



## 2024 Staff Council Precinct Candidate Statements

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). Ballot order was determined by random draw. See below for candidate statements. Names are listed in the order in which they will appear on the voting ballot. **Voting begins Monday, March 25 and ends Friday, March 29, 5:00PM.**

### Precinct 1

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.

### Precinct 2

#### Carla Sakiestewa

Hello! I'm Carla Sakiestewa, Senior Operations Manager at the A&S Interdisciplinary Science Cooperative. Eager to be your Staff Council Precinct 2 councilor, my journey began in 2012 as an HSC Precinct 26 & 27 representative, advancing to Grade 13 & 14 until 2023. Actively engaged in committees like DEI, Gov't, Environmental Sustainability, and Strategic Planning, and served three separate terms as Treasurer. As a proud New Mexican and double UNM alum, my connection to our community transcends the workplace; it's a community I genuinely care about. We strive to voice your concerns through the Staff Council and provide resources. The College of Arts & Sciences staff, our genuine backbone, offers vital support to faculty and students, significantly contributing to our community's robustness. Your vote empowers me to serve our UNM staff community. I appreciate your consideration. Let's collaboratively foster a supportive and thriving university environment. Thank you for your support!

### Precinct 3

#### Santi Colmenero Chavez

Santi Colmenero Chavez has recently joined the department of Communication and Journalism in September of 2023. Having recently graduated from Smith College in May of 2023, Santi has aspirations to incorporate multi media productions to serve the community. Santi has expertise in film-making, social media marketing, and multi-media communications, making them the perfect fit for the department as the AV technician. Santi was born and raised in the South Valley of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has gained national experience during their undergraduate career.

### Precinct 4

#### Angela Beauchamp

Angela Beauchamp is your current Precinct 4 representative. I serve on the Staff Council Executive Committee and UNM's Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee, and chair the Staff Council Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. My accomplishments in the past two years as your representative include writing three successful resolutions to add Juneteenth as a UNM holiday, to support academic freedom for staff and faculty, and to include height and weight in UNM's anti-discrimination efforts. I also facilitated a working group that resulted in adjustment of the HR requirement to disclose lifetime justice system involvement to be hired, and reviewed the Staff Council bylaws to make the language more inclusive of non-binary and transgender staff members. My position at UNM is as Department Administrator for Film and Digital Arts.

### Precinct 5

#### Madeline Lionbarger

My name is Madeline Lionbarger, and I am the current supervisor of student success at the UNM Anderson School of Management. I have been a full-time employee at UNM since 2021, and have both my BBA and MBA from Anderson. I have served on the Staff Council as the Precinct 5 representative for two years, and as chair of the Staff Success Committee for about a year and a half. In my two years on staff council, I have worked with the Staff Success committee

to revitalize the Staff as Students event, started discussions and a resolution about a staff mentoring program for UNM Main Campus, and identified mental wellness resources as a need for staff and started identifying ways to address this. If I were to be reelected, I would like to pursue the improvement of mental wellness resources for UNM staff, resurrect a volunteer fair to encourage staff to get involved in their communities, and identify additional ways to celebrate staff who have completed their degrees at UNM.

## **Precinct 6**

### Anneliese Ward

Hello and thank you all for the opportunity to nominate myself for Staff Council. My name is Anneliese Ward and I have been involved within the UNM Community in many capacities. I was involved in ASUNM and have been President of a graduate organization as a student. As a staff, I currently serve as a board member for Women in Tech at UNM. Presently, I serve as the Sr. Business Manager at CARC, where I strive to help both researchers and students, as well as serve the UNM community at large with our resources and expertise. I hope to be able to represent the interests of staff within the University, as I believe that advocacy is an important aspect of bringing about improvements and creating positive change within the lives of those around us. I hope that I can serve as an advocate and aid in conveying the needs and voices of those around me. Thank you for your consideration!

