Tk20 in the College of Education at UNM

To better demonstrate accountability, to communicate the quality of the UNM College of Education programs with our constituencies and to support our students' professional development and advancement, we have purchased and will be implementing the Tk20 system.

Tk20 is a comprehensive data management and learning outcomes assessment system that provides a rich set of tools to help track and enhance our students' growth, as well as make our assessment and accountability tasks easier. Also, our students will have access to Tk20 for 8 years beyond graduation to build their professional portfolio and support career advancement.

We will begin to adopt the Tk20 system during Spring 2012, starting initially with our undergraduate licensure programs in the College of Education that are reviewed by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This includes our undergraduate teacher preparation programs in Art Education, Elementary Education, Health Education (School Health), Physical Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education.

In the Tk20 system, trained faculty and staff will enter key assessment data and evaluations. Also, students, by paying a required one-time curriculum fee, will have access to Tk20 and will use it to submit assignments associated with key assessments as well as to build personal electronic portfolios providing examples of work to faculty, peers, and prospective employers.

Starting in Fall 2012, the graduate licensure programs as well as all COE's non-licensure programs will also be required to use the Tk20 planning and management tool for assessment, advisement and portfolio development.

As we continue with our adoption of the Tk20 system, look for more detailed information about Tk20 and the various technical and content support resources that will be available to faculty, staff and students.

I want to thank everyone for your support of the adoption process. After considering many options, we have determined that Tk20 is the best system that aligns with our core value of teaching and meaningful learning outcomes assessment, as well as to help meet our state and professional accreditation requirements. As you interact with Tk20 and realize its potential and benefits, I am sure that you will be pleased.

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