

Message from the VP



Dear Student Affairs Colleagues,

Believe it or not, we are already in week two of the semester. I've seen many of you tabling around the Duck Pond, hosting events and activities, supporting students in real time, and collaborating with colleagues to innovate for the future of the student experience. Time seems to move faster when we are actively engaged in meaningful work—and what could be more meaningful than creating transformative pathways for our incredible Lobos.

As we seek to strengthen those pathways and the systems that support them, our DSA strategic planning workgroup is excited to announce the dates and locations for our strategic priority visioning sessions which can be reviewed below. My many thanks to the leaders of our Engage to Innovate strategic planning process.

If you are hoping to learn more about what is happening around the division, be sure to mark your calendars for the next Student Affairs All Staff Gathering on Friday, Sept. 27, beginning at 8 a.m. with hot drinks and snacks. As a reminder, you will receive a calendar invite which will serve as your RSVP for the event.

We have two more outstanding semester kick-off events this week including El Centro's Raza Junta today and the American Indian Student Services Welcome Back tomorrow. There will also be a Student-Parent social on Friday sponsored by the UNM Children's Campus. Thank you for making this a special semester for our students and entire UNM community.

With appreciation,

Eric

Welcome Back Events This Week



Welcome Back Lobos!

2024 RAZA JUNTA

Join us as we kick off the new academic year with danza, música y comida! Meals will be limited, first-come first-served!

¡Para Adelante Raza!

Wed. Aug. 28 | 11:30am - 1:30pm
Mesa Vista Hall, Ethnic Center Courtyard

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2024 AISS Welcome Back

Thursday, August 29, 2024
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Mesa Vista Hall Southwest Courtyard

VISIT AISS (1119 MESA VISTA HALL) TO PICK UP A TICKET!



UNM Children's Campus hosts UNM Student-Parent Social



UNM student-parents are invited to a campus social on Friday, Aug. 30, from 6-8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom A. Student-parents will enjoy free headshots, appetizers, have a chance to meet one another, visit UNM resource booths to learn all about campus offerings, and could win prizes. Free childcare and dinner will be offered to those student-parents' children in attendance, located upstairs from the event.

CEP Welcome Back BBQ



Every year, the College Enrichment Program hosts an annual Welcome Back BBQ! This celebration is open to all of the UNM community, with the focus of creating a warm welcome for UNM's newest Lobos. Participants are encouraged to bring an incoming student with them and help them connect with other students, staff, and faculty!

SNAP-APALOOZA



Students are invited to SNAP-APALOOZA on Friday, Sept. 6 from 12-2 PM outside of the Student Union Building. Staff from LoboRESPECT and the Center for Financial Capability will be helping students sign-up for SNAP, the federal food program. There will be free paletas for the first 100 students and Target and Walmart gift cards for students that participate in the event. Please email: socialwork@unm.edu with any questions.

Next Steps in the Engage to Innovate Strategic Planning Process

Over the past year, the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) has prioritized development of a strategic planning process in alignment with UNM 2040. DSA employees have participated in all staff gatherings, division retreats, surveys, and strategic area-focused meetings to provide input on their perceptions, experiences, and the direction they envision for the division’s future.

Consequently, these efforts led to the creation of the following strategic priorities:

- Student Engagement and Success
- Health and Wellbeing
- Justice, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEADI)
- Community Vibrancy
- Employee Excellence
- Operational Effectiveness

The next phase in DSA’s strategic planning process involved the convening of staff members across all areas of the division to serve on a workgroup charged with serving as ambassadors of the strategic planning process, facilitating focus groups and visioning sessions with students, faculty, staff, and community members, and reporting their data and findings and recommendations to student affairs leadership. In total, 29 individuals—one or more from each unit—comprise the workgroup.

“By conducting both focus groups and visioning sessions, the DSA Strategic Planning Workgroup will be well-positioned to ensure the strategic plan is inclusive of the collective interests, voices, and values of those working within the division, the faculty, staff, and community members we partner with, and the students we serve,” said Dr. Eric Scott, vice president for Student Affairs.

In an effort to narrow the large group’s focus and further concentrate on each individual priority area, the workgroup recently formed six separate strategic priority area subcommittees (listed in the box to the right).

As part of their charge, the subcommittees will facilitate strategic priority area-themed visioning sessions this fall. All DSA professional and student staff are encouraged to attend and share their ideas for developing a pathway to achieve success for the priority. Space is limited for each two-hour session and light refreshments will be served. Staff can [register here](#).

The Strategic Planning Workgroup will reconvene early next year and present their findings and recommendations to DSA executive leadership.



STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKGROUP VISIONING SESSIONS

Wednesday SEPT. 11	 Justice, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity & Inclusion (JEADI) SUB Acoma A&B 1-3 p.m.
Thursday SEPT. 19	 Employee Excellence SUB Acoma A&B 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday OCT. 2	 Student Engagement & Success SUB Mirage-Thunderbird 2-4 p.m.
Monday OCT. 7	 Health & Wellbeing SUB Acoma A&B 2-4 p.m.
Thursday OCT. 24	 Community Vibrancy La Posada 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Monday OCT. 28	 Operational Effectiveness SUB Acoma A&B 1-3 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served | Space is limited!

Register: goto.unm.edu/dsavision

ENGAGE TO INNOVATE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS SUBGROUPS

Student Engagement and Success

- Chair: Rosa Cervantes, El Centro de la Raza
- Anders Flagstad, Student Union Building
- Uchme Gollette, American Indian Student Services

- José Villar, College Enrichment and Outreach Programs

Health & Wellbeing

- Chair: Lesley McKinney, Student Health & Counseling
- Benjamin Ferguson, Student Health & Counseling
- Greg Golden, Dean of Students
- Roderick Lansing, American Indian Student Services
- Cinthia León Lazcano, El Centro de la Raza
- Jim Todd, Recreational Services

Justice, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEADI)

- Chair: Kiran Katira, Community Engagement Center
- Chris Brooks, Student Activities Center
- Katlyn Cuyler, Accessibility Resource Center
- Áine McCarthy, Women's Resource Center
- Alejandro Mendiaz-Rivera, El Centro de la Raza
- Brandi Stone, African American Student Services

Community Vibrancy

- Chair: Dennis-Ray Armijo, Student Union Building
- Patricia Lott, Student Activities Center
- DeAnna Padilla, Residence Life and Student Housing
- Daven Quelle, Student Publications
- Daniel Torres-Chaparro, El Centro de la Raza

Employee Excellence

- Chair: Ivan Olay, CAMP/HEP/RSP
- Michelle Dugan, Women's Resource Center
- Vanisha Neha, American Indian Student Services
- Chiaki Ramirez, Veteran & Military Resource Center
- Maryanne Watrous, Career Services

Operational Effectiveness

- Chair: Jim Shrum, Student Health & Counseling
- Angela De Avila, Student Government Accounting Office
- Brooke Martinez, Recreational Services
- Lisa Ortiz, Children's Campus
- Andrew Yazzie, American Indian Student Services

Save the Date: 2024 Fall All Staff Gathering

SAVE THE DATE

FALL 2024 ALL STAFF GATHERING

Friday, Sept. 27 | 8-11 a.m. | SUB Ballroom C



Please RSVP by accepting the calendar invite.