

2017 Staff Council Grade Candidates

(Names are listed in the order in which they will appear on the voting ballot)

As stated in the Staff Council Constitution, the Council is composed of 60 elected representatives, with 30 from the various precincts (elected in even numbered years) and 30 from the various job grades (elected in odd numbered years). In order for the Council to maintain proportional representation, some grades with small numbers of staff were combined and have multiple representatives while other grades, with large numbers of staff stand alone and have multiple representatives. Ballot order was determined by names drawn from a hat. Candidates were allowed to write biographies of no more than 100 words.

Grades 2-6 (2 seats)

No candidates

Grade 7 (2 seats)

Charles A. King Jr.

As an employee of PPD Area Three, I would like to become a member of the staff council to be a representative for grade 7's. Being the voice of grade 7 will be important to me and for my colleagues because I believe I will be able to facilitate issues and solutions suitable to please all parties. I take pride in my education, job, and what the culture of UNM stands for. By becoming a member of the staff council, I would plan on proving my dedication and vision to all areas of UNM and the surrounding communities.

Kristina Rucker

I have lived in the State of New Mexico for 26 years now and love it. I have been employed with UNM for 4 of those years. I believe I can help make a difference here at UNM. And working with Staff Council is something I have wanted since I began employment here. I have loved the short time I have been a member of Staff Council, and if re-elected I will strive to do all that I can to make UNM a great place to work and to always strive for improvement and fairness for staff.

Grade 8 (2 seats)

Nicholas White

I've worked in the Orthopaedics department for about three and a half years. Previously, I worked at a halfway house assisting the director and have a B.S. in Criminal Justice. I've gained more high level responsibilities as time has gone on, in my department, and wish to add more to help build my skill set. I feel like this would be a great opportunity to do so and to see the inner workings on UNM/UNMH. I look forward to helping any way I can to the best of my ability.

Cynthia Ann Gonzales

I am an Administrative Assistant 3 for the University Libraries and a Grade 8 Staff Council Representative. I've been a member of the UNM community for many years, first as a student and now as a Staff member since 2015. At UNM, I've had the opportunity to collaborate with many dedicated and outstanding Staff. I believe UNM's success is due to the hard work and contributions of these individuals. As such, UNM Staff deserve to have their concerns heard and recognized. In that effort, I would like to continue to be a voice and an advocate for Grade 8 Staff.

Zenobia Trimmell

My name is Zenobia, I am a Lead Teacher at the UNM Children's Campus for the last five years. I would like to learn more about the University and other departments, as well as bring awareness to others about UNM Children's Campus. I feel that being on the staff council would be an opportunity for me to expand my knowledge for the University, as well as be a voice for my department.

Mary Jane Lueras

Mary Jane Lueras has been employed with University of New Mexico for the past 15 years. She employed at Faculty Contracts Office for 13 years as a Faculty Services Representative grade 11. She is recently employed under Office of Student Affairs/STEM Gateway/STEM UP granted programs for the past 2 1/2 years. Mary Jane is involved in several committee as well here at UNM being Staff Council- Councilor for the past 2 years, she has been appointed a Fellow under the Office of Student Affairs 2017, and is currently participating in ULEAD Program for spring 2017 with EOD.

Jessica Serna

In my short time with UNM, (2yrs in March), I heard of Staff Council and the many events they support. I knew immediately I would be like to be a part of Staff Council. There was an opportunity in August to be a member and I jumped on it!! Since my time on Staff Council, I also joined HSCS, Events and Student Success committees. I volunteered on multiple events put on by the committees. Staff Research Expo, Gerald May Award, Lovin' on Little Lobos, just to name a few. Being a part of Staff Council has been a wonderful experience.

Grade 9 (2 seats)

Steven Tyler Bishop

I was born in Los Angeles but grew up predominantly in Los Lunas, graduating high school there. I received both my BA and MA from UNM. My BA is in Political Science and MA is in Community and Regional Planning. I have worked for UNM since January 2015, starting at the Health Sciences Center's College of Pharmacy, before moving to my current position with Physics and Astronomy. I enjoy being an employee for the University and hope to positively contribute to our work community as a member of the staff council.

Andrea Crawford

Lobo Fan! Native of Albuquerque, NM. Wants to serve as a your representative and will champion the voice for grades 8-9 Administrative Assistants and Fiscal Techs staff across campus. 22 years of Administrative Service to the University of New Mexico. Served both HSC and Main Campus. Currently serves at Student Health and Counseling (SHAC).