### Grace Faustino

As the incumbent Precinct 6 representative, I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for reelection. Serving our UNM staff community in this capacity has been an honor and privilege, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue our collaborative efforts. We have and continue to meet great milestones together. We successfully collaborated on the staff engagement survey, advocated for the reinstatement of CNM tuition remission, and partnered with HR on Staff Appreciation initiatives, advocated for revamping the supervisor and manager training program, positively impacting our community's growth and well-being. Secured our first \$190,000 in funding from the state to support the Campus Safety and Security. I remain committed to advocating for staff interests. We are about to deploy the first staff council technology survey. My dedication to Precinct 6 remains steadfast, and I am eager to build upon our successes to ensure that staff well-being remains a top priority.

## **Precinct 7**

### Preston Minor

I've been a manager/supervisor for 19 years. The last 13 years prior to UNM, I was in the biopharmaceutical (plasma) industry, which was heavily dependent on SOP adherence. As the Mgr. of Administrative Operations (Director of Operations) for the University Counsel Office this past year, I've created onboarding and training manuals, as well as develop other SOP drive processes to streamline efficiency in the office. As part of the Precinct team, I would like to help UNM develop a much more detailed and thorough training program for Supervisors/Managers at UNM.

### Gonzalo A. Olivas

My name is Gonzalo Olivas, and I am running to be your Precinct 7 representative. I have been with the Internal Audit department for almost 6 years, but my Lobo bloodline runs much deeper than that! Having been a part of the UNM system dating back to my undergraduate days and various degrees earned, I have had the privilege of seeing the campus grow and evolve over the better part of the last 20+ years. If elected, I will work to ensure that everyone on staff (regardless of your Precinct or Grade) has the ability to have their voice heard, and I will work to ensure that UNM is a place that will continue to grow and evolve in a way that benefits us all.

## **Precinct 8**

### Mary Phibbs

As a member of Staff Council since 2021, I am committed to representing staff and improving the overall wellbeing of UNM staff. I began representing Grade 10 and then served on the Government Relations committee (starting in 2022). I became the co-chair of the committee in January of 2023. Since then, I have facilitated a postcard campaign to support the UNM legislative priorities every January. In this, I was able to communicate the needs of UNM staff to members of the legislature. As a lifelong Lobo and resident of Albuquerque, I have always been involved in UNM's community. I've

worked at UNM in the Global Education Office since 2017. I received my BA in Political Science in 2012 and my MA in Organization, Information and Learning Sciences in 2021. I am asking for the support of Precinct 8 to continue to represent you on Staff Council. Thank you for the opportunity to continue representing UNM staff's best interests.

### **Precinct 9**

#### Amie Ortiz

Hello, my name is Amie Ortiz and I am running for re-election as the Staff Council Precinct 9 representative. I have been a part of Financial Services for 22 years and have had the pleasure of working with many of you during that time. If re-elected, I hope to represent your interests on the Staff Council and continue advocating for our wonderful staff.

### **Precinct 10**

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.

### **Precinct 11**

#### Frankie Flores

Frankie Flores is running for reelection for Precinct 11. Frankie has been a staff councilor since 2022. In 2023 Frankie was elected to the executive committee as Precinct at large representative. Frankie has been at UNM since 2008 as a student. Their first job at UNM was as an RA and moved through Housing to the Division for Equity and Inclusion where they started as a student volunteer and worked their way up to directing the LGBTQ Resource Center. Frankie looks forward to continuing to work with staff council to ensure equitable representation and move to even fairer access for all staff at UNM.

### **Precinct 12**

#### Bryn McCabe-Kelly

I am an extremely proud UNM alum and staff member (20+ years!). I began my love of working at UNM as a student employee when I started as a NSO Leader way back in the day. That student employment job showed me how much I loved introducing students to UNM and helping them on their path at UNM. I have advised students in the College of Arts and Sciences and now in the School of Architecture and Planning since 2003. Since 2020 I have also served on Staff Council as both Grade and Precinct representative. I have served both on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Staff Support; and the Rules and Elections sub-committees. UNM has the most phenomenal staff! I truly have been humbled and honored to advocate for them during my time on Staff Council. Being able to help voice staff concerns, promote our accomplishments, and find ways to improve all areas of staff lives is what keeps me committed to serving on Staff Council. I thank you for your consideration!

