



July 6, 2023

Message from the VP

Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

I hope you are enjoying your holiday week. While many are traveling or hosting gatherings, this week also marks an important shift in our division. The new Student Affairs organizational structure is officially in effect as several outstanding university leaders join us in new roles that will allow us to continue strengthening and building upon the core student success foundations that have guided our work for so long. In the coming year, we have much to look forward to as we focus on the holistic wellbeing of our students, the professional development of our staff, strategic planning, assessment, and evaluation in our division, and alignment with our colleagues across the campus in advancing the UNM 2040 strategic framework. While all of this, including our new structure, will take time to full maximize, I am energized by our progress, trajectory, and magnitude. As we continue contemplating how to strengthen our work, it is also an opportune moment to consider sharing it. I encourage our teams to consider their stories as NASPA has announced their call for proposals for the 2024 annual conference which will be held in Seattle next spring. We have a few more weeks of orientation and summer planning before the fall begins to ramp up. Enjoy these long summer days in the meantime! With appreciation,
Eric

Student Affairs Executive Directors and Operations Director Officially Begin New Roles

Our new executive directors, Pam Agoyo, Executive Director for Student Support, and Dr. Jenna Crabb, Executive Director for Student Resources, and Florencio Olguin, Operations Director have officially transitioned into their roles effective July 1. Please help us welcome them to their new roles and visit the [Student Affairs Executive Leadership](#) page to learn more about each of them.

Proposals Sought for the 2024 NASPA Annual Conference



The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators is calling for proposals for their 2024 NASPA Annual Conference which will be held in Seattle, March 13-19, 2024. Submission deadline is Thursday, Sept. 7 at 11:59 p.m. PT with decisions shared in October.

Seattle is one of the only major U.S. cities named for an Indigenous leader - Chief Si'ahl, of both the Suquamish and Duwamish Indigenous peoples of what is now known as Washington state. The conference focus is "The truth about stories is that's all we are." (King, 2003 p. 2) Stories are powerful and connect us to our history, our spaces, to one another, and to ourselves. They are medicine, meant to be shared, and provide a grounded telling of experiences that introduce new ways of knowing and being, including navigating and bringing balance back to landscapes. [Learn more and submit a proposal.](#)

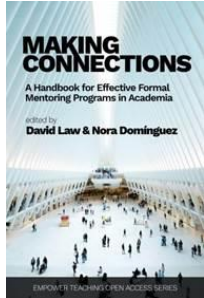
Golden Begins Associate Dean for Student Wellbeing Role



The Dean of Students Office is adding two new Associate Dean of Students positions to provide more support to UNM students, staff, and faculty. These changes will bring the University of New Mexico into alignment with the best practices and standards of other universities across the country. The Associate Dean (AD) of Student Wellbeing position has been filled by Greg Golden. Golden's previous role as Assistant Dean of Students will be disbanded and restructured into the two Associate Dean positions. The other position, Associate Dean for Student Rights and Responsibilities, is currently posted on UNM Jobs with a best consideration date of July 5.

Golden has been at The University of New Mexico in one capacity or another since 2007. He started as a student, served as a New Student Orientation leader, Resident Advisor, and involved student. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he accepted a position as a Graduate Assistant for the Associate Vice President for Student Life. In 2012, he took a brief hiatus from UNM to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he earned his master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs in 2014. [Read more...](#)

UNM Mentoring Institute Teams up with Utah State University Uintah Basin on New Mentoring Handbook



Dr. Nora Domínguez, Director of the [Mentoring Institute at the University of New Mexico](#), and Dr. David Law, Professor at [Utah State University Uintah Basin](#), have released the Making Connections: A Handbook for Effective Formal Mentoring Programs in Academia in electronic form available on the [Mentoring Institute's website](#). The handbook caters to practitioners, university leaders, and researchers, with a primary focus on novice program coordinators.

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