

Staff Council Government Relations committee Minutes.

3/9/2023

Present: Mary Phibbs, Mary Clark, Autumn Collins, Carla Sakiestewa

Mary Clark presented on the Staff Council capital outlay process (see attached). It was decided that Mary P. would ask SC Communications and Marketing to create a form to be used for staff to submit a request for capital outlay funds and detail the project and cost. She will also ask SC Communications and Marketing to create a flyer to be used in SC weekly communications to inform staff about this initiative.

Members from SCGR will form a sub committee to evaluate the requests and choose one or two that UNM Government Relations will enter into the NM Legislature capital outlay request data base.

SCGR will present this process to Council at the May meeting and formal requests will be collected through June. The deadline to get the information to UNM Government Relations is August 1.

Carla asked about a suggestion from our last meeting that we find a way to educate staff about how the state legislature works. It was suggested that we invite a legislator and someone from UNM Government Relations to come speak at a SC Brown Bag or Council meeting. Mary C. suggested Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez as she is a retired UNM law professor. Mary P. will reach out to after the NM legislative session ends on March 18.