### **Precinct 13**

#### Stephen Murillo

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for a position on the UNM Staff Council, leveraging my longstanding commitment to staff advocacy and representation. With service on the Staff Council since 2013 and again from 2020 to the present, I have actively contributed to our community's progress. As the current chair of the Staff Council Ethics Committee, I have refined my skills in navigating complex issues and fostering an environment of integrity, while also helping define the committee's charge. Throughout my tenure at UNM, which includes various roles from Admin 1 to Sr. Program Manager, I have developed a comprehensive understanding of our community's needs and challenges. Inspired by the dedication of our predecessors, I am eager to advance the council's mission. If elected, I will champion transparency and collaboration, ensuring that all staff voices are heard and valued. Together, we can strengthen our community's foundation, creating a more supportive environment for all.

### **Precinct 14**

#### Frankie McQuerry

Hello, Precinct 14! I am Frankie McQuerry, and I am happy to announce that I am running for re-election to continue representing U on the Staff Council. I have enjoyed the experience of getting to meet and receive some of your questions and concerns over the past two years, and if U continue to allow me, I will be happy to do so for another two

years. For those who do not know, I work as an Accommodations Specialist at the Accessibility Resource Center, where I am proud of the work I get to do on a daily basis and grateful for the amazing team I get to work with! So, I will ask the same thing I asked of U two years ago, which is to please consider trusting me to represent U on the Staff Council. If re-elected, I would be honored to serve another term as your Precinct 14 Representative!

#### Angela Graham

Last year, I was elected to the Staff Council, proudly representing Grade 11. I am committed to effectively representing Grade 11, and to enhance my impact, I joined the DEI committee and Government Relations committee in my first year. Additionally, I actively participated in UNM Day at the Legislature in Santa Fe, engaging with legislators to address key issues affecting our university. This experience highlighted the potential for positive change through direct communication with lawmakers. I am grateful for this opportunity to represent Grade 11. I request your consideration and vote to allow me to continue to represent and work for you in the coming year. With your continued support, I hope to contribute to the ongoing success and work that the Staff Council is dedicated to for the betterment of the university community.

#### Charles Gwinn

In 2007, I received a BS from WKU in Recreation and Outdoor Leadership and an MS in Sport Admin from UNM in 2009 (Go Lobos!). In 2019, I returned to oversee the Outdoor Program at Recreational Services. I have worked within 2 other university campus recreation programs and served as Manager of Programming at the Muhammad Ali Center prior to my return to UNM. I am adjunct faculty in the HESS Dept. I sit on the DSA Professional Development Committee and am dedicated to our growth as staff. I am passionate about community building, environmental, and social justice issues. I served as the Leave No Trace State Advocate and worked on several local to national grassroots campaigns. I am part of a wonderful family of 4 and we love to explore the outdoors any chance we get! As a Staff Council member, I would strive to promote a positive work-life balance, professional development, inclusivity, and ensure that your voices are heard. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Precinct 15**

#### George Rainone

No statement.

#### Damion Terrell

Greetings constituents of Precinct 15 (UNM Information Technologies including Campus Outreach and Branch IT Staff). For the past two years I have represented you on UNM's Staff Council. During this time, I have worked to keep you up to date with the latest issues and concerns impacting Staff across campus. I have listened to you and brought your concerns, questions, and suggestions back to Staff Council. Most recently, I brought a fellow constituent's request regarding using tuition remission for CNM courses to Staff Council. The Staff Council's Executive Committee brought this request to UNM's administration, and it is currently working through the HR process. Every month, I keep on this request, making sure it won't be dropped, and report any updates back to you. If you are willing to vote for me to continue to be your Precinct Representative, I would very much like the opportunity to continue in this role. Thank you for your time and consideration.

### **Precinct 16**

#### Marcus Anderson

I have been a student at UNM and now I am on Staff. I try to uphold the best parts of our institution and community. I work to improve our environment in the workplace and how our daily operations effect the staff and the job we are entrusted with.

