D. and one senior scholar—for consideration for this award. Fellows may use the funding over a one to two year period for travel, research assistant support, and research sabbaticals. Interested faculty members should submit a CV, a 200-word abstract and a 3-4 page statement detailing the trajectory of their research as it relates to the challenges to democracy and the international order, explaining how their work constitutes “progressive thought, innovative research, and capable leadership,” and clarifying plans for use of the grant. Initial submission materials are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13; these will be considered internally and those selected will be asked to develop full proposals for submission to Carnegie by 3 p.m. MT on Friday, Nov. 17. Send your materials to [provost@unm.edu](mailto:provost@unm.edu) with the subject line “Carnegie Submission.”

### **New Deadline for Mandatory Training**

The deadline for completing all university-wide mandatory training sessions has changed this year to **December 1**. The training is required for all regular and temporary faculty and staff (including on-call staff) and student employees (including graduate students). There are three university-wide mandatory trainings: SRS 0117 Basic Annual Safety Training 2017; EOD 1017 Intersections: Preventing Discrimination and Harassment; and EOD 481-17 Active Shooter on Campus: Run, Hide, Fight. More information can be found [online](#). If you encounter issues accessing or completing any of the training, contact the IT Help Desk at 277-5757 or [help.unm.edu](http://help.unm.edu).

### **UNM Press**

Two recent achievements are enhancing [UNM Press's](#) reputation for quality work and a sustained engagement with regional culture. UNM Press's [Bad Clowns](#), by Benjamin Radford, won the 2017 Independent Publisher (IPPY) Book Awards Bronze Medal for Popular Culture. The local favorite [High Desert Field Guides](#) will now be distributed by UNM Press. With over 1,200 titles in print, and as a



distributor of more than 700 titles for thirty-five local and regional publishers, UNM Press strengthens the scholarly reputation and worldwide visibility of the university.

### **Sarah Belle Brown Award**

The Office of the President is currently accepting nominations for the Sarah Belle Brown Award, which recognizes a faculty and a staff member with an award of \$1,500 each, and a student with a \$1,500 scholarship. The nomination deadline is Monday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. This annual award recognizes the faculty, staff and students who serve as examples of social responsiveness, and who have donated considerable personal time and effort advancing UNM's public service mission. For more information, and to submit a nomination, please visit the [website](#).

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