Jessica Gutierrez

Jessica Gutierrez is a Fiscal Services Tech within the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. She provides a wide array of services to an educational and research office with a combined 36 faculty members, staff and student employees. Enrolled in classes at CNM, she will be transferring to The University of New Mexico, pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Recently recognized for her professional efforts, she was a recipient of the 2016 School of Medicine Dean's Staff Award. Jessica loves to learn; absorbing and taking in all that she can to grow and evolve both professionally and personally.

Grade 10 (4 seats)

Patricia (Tish) Young

I've been a SC Grade 10 Rep for the last 4 years, and would like to continue in this capacity. I have been working at UNM for the past 20 years and would like to see UNM move toward a more successful future for all. I believe SC makes a difference and staff can influence the direction of UNM. Thanks for your vote.

Justine Saavedra

I graduated from UNM in 2014 with a BS in Psychology and a BA in Biology and am currently pursuing an MBA. I have been with the Memory and Aging Center for 7 months and we conduct research on Alzheimer's and other types of dementia. We conduct clinical drug trials as well as perform NIH funded research. I am a Native New Mexican and enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband and our two dogs.

Grade 11 (3 seats)

Leah Saavedra

Been in the Anesthesia Dept. for 3 years and have become the HSC Wellness Ambassador and then the EHP Wellness Ambassador. Correlating wellness within the Dept. Been with UNM for 11 years and working as a Medical Coding Analyst, I've tried to make people smile and have a positive attitude.

Regis Lacher

I graduated UNM in 2003 and have worked in user documentation and skills training since then. I will be a voice of advocacy for staff if elected.

Christine F. Heinemeyer

I work in the department of Surgery as a Sr Fiscal Services Tech and have served on Staff Council for the last 2 years. I also serve on the HSC Staff Council and my goal is to represent all grade 11 staff and keep you all informed of the great work staff council is doing on your behalf. Thank you

Cheyenne Stradinger

I have an MLIS with a concentration in Archives and my BA is in History and Comparative Literature from UNM. I have worked at UNM for about a year and would love to be a voice for staff in my grade.

Bradford Beck

As your Grade 11 Representative over the last 4 year, I've had the honor of representing a diverse group of constituents. Your stories and backgrounds enrich our wonderful campus environment. It's with great humility that I ask for your vote to serve another 2 years. I hope to continue to act as your voice on the Staff Council as we move into the future!

Sandra Bauman

In mid-2005, I moved to Albuquerque and took a UNM Temps job with the Law School. Currently, I work as an Operations Specialist in SOM's Office for Medical Educator Development. Throughout my 11-plus-year membership in the UNM family, I've advocated for greater acknowledgement of staff's value and increased morale by participating on the Law School's Staff and Rewards & Recognition Committees, and launching a staff book group there; and serving a half term as a Grade 10 Representative until precluded by job-related demands. Now, I co-chair the Staff Council Health Sciences Staff Committee, previously serving as its newsletter editor.

Jeff Barkley

I am a Master Maintenance Technician who works in the plant that provides utilities (water, electricity, heating/air conditioning) to the entire campus. I was a student at UNM right out of high school and dropped out. After spending 15 years in the workforce, I decided to return to UNM, not only as a student, but also as an employee. I want to finish the education I started. I will graduate with a BA in Economics this December, and an MBA the following December.

Grade 12 (4 seats)

Armando A. Bustamante

I have been a part of UNM since November 2006 as a staff member with Title 5 (2006-2010) & El Centro (2010-present). I'm a first generation college student and I received my BS at the University of Nebraska and MSW at NM Highlands University. Staff council brings great opportunity to voice staff concerns and resolutions so I intend to actively reach out to the people that I will represent.

Allan Highcove

Hello! I serve as an accountant at Graduate Medical Education and conduct accounting and business services throughout the Health Sciences Center (HSC). I work with ~57 other Offices/Departments/Divisions/Programs within HSC, and interact and communicate with staff and faculty at all levels. I have many years of business and organizational communication experience within a variety of educational, business, non-profit and governmental environments. I would appreciate the opportunity to be your Grade 12 representative!

Hannah Cole McGrew

Hannah is a Program Specialist with UNM HSC Office for Community Health. She participates in the development of community health models and manages community-engaged, patient centered research. She co-leads the multidisciplinary, cross-campus HIVE (Health Inclusion Vibrancy Equity) collaborative to address adverse social determinants. Hannah is a was born and raised in Albuquerque, but has also lived in Chile and Brazil. She has a bachelor's degree in Sociology/Anthropology from Hendrix College.