### **Precinct 17**

#### Kristina Rucker

I have been employed with UNM for almost 11 years now. A lot of that time has been spent as a member of the Staff Council. I can't tell you the excitement it still brings when someone contacts me with an issue. And, When I resolve their issue, it seems to bring them comfort and reassurance that the Staff Council is there for them. To support them in the jobs they do. I am eager to remain the P17 Representative for the Staff Council. I still feel I have so much more to offer. To make UNM the best place to work. Thank you -Kristina

### **Precinct 18**

#### John Shaski

Hello! I have been in my position as FM-Recycling supervisor going on 7 years and I benefit daily from the cumulative experience of my supervisors, Mary Clark and Michael McCord. My place at UNM is all the more rewarding as I can claim five UNM alumni in my family tree (my daughter Brigid graduated in December of 2022!). And, as supervisor for Recycling, I get the daily satisfaction of working for the greater good. There is much more I could say (I like to ski, I'm a sports and music fan, etc.). But I'll leave it at...I have always believed that there is a right way to treat people and to conduct business. I believe that as staff members we have a responsibility to help define what the University of New Mexico stands for and, by extension, we help define the identity of the state of New Mexico itself. I hope to serve that vision with my time on the Staff Council. I know I have a lot to learn in this regard and I am looking forward to that process.

### **Precinct 19**

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.

### **Precinct 20**

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.

### **Precinct 21**

#### Javier Valentine Rios

Javier Rios was born and raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico and is a bilingual New Mexican of diverse Irish, Mexican, and LGBTQ background. He loves playing basketball, traveling, food, and cafecito. He is the Strategic Support Manager for Community Health Worker Initiatives at UNM-HSC:OCH. He brings 18+ years of non-profit and government experience. Recognitions: 2022 UNM Staff Council Star Award, 2021 UNM-HSC: Project ECHO Organizational Leader Values Award "Service to the Underserved", 2019 Stonewall Achievement Award, 2017 Manzano High School Educator of the Month, 2013 Pride and Equality Vincent R. Johnson Models of Hope Award, the 2012 NMCPAG Kahlo Benavidez Leadership Award, and the 2012 HIV/AIDS Embajador for the National Latino AIDS Action Network. Education: Certificate of Public Health Leaders in the Mexico-United States Border Region ñ Instituto TecnolŒgico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey 2013, M.A. ñ University of New Mexico in 2005, and B.A. ñ Creighton University 2001.

#### Jhoniq Lentsch

Hello! I'm Jhoniq, a proud UNM alumna with a Master's in Project Management. With 4.5 years at CHWI and over a decade of community service, I understand our organization and community. I'm committed to advocating for all staff members' well-being, advancement, and learning more of what UNM stands for. Let's work together to empower every voice at UNM!

### **Precinct 22**

#### Sharina Desai

I am currently the Technical Director for the AIM Core Facility (Dep of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology) for four years. I also currently serve as the Chair of the SC for Environmental Sustainability, and a member of the SC for DEI and HSC., and Community Liaison for the APINH Center. I have contributed to projects like securing and hosting a speaker for Black History Month, hosting several events around water usage at UNM, food sourcing, and sustainable transportation and bike safety, and moving to create a unit on learning central for all staff to be trained on how to properly handle different waste streams on campus. I would like to continue serving on staff council because it is important to be

involved in understanding and shaping policies that affect our workplace and touch on the quality of life for all workers. My goal in serving as a Precinct Rep is to foster a great work environment from major university-wide concerns, to daily logistics, and everything in between.

### **Precinct 23**

#### Marvin Gouch

Marvin Gouch here. I am interested in continuing working with Staff Council with the hopes of being more involved as my schedule will permit. I am an Educator in the EMS Academy at UNM North Campus. I am a retired Paramedic Lieutenant from Albuquerque Fire and worked for the City of Albuquerque for 21 years. As a staff council member, it has been quite joyful to have camaraderie from various institutions on our amazing campus and learn of the different perspectives that are in existence as well as strive to meet our goal; continuing to make the University of New Mexico, one of the pre-eminent places to work, with our dedication. Thank you for your time, and I hope to continue to be your representative for Precinct 23.

