2025–2026 Biology Faculty Committee Assignments

Dept. Administration

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Helen Wearing

IDEA
Moses Michelsohn, Chair
Joe Cook
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Chris Witt (Spring only)
Melissa Sanchez
Tyler Clayshulte
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Greenhouses
Ken Whitney, Chair
David Hanson
Vince Martinson

Field Programs and Vehicles
Blair Wolf

Library Liaison
Chris Johnston

Seminars
Ellen Martinson

Space/Buildings
Helen Wearing, Chair
Vince Martinson
Lomeli Shull
Phil Johnston
Tayli Lam
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Promotion and Tenure
Rob Miller, Chair
Joe Cook
Chris Johnston
Marcy Litvak

Sabbatical Review
Helen Wearing
Ken Whitney

Annual Faculty Review
Tom Turner, Chair
Coen Adema
Mike Andersen
Ben Hanelt
Irene Salinas (Spring only)

Brown Bag Seminar
Moses Michelsohn
TBD, BGSA

Department Website
Jenna Fonta
Tayli Lam
Tyler Clayshulte

BGSA Computer/Tech Pod Coordinator
Esteban Restrepo Cortés, BGSA

Faculty Searches

Lecturers
Ken Whitney, Chair
Vince Martinson
Amanda Stanfield
Tayli Lam

Unit Administration

LTER Director
Jenn Rudgers

Sevilleta Field Station Director
Will Pockman

REU Sites Program Director
Scott Collins

U-RISE
Tina Vesbach, Director
Helen Wearing, Associate Director

PREP Director
Kelly Miller

CETI
Rob Miller, Director
Ellen Martinson, co-Director

Mol. Biology Core
Rob Miller, Director
Vince Martinson, co-Director

Cell Biology Core Director
Eric Denkers

Controlled Environments Core Director
Coen Adema

Center for Stable Isotopes
Seth Newsome, Assoc. Director

FiRES Center
Matt Hurteau, Director

Zebrafish Core co-Directors
Andrea McQuate
Lomeli Shull

Graduate Program

Graduate Advocates
Helen Wearing
Scott Collins

Biology Graduate Student Association (BGSA)
Austin Hendricks, President
Helen Wearing, Faculty rep

Grad Student Selection
Will Pockman, Chair
Eric Denkers
Kelly Miller
Steve Poe
Jenn Rudgers
Tyler Clayshulte
Esteban Restrepo Cortés, BGSA

Graduate Policy
Helen Wearing, Chair
Lisa Barrow
Scott Collins
Davorka Gulisija
Rob Miller
Tyler Clayshulte
TBD, BGSA

New Grad Student Orientation
Helen Wearing
Tyler Clayshulte

Scholarships
Matt Hurteau, Chair
Ben Hanelt
Andrea McQuate
Felisa Smith (Spring only)
Tyler Clayshulte
Tayli Lam
Irvin Arroyo-Torres, BGSA

Undergraduate Program

Dept Assessment Coordinator
Kelly Howe

Gen Ed Assessment Coordinator
Satya Witt

Graduation
Coen Adema, Co-Chair
Kimran Buckholz, Co-Chair
Julieta Bettinelli
Phil Johnston
Tayli Lam
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Honors Program
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Seth Newsome
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Tom Kennedy
Marcy Litvak
Lee Taylor
Patrick Baca, BGSA

Undergraduate Advising resources
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Research Days
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Syed Mubarak, Co-Chair
Joanne Kuestner
Tayli Lam
Jade Knight
Shweta Agarwal & Irvin Arroyo-Torres, BGSA

Pre-Vet Advising
Eric Denkers

BUGS
Kelly Howe
James Loomis, BGSA

Slice of Bio
Kelly Howe
Kimran Buckholz

Pueblo Brain Science Program
Syed Mubarak

Museum Administration

Museum of SW Biology
Mike Andersen, Director
Lisa Barrow, Assoc. Director

Museum of SW Biology Exec Committee
Mike Andersen, Chair
MSB Curators:
Lisa Barrow, Amphibians/Reptiles
Kelly Miller, Arthropods
Chris Witt, Birds
Tom Turner, Fishes
Mike Andersen, Genomic Resources
Diana Gamba, Herbarium (from Spring '25)
Joe Cook, Mammals
Sam Loker, Parasites (Fall '25)
Kaylee Herzog, Parasites (from Spring '25)
Esteban Muldavin, Director, NM Natural Heritage

College & University Committee Service

A&S DEAI Committee
Mike Andersen

A&S ADR Search Committee
Mike Andersen

A&S Research Strategy Committee
Irene Salinas

A&S Assessment Review Committee
Satya Witt

A&S Lecturer Promotion
Satya Witt

A&S Curriculum
Marcy Litvak

Faculty Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Science Cooperative (IS Co-op)
Tom Turner

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Museum Research Traineeship Program
Tom Turner, Director

BA/MD Curriculum and Student Progress (including Basic Science Subcommittee)
Jenna Fonta
Chris Johnston
Amanda Stanfield
Helen Wearing

BA/MD Eligibility & Professionalism
Chris Johnston

Center for Stable Isotopes Steering Committee
David Hanson
Blair Wolf

Faculty Senate
Satya Witt

Senate Graduate and Professional Committee
Will Pockman

Faculty Development Council
Irene Salinas

Provost's Advisory Review Committee
Matt Hurteau

Research Technology Advisory Board
Will Pockman

Office of Research Compliance Expert Advisory Committee
Rob Miller

Animal Care and Use
Sara Brant, Chair
Chris Witt, vice-Chair
Tom Giermakowski
Jon Dunnum
Emily DeArmon
Jennifer Sharp, BARF

UNM Institutional Review Entity (Dual Use Research of Concern) IRE/DURC Committee
Coen Adema

UNM Institutional Biosafety Committee
Coen Adema, co-Chair
Eric Denkers

UNM Chemical & Laboratory Safety Committee
Chris Witt

UNM COI Committee
Irene Salinas

CARC Internal Advisory Board
Lee Taylor

ADVANCE UNM Internal Advisory Board
Dave Hanson

Natural History Science Center Planning Committee
Chris Witt

UNM Museum Studies Program Exec Council
Chris Witt, Chair

Water Sustainability Grand Challenge
Marcy Litvak, co-convener

Cancer Center Microscopy Oversight Committee
Irene Salinas

UNM FIRST Leadership and Faculty Development Core Direction
Irene Salinas

Fire Safety Capital Committee
Chris Witt

ARID Institute
Marcy Litvak, Co-Director
Jenn Rudgers, Co-Director

New Mexico Reforestation Center Advisory Board
Matt Hurteau, Vice Chair

Online Course Advisory Council, CTL
Satya Witt

McNair Scholarship Committee
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