Andrew Castellano

I've served on the UNM Staff Council as a Grade 10 Representative since March of 2015. During that time I joined the Employee Life and Staff Councilor Engagement Committees. I look forward to Council meetings and the opportunity to learn about issues affecting staff and engage in discussion on ways to solve them. I completed a career ladder from Grade 10 Program Coordinator to Grade 12 Program Specialist in July 2016. I'm invested in my career here at UNM and wish for other staff to have similar opportunities. Continuing to serve as a Grade 12 Representative would be an honor.

Stephen Murillo

My name is Stephen and I believe I would be a great asset to the staff council. I have recently started working with Project ECHO. I believe my experiences will serve the UNM staff well.

Lauren Lewis

Lauren Lewis is an Employee Health Education Consultant and Fitness Instructor at UNM. As a National Academy of Sports Medicine certified personal trainer, she enjoys presenting on a variety of fitness and wellness topics to help UNM employees optimize their overall health at work and in their everyday lives. Lauren is currently earning a master's degree in Community Health Education at UNM.

Grade 13 (4 seats)

Roy W. Mollenkamp

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, I am an 8-year-veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Currently, I work for the Sponsored Projects Office as a Programmer Analyst where I create and modify software to assist the Health Sciences Center community with applications for funding. I have a lifelong passion for learning and expansion of my current knowledge base. I truly enjoy helping others; I feel truly blessed, and I want to help others feel the same. I would love to serve as the staff council representative for Grade-13 staff.

Teresa Gomez

Teresa Gomez joined the Southwest Environmental Finance Center in 2016. She has a BS in Civil Engineering from UC Berkeley. Her experience includes small water system improvement projects, conducting transmission gas line audits, and overseeing groundwater and soil remediation projects. She has worked with small water systems in New Mexico, and in Nicaragua. She has also worked as a teacher in Dual Immersion Bilingual Middle Schools in California.

Lorena Giese

I have been a UNM employee for 5 years, I started as an Admin Asst 3 for Religious Studies. I had the opportunity to have my position re-classified to a Program Coordinator after my job duties changed, I worked in that capacity for 3 years. I am currently the Department Administrator for Communication & Journalism, I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on Staff Council and be a positive voice & advocate for all of my fellow grade members. I serve on the CASPIC committee (College of Arts & Sciences Process Improvement Committee) where we improve and execute current processes.

Latayah York

In 2012 I began working at UNM CE with the Transportation Safety Center. Immediately joining this wonderful group I joined the Social Committee and began planning event to engage staff within collaboration. I served as Chair of that committee for two years and then co-chair my last year. I was promoted to a Program Manager within my Division in 2013. I enjoy working with UNM and serving on committees to collaborate and make this place great!

Susan (Autumn) Collins

Raised in Chicago, Autumn attended The University of Michigan on a full scholarship to play Division I Volleyball, where she obtained her BA in Psychology. At 21, she moved to Los Angeles and she decided to return to graduate school to be a teacher. She received her Master of Arts in Secondary Education from Pepperdine University in 1996. In addition to teaching, she gained experience working in reality-television production and sales. Autumn moved to Albuquerque in 2003 and 14 years later considers it and UNM home. She received her second Master of Arts in Counseling in 2009

Raymond Mitchell

I have worked as a licensed clinical counselor for over 30 years, with the last 18 being here at UNM Student Health and Counseling. I have served one term on Staff Council and have learned a great deal about the inner workings of our university and the great value of the Council, having served with very talented and caring individuals. I have a much greater appreciation of how much the Staff council cares about the well-being of all our staff and works hard to overcome the very real issues we as staff persons face. I enjoy working with students.

Brian Curtis Testerman

Long time Albuquerque resident. Graduate of Eldorado High School, New Mexico School of Mines, and CU Boulder. Bachelors and Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering. Masters in Engineering Management. Extensive background in software development and management activities in both commercial and defense sector roles. Strong ties to the Albuquerque area. Have multiple family members residing in Albuquerque and in the State of New Mexico. Will have a son attending Volcano Vista High School in one year.

Cameron Goble

I became a Lobo as a four year-old when my mother enrolled me in the Children's Campus while she pursued her Master's. UNM has been central to my life ever since! I hold UNM's mission to our communities and our futures close to my heart. As staff, I have worked for over ten years at UNM in positions across main and HSC campus, including IT, HR EOD, and Student Activities. As a graduate student, I served in student government at the College of Education. I am dedicated to fairly representing the diverse interests of staff and students at UNM.

Dave Elton Collymore

I was told that I will be a grade 14 by end of fiscal year. I have over 36 years of work experience. I was a CEO in charge of Tobago House of Assembly- Venture Capital Equity Fund Co. I was a manager of Hedge fund at Goldman Sac, State Street Bank and was an Assistant Treasurer at JP Morgan Chase. I also taught accounting 101 and 102 at Long Island University for two semester. I understand both sides of issues relating to this position and I believe I would be able to contribute tremendous amount to benefit UNM Staff.