#### Rene Forsythe

Hello, my name is Rene' Forsythe and this April I will have been 3 years working in the role of Fellowship Coordinator for both Infectious Diseases and Rheumatology. Rheumatology has 4 fellows and Infectious Diseases has 5 fellows. I really enjoy working with our fellows, staff and faculty in this capacity as education is key in our Institution. In May of 2022, I ran for, and was elected, as Precinct 23 Staff Council Representative. During the 2 years of my term, I have served on the Marketing and Communications Executive Committee and also served as the interim Chair of that committee. I have been able to discuss items that effect students, staff as well as faculty within the School of Medicine. I hope to serve on an Executive Committee again if re-elected and also bring more information to you, my constituents. I humbly ask for your vote for my re-election as your Precinct 23 Representative on Staff Council. Thank you!

### **Precinct 24**

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.

### **Precinct 25**

#### Lorraine Koleski

My name is Lorraine Koleski, I am the Medical Education Program Specialist for psychiatry residents here at UNM. Before Albuquerque I lived in many places both in the US and other countries like Ecuador, Malawi, and Italy. For the most part these moves came from joining my parents around the world as they worked in global medicine. My passion for helping folks and my knack for admin work has led me here, and I love to serve my UNM and greater New Mexico community by helping doctors navigate residency. I believe I can use those same skills & ideals to serve my colleagues on the UNM Staff Council. I have been passionate about advocacy since high school and have spent a decade working and volunteering for organizations dedicated to improving life. Most of my advocacy work has been in communication & the arts, whether the job is to get important information out to as many people as fast as possible, plan large events, or just add a little brightness to your day I am up to the task.

### **Precinct 26**

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.

### **Precinct 27**

#### Mark Fischer

I have been our Precinct 27 Councilor for the last several years. I would like to continue representing us to ensure our voices and ideas are heard across the greater UNM community. I currently have the privilege to Chair the SC Rules and Elections Committee and Co-chair the Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee under the Faculty Senate. I am also a member of the SC Ethics, DEI and Policy Review Committees. Through this work I continue to strive toward bridging the

gap between our HSC campus and the main UNM campus to support the One UNM ideology. Working together instead of in silos promotes community that lifts each of us. I encourage each of you to vote in the SC Precinct Election and to share your voices with our colleagues.

### **Precinct 28**

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.

### **Precinct 29**

#### Horace Adam Hackney

I am Horace Hackney, an LPCC-S and LAMFT in the State of New Mexico. I am a LPC-S (AL), and am a National Certified Counselor. I attended Florida State University for my BS in Family and Child Sciences and the University of Montevallo for my MEd in Counseling. I am an member of the NM Counseling Association Executive Board and a member of NM CASJ. I focus administratively to cultivate relationships and a positive work environment to ensure an exceptional product. I supervise clinical staff in mental health clinics in the Center that meet the needs of ASEC. I was a guest lecture on occasion: EDF6002 Advanced Family Therapy; University of Alabama (April 2016, 2017, 2018), EDC600 Advanced Diagnosis and Treatment; University of Montevallo (Nov 2018, 2019, 2020), EDC652 Advanced Family Counseling Internship; UoM (Spring 2021, Fall 2022), Emotional Disorders in the Classroom; UA (Aug 2019, 2020) & UNM (Aug 2024).

#### Winton Wood

I am currently serving Precinct 29 on Staff Council and would like to continue to serve this Precinct through information, support and advocacy. I try to be involved in Staff Council wide events, like helping with postcards to our legislators and volunteering for Staff Appreciation events. I also enjoy sending out emails to remind staff of their rights, and to encourage that their voices be heard. I also try to keep Precinct 29 staff updated on UNM events and opportunities. I would be honored to continue to serve this Precinct which I care very about.

### **Precinct 30**

No candidates. You may write in a nomination on your voting ballot.