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GRAND CHALLENGES COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

Agenda, September 18, 2019

Review of April 25th Meeting Notes

Begin process: Improve the GC stakeholder infrastructure

Develop a set of community stakeholder roles

Schedule committee conversations with the leadership teams for each challenge

Committee Charge:

- Engage community stakeholders in building wide-scale awareness of, and support for, the UNM Grand Challenge Conceptual Goals.
- Help the GC Research Teams engage external researchers and institutions in GC research.
- Help external stakeholders leverage UNM Grand Challenges to improve New Mexico education, workforce development, entrepreneurial innovation, cross-institutional collaboration, and civic engagement (among others).
- Work closely with GC Research Teams to keep them engaged in community outreach and connections.
- Report regular progress to the GC Steering Council.

Committee Members Present: Monica Kowal, Susan McAllister, Tim Schroeder

Committee Meeting Notes

The committee will work the Challenges research teams to plan and implement spring 2020 Grand Challenge Community Summits (one for each challenge). During these summits, community stakeholders will be invited to share their insights regarding each of the challenges, with UNM researchers serving in a listening capacity. Summits would be structured and led by a small team of community engagement facilitators.

Monica Kowal will pull together a small working group in early November to:

- Meet with Challenge teams to better understand their existing needs, capacities, approaches and networks.
- Develop a structure for the workshops, including facilitation processes and methods for recruiting community participation.

Tim Schroeder will coordinate the logistics (facilities, parking, food, invitations, programs, etc).

Susan McAllister will help connect to arts communities to encourage their participation in the summits.

We will aim for offering the summits in late spring 2020.