Title:  UNM Branch Campuses

Office of Origin:  Office of the President

Description:  A pamphlet giving some information on the university’s branch campuses.

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UNM Branch Campuses
(Gallup, Los Alamos, Taos, and Valencia)

Organization
Each of the branches is a chartered branch campus community college, serving the needs of their local communities. Each branch is led by a CEO who reports directly to the Provost/EVP for Academic Affairs. Each branch also has an Advisory Board elected by the voters in each community. Branch CEOs serve on the UNM President’s Executive Cabinet. Branch CEOs also work closely with various other areas of the main campus, including government relations, legal, marketing and communication, finance and administration, budgeting, human resources, information technology, safety and risk services, institutional support/capital projects, research, student affairs, faculty affairs, deans of colleges, curriculum and assessment, equity and inclusion, and enrollment and analytics. Branch representatives serve on committees, including faculty senate and curriculum committees.

Financial Structure
Each branch campus is fiscally independent and receives separate state allocations, local mil levy funding, local tuition and fees, and other separate funding from state capital project requests, grants, local workforce development initiatives, and local auxiliary enterprises. Branch campus resources are prohibited by statute from being co-mingled with main campus resources. Per the operating agreement, branch campuses currently pay main campus 3.6% of all expenditures for access to a variety of agreed upon administrative services, including the budgeting and reporting software.

Governance
Each branch campus reports to a locally elected Advisory Board, which has entered into an Operating Agreement with UNM per the Branch Community College Act. The Advisory Board consults with the UNM Board of Regents or their designee in all matters pertaining to the conduct of the branch, approves the annual budget for recommendation to the Board of Regents for final approval, provides approval and certification of the local tax levy, calls elections for local tax levies, and calls elections for Advisory Board positions. The UNM Board of Regents have full authority and responsibility of the branch campuses. Each branch also works closely with state organizations including NM Higher Education Department, NM Department of Finance and Administration, and the NM Legislative Finance Committee.

Curriculum
UNM and Branch campus faculty maintain course rigor, expectations, and prerequisites by relying on extensive processes for changes to existing courses, course additions, and course deletions. Proposed changes at the branch level are reviewed for approval by the departmental chair, the branch library, the branch level curricula committee, and branch Dean of Instruction before being submitted to main campus curriculum review processes.

Key Documents: Operating Agreements with each branch, HLC Assurance Argument, and Branch Self-Study Questionnaires