



The Weekly Communiqué

April 25, 2019

Lots going on at the dynamic place called UNM! Along with the rest of the UNM community, I hereby welcome Dr. James Holloway into that dynamism as the next Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs. I trust that the entire university—main and branches—will unite around his leadership as we all work to teach our students, deepen our research and creative work, and advance the overall academic mission.

Meanwhile, as a result of Monday’s Special Meeting of the Board of Regents, all faculty and staff with satisfactory performance reviews will receive a 3% raise in compensation effective July 1, with a higher minimum wage increase for the very lowest earners on campus. Faculty and staff compensation was UNM’s highest priority with the State Legislature this year, and we made some progress. Please join me in thanking your representatives—students, graduate students, staff, faculty, and deans—on the Budget Leadership Team for their hard, fine work over the last year in crafting the proposal that was unanimously endorsed by the BLT and adopted Monday by the Regents. I particularly thank the ASUNM and GPSA leadership for their thoughtful voices.

The Next Great Thing @ UNM: Adobe Creative Cloud for All

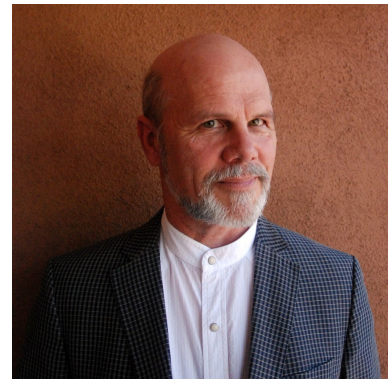
I am excited to announce that we are finalizing an agreement with Adobe that will allow UNM to license all main campus and HSC students, and many faculty and staff, for the full Adobe Creative Cloud suite. The agreement would add UNM to a select group of “Creative Campuses” across the country and allow students to install the software on their own computers and devices. Creative Cloud includes a wide variety of applications used to create, edit, and publish content—from documents and magazine layouts to videos, audio tracks, web pages and Augmented Reality experiences. This allows UNM to expand digital literacy initiatives in classrooms and online and supports creative teaching strategies already underway in departments.

To kick off this initiative, the “Learning and Innovation Series” (sponsored by the UNM Office of the CIO) in partnership with the Office of the Provost and Adobe, is facilitating a campus visit by Dr. Todd Taylor, Distinguished Faculty and the Director of the First Year Writing Program at UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Taylor has written an [open source textbook](#) on incorporating Adobe tools and Digital Literacy concepts in the curriculum. He will be on campus April 30 and May 1 to meet with departments and stakeholders about what the Adobe Creative Campus has meant at UNC Chapel Hill, his experiences with Digital Literacy in his programs, and how that might translate for UNM faculty, staff and students. Executives with Adobe who have been involved with Creative Campus initiatives will also be on site. A series of activities is

planned over those two days. If interested, please contact Deirdre Markham (dmarkham@unm.edu) for more information on these events.

Dean of Architecture and Planning

After extensive consultation, I am pleased to appoint Mark Childs as Interim Dean of the School of Architecture & Planning. During this important transition in UNM SA+P, he will bring a proven record of leadership in the School and of service to UNM students and to the wider New Mexico community. The appointment is effective July 1, 2019. We will sorely miss Dean Geraldine Isaias Forbes as she steps down to return to the Faculty—but the School will be more than ably led by Interim Dean Childs in the transition and during the national search for a new Dean.



UNM Welcomes Two New Graduate Programs


The UNM Geography department has crafted a joint Ph.D. program allowing students to hone expertise in the practical and theoretical aspects of their field, including geographic information science and integrative research design, by working with faculty at both NMSU and UNM. In close collaboration with national research labs in New Mexico, the Professional Master of Science in Global and National Security has been designed to provide UNM students with a broad understanding of security issues in areas such as nuclear proliferation, infrastructure resilience, cyber security, and humanitarian issues. Both programs have been approved by the state of New Mexico and promise interdisciplinary training opportunities that will be of immediate benefit to the state workforce.



Geography Ph.D. collaboration (from left): Provost Rich Wood, Professor Chris Duvall, Dean Mark Peceny, NMSU Geography Chair Carol Campbell, and (front) UNM Geography & Environmental Studies Chair Maria Lane.

General Education Faculty Fellows

Over the next two weeks, we hope you can find time to attend an upcoming presentation of the Academic Affairs General Education Faculty Fellows on strategies for enhancing general education



courses. The presentation “Global Awareness in Gen Ed” will be held in the Roberts Room on Friday, May 3, from 3-4:30 p.m. (or join via Zoom: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/692149624>) and Thursday, May 9, 12:30-2 p.m. The presenters are: Drs. Maria Lane, Chris Duvall, Gary Weissmann, and Jamal Martin.

Meeting of the General Faculty

A meeting of the general faculty will be held next Tuesday, April 30, from 10-12 p.m. in Popejoy Hall. The session will include information on the unionization process, with a substantial portion of the meeting devoted to questions and answers. There is also a hearing of the UNM Labor Management Board upcoming on Monday, April 29.

Spring Semester Town Hall

The president announced on Monday a campus town hall tomorrow in the SUB, Ballroom A from 12-1 p.m. (also, you can access the livestream here: <http://president.unm.edu/livestream/>). President Stokes is interested in hearing from all faculty, students and staff. You can also submit questions in advance via [email](#). Refreshments will be served.

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