Audrea Winslow

I'm an alumna of UNM. I have been a staff member since 2012. After obtaining by degree I knew I had to get into UNM to pursue my career. During my time as staff I have advanced rather quickly to my current role as the Department Administrator for the Special Education Department with College of Education. I am very eager to learn; UNM is the perfect place for me to do so. My goals are: learn as much as I can & share that knowledge, make UNM one of the best places to work, and be a positive influence always.

Grade 14 (3 seats)

Barbara Lopez

I am a staff research engineer with the University of New Mexico and I currently am an instructional designer, curriculum developer, instructor, and grant analyst for the Southwest Center for Microsystems Education, a NSF grant funded center. I have a long history with UNM where I obtained my bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering and I have worked as a research engineer for 17 years. I am a native New Mexican and I am dedicated to use my experience and knowledge to enhance and grow education in our community.

Nancy L. Shane

Now a program evaluator for the School of Medicine, I earned my graduate degree here and my son is a junior. So I am familiar with several aspects of university life. I am proud of UNM and invested in its success. During my first term, I tried to improve conditions for staff, in particular by initiating the first Staff Research Expo. I also oversaw amendments to the Staff Council Constitution and governing documents as chair of the Rules & Elections Committee. As your Staff Council representative, I will respond as best I can to your concerns and ideas!

Erica L. Grong

My career in higher education began in 1990. I've held numerous roles such as Statistical Analyst (UNLV), Systems Analyst (UT Austin), and Team Lead (LoboWeb), ETL Developer, and most recently, Project Manager (UNM). I am passionate about initiatives that develop staff skills & issues related to benefits, as well as analyzing budgets, contracts, and developing policies & procedures. As a Grade 14 Staff Council representative, my passions will forge change & spark improvement, because I believe the development of the human resource can no longer receive less than top priority in any organization that wishes to remain competitive.

Gina Urias-Sandoval

I have worked at UNM for 18 years and served as a Precinct or Grade Representative on Staff Council for the past 6 years. I have served on the Executive Committee and I currently co-chair the Student Success Committee, serve on the campus wide Student Conduct Committee and LOBO Respect Steering Committee. I am currently the EMBA Director at Anderson School of Business. Advocating for changes that will improve the wellbeing of staff is important to me. If elected, I will continue to work as your Grade 14 Councilor and focus on making UNM a great place to work.

Bruncha Milaszewski

EPEC Educational Outreach Manager for 2 years with 11 years of higher ed. administrative experience. A versatile professional with a breadth of experience in higher education administration, career, coaching, customized learning and workforce development programs. Leadership capacity building initiatives, and HR/talent management consulting Demonstrated communication skills; noted for coaching, leadership, and teaching ability. Experienced in program design, planning, costing, and management. A proficient facilitator and trainer who has provided management and leadership training in 9 countries... Known for passionate delivery, the energy to motivate others by dynamic example, and the ability to effectively build client relationships through a solutions focused approach.

Grade 15 (2 seats)

Gwendolyn Cecile Azar

I currently hold the position as Manager of the Clinical Research Operations for the Clinical and Translational Science Center, and also as the Research Concierge for CTSC. In collaboration with HSC, CTSC department heads and managers, I have worked with CTSC leadership, research principal investigators and staff to guide, build and accelerate research infrastructure and develop best practices for transforming biomedical discoveries into tangible improvements in human health. Prior to UNM, I held various leadership positions in the private sector managing staff, projects, budgets, health care clinic operations, and programs from creation to development and implementation.

David Pallozzi

I grew up in Maine, moving here last June to work in the Admissions Office at the School of Law. My career has always been in law school admissions beginning in 1989 at Loyola Law in New Orleans. I have worked at Villanova Law, Maine Law, and UMass. Law. I enjoy working in higher education and particularly with students. We are all lifelong learners and being part of someone's educational journey is rewarding. I am also a single Dad. In 2005, I adopted and have had since birth, twin daughters. They are the joy of my life.

Grades 16-20 (2 seats)

Rob Burford

I was born in El Paso, Texas and I have nearly 22 years of professional experience at UNM, which includes roles in the UNM Residence Halls, 15+ years in the Dean of Students Office and have been UNM's first full time Clery Act Compliance Officer since August 2015. During my time at UNM, here are a few of the things I have done: - Recognized as outstanding Student Affairs employee - Served on multiple policy committees - Chaired multiple committees - Current Grade 16 - 20 Staff Council Rep - Elected to Executive Committee fall of 2016 .