Administrative Council Notes 10/7/2026

Members present: Joey Coburn, Chad Cole, Lindsay May Fincher, Eric Mann, Brad McFadin, Stephanie Miles, Veronica Munoz, Shawn Powell, Jacob, Puckett, Martha Staab, Edna Yokum

Shawn Powell

- Early voting started yesterday 10/6/26.
    - Early voting started: Monday - Friday at County Court House (other sites on Saturday - contact County Clerk's office for additional information)
    - The campus focus is on Bond 3, which is a statewide bond measure.
    - Bond 3 is tax neutral: whether it passes or not, will not affect your taxes
    - We can ask people to vote or vote "on" the bond, cannot tell people how to vote (just not how to vote)
    - If the measure passes it will authorize the state to sell bonds
        - If the bond passes UNM would receive over $100,000,000 to build a new medical facility which shows the statewide impact of these General Obligation Bonds. In the past 10 years 600 doctors left New Mexico, the only state in the county to lose physicians over this time period.
        - CNM will use portion to build workforce training center near Sandia Labs
        - Southeast NM College would receive $1,000,000 for entrance renovation to their building
        - NMMI will use their share to start softball program to meet Title IX requirements
        - We would use funds for air conditioning system for Health Science building and campus signage, to include possibly renaming buildings
- There was a discussion about Friday meetings times per month:
    - For the first Friday the academic schools meet at least once or twice a semester with some school meetings happening monthly.
    - On the second Friday ENMU-Roswell Leadership Fellows meet of each month.
    - The third Friday are reserved for campuswide meetings.

- December 4 is the last all-campus meeting for 2026.
- The Foundation Banquet will be held on 10.28. 2-26 with tickets being $60 and tables priced at $400.
- A review of the campus' involvement with the National Championship Air Races will be held.
- A campuswide meeting will be held 10/23/26:
    - There will be an in person TimelyCare discussion
- An in person Higher Learning Commission update and preparation for the October 2027 site visit will be offered
- The plan for the 2028 GO Bond primary proposal is an updated campus air conditioning system
- The goal is to have a draft of the HLC assurance argument completed by March. After that we will start collecting information to begin developing a revised strategic plan which will need to be approved and published by January 2028.

Martha Staab

- October Haunted Happenings
- Pumpkin Hunt on the 27th:
    - Sign-up sheet; eight people per team.
    - Three times a day to hunt pumpkins at the PEC.
- Door Decorating Contest
- Pumpkin Carving
- Freaky Friday
- Four-hour pass for people in the section that win the door decorating contest.
- A rubric will be used by students for judging the doors.

Veronica Munoz

- Indigenous Peoples Day – Oct. 12., Students, faculty, and staff went to Santa Fe for a day trip.
- Student Government Association elections are being held.

Edna Yokum

- Fair Parade Float, the campus float won the Spirit Award

- Students and faculty will likely speak to the CCB about building the float and winning the Spirit award.
- The Livestock Judging Team is in Tulsa at the Texas State Fair for a competition

Lindsey Mayo Fincher

- An English position was posted and a good number of applicants were received
- The Teacher Education and Science position will be posted soon
- A dual credit meeting was conducted with Goddard High School, we are partners with the schools to improve class alignments for students
- Journalism students are at the fair this week conducting on site interviews

Brad McFadin

- One position will become vacant on 10/12/26.
- We need to complete ALICE training. The renewal is an overview and is shorter.
- Lt. Bill Dean and another Security staff member completed training to conduct in-person active shooter training. Today, they presented in the PAC. They are available to conduct additional training as scheduled.
- Security will work to develop a schedule to offer ALICE training campuswide
- Lt Dean will reach out to campus areas or we can reach out to him to schedule ALICE training

Stephanie Miles

- Health care open enrollment is available through October 30, 2026.
- The changes in healthcare will take effect January 1 and be reflected in December, 2026 paychecks
- Medical leave bank donations are being accepted

Eric Mann

- The OTA site visit was at the end of last month, the formal report of the visit will be received in spring 2027
- The Simulation Immersion room is being renovated by Physical Plant with assistance from Holloway Construction
- The Physical Therapy Director position will be posted soon with a goal to have a director in place by January.

- Health Science students, faculty, and staff members, along with the other schools are at the Fair

Joey Coburn

- For Faculty Senate - considering changing our meeting time, perhaps move the meeting earlier, before the school meetings.
- Feedback requested:
    - Edna Yokum asked whether the meetings are going over an hour.
    - Fridays are assigned for certain things.
    - The current meeting time overlaps with Leadership Roswell.
    - Lindsay Mayo Fincher discussed a team building activity involved printing shirts in the Media Arts area with Candace Cantu doing the prep work.
- Joey Coburn will continue gathering feedback from stakeholders regarding concerns
- There may be a need for a broader conversation about coordinating meetings for shared governance.
- Jennifer Can put together a survey about the launch week activities and Faculty Senate. There were 14 responses out of 50, about 25%. The survey asked, “What can Faculty Senate do for you?” Responses included:
    - Hand out Faculty Senate minutes in person.
    - Improve communication.
    - Learn more about advocating for pay increases at the state level.
- Joey will email a copy of the survey results to Craig Leager, Rahbeka Anderson, and Jacob Puckett
- More discussion about compensation will be held this academic year to determine what will be possible.
- There was a question about the Faculty Grievance Committee and what policies are in place to help and protect faculty
    - Shawn Powell mentioned HR Policies and procedures for faculty members are contained in the ENMU system policies and Faculty Handbook

- Another question involved how can the campus be more involved of events and have better communication with administration?
- Shawn Powell suggested the Senate Presidents and the Student Government Association could present to the CCB or provide reports during CCB meetings.
- The Faculty Senate is working on the faculty committees.
- Ron Flury has attended a state wide meeting for a New Mexico state Faculty Senate.

Chad Cole

- A power problem in the Arts and Sciences Building which is being worked on by a local contractor.
- The Community Connect Grant is being processed by the Portales purchasing office.
- There is a need for P-card training as approvals for P-Card purchases happen after the purchase is made.
- Dining Hall
    - Sodexo is our new food service provider. They provide food services at NMMI and Portales.
    - Starbucks is up and running.
    - They are working on getting a business license linked to our campus.
    - The last kitchen inspection revealed minor issues which were addressed immediately: carbon dioxide, side panels, emergency lights, etc.
    - Two stainless steel oven hoods need to be replaced at a cost of &30,000–$40,000.
- Scheduling with Schneider Electric to address central control issues. The software is not supported.
- There are vacancies in Physical Plant for a physical plant director, physical plant foreman, and grounds maintenance technician.
- Special thanks to Edna Yokum and Andrea Staap for working to address the greenhouse concerns.

Jacob Puckett

- Brad McFadin and Jacob Puckett attended a presentation on a software program that detects weapons on campus. It also includes a dispatch program.

- A demonstration was conducted and the system picked up information in about three seconds and dispatched it to security/constituents. The program would cost $20,000–$23,000 per year to identify guns compared to other weapons, such as knives.
- Phone system replacement is coming soon