

Academic Dispatch



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Get the VAX!

The fall term is fast approaching, and while UNM has not yet made a decision on a vaccination policy for students, faculty, and staff, I'd love to see us have a high vaccination rate on our campuses anyway. The Lobo population should be doing better than the state overall, and certainly better than the Aggies! High vaccination rates are crucial to suppressing SARS-CoV-2 and all its variants, and to a strong in-person presence on campus this fall. It's easy to get, it's quick, it's free, and there are prizes for doing it! <https://goodtimes.vaccinenm.org/good-times/>

Search for Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Student Affairs plays a critical role in supporting the intellectual, professional, and personal growth of UNM students through frames of diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, equity, service, and leadership. All of us at UNM owe the dedicated staff and faculty of Student Affairs a significant debt – many of our students achieve graduation and future success because of their work. With the retirement of Vice President for Student Affairs Cheo Torres approaching later this summer, the Provost Office is launching an internal search for an Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. The Interim Vice President will oversee much of UNM's division of Student Affairs for a period of perhaps 6 to 8 months while we also conduct a national search for the next Vice President for Student Affairs. Below my signature (on page 3) you will find more information on this search. Please feel free to share this with potential candidates. Best consideration will be for applications received by July 7, 2021, electronically to Jennifer Love (jenlov22@unm.edu).

To create a focus on student wellness and basic needs, especially within the context of our current global pandemic, the Dean of Students will report directly to the Provost during this interim period, and the Executive Director of SHAC will report to the Dean of Students. These units remain organizationally part of Student Affairs at UNM under this modified interim reporting structure. To further strengthen the important work of student affairs, and recognizing this work as essential to student success, we will also engage student affairs staff in a review and design process so as to have ideas and recommendations in place for the next vice president; this process will be designed and facilitated by the Associate Provost for Student Success, with input and assistance from the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

Holiday Weekend

Have a wonderful, long weekend. Take some time to recharge, relax with family, celebrate life, and get vaccinated!

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Interim Vice President for Student Affairs – Call for Applications

The Provost Office is launching an internal search for an Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. The Interim Vice President will oversee much of UNM's division of Student Affairs while we launch and conduct a national search for the next Vice President for Student Affairs at UNM. This search will be conducted to have a new Vice President in place as soon as practicable, likely in 6 to 8 months, but candidates for the interim role should be prepared to serve for as long as a year, until the conclusion of the vice president search.

Student Affairs plays a critical role in supporting the intellectual, professional, and personal growth of UNM students through frames of diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, equity, service, and leadership. The interim vice president should be an experienced leader, able to understand and help address the opportunities and challenges of our students. The interim vice president will have a large operation with many staff and a significant operational budget, so the interim vice president must have strong managerial skills.

Reporting to the Interim Vice President will be the Student Services group, Student Union Building, and Children's Campus. The Student Services group includes ARC, Career Services, the College Enrichment & Outreach Programs, Community Engagement Center, Rec Services, Veterans Resource Center, Mentoring Institute, Student Publications, Women's Resource Center, African American Student Services, American Indian Student Services, El Centro de la Raza, and the ROTC units.

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In order to further strengthen the important work of student affairs, and recognizing this work as essential to student success, we will also engage the student affairs staff in a review and design process, in order to have ideas and recommendations in place for the next Vice President; this process will be designed and facilitated by the Associate Provost for Student Success, with input and assistance from the Interim Vice President and the Dean of Students. Specific programs within student affairs (e.g. ROTC units) may be moved to report to other academic units.

Required Qualifications:

- Experience within a student affairs organization and experience in student development.
- Experience in successfully supervising staff and working productively with staff from multiple units.
- Experience managing a complex budget and operating within budget constraints.
- An ability to work collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students from multiple disciplines.

For fullest consideration, application materials (including a letter of application and a resume as two separate documents) should be submitted to Jennifer Love (jenlov22@unm.edu) and received by July 7, 2021.