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The University of New Mexico Acting Provost Craig White announced on May 19 that Dr. Christopher Dyer, chief executive officer of the UNM-Gallup Campus, resigned from his position.

Dyer will remain at UNM-Gallup as a faculty member, beginning in fall semester of 2017, and will also pursue other professional initiatives.

Dyer joined UNM-Gallup as the top administrative officer on July 1, 2013. Prior to that, he served as dean of academic affairs and tenured professor of anthropology at Missouri State University – White Plains.

"During his tenure as CEO at UNM-Gallup, Dr. Dyer placed strong emphasis on connecting the campus and the local community," Marilee Petranovich, spokesperson for the college, noted in a press release.

Acting President Chaouki Abdallah and White expressed thanks to Dyer for his four years of service to the UNM-Gallup Branch.

"He has worked diligently to honor the traditions and cultural identities of students and local citizens of the Gallup area," White said.

Dr. Jerry Dominguez, currently UNM's branch campus liaison, will serve as the interim CEO

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pending completion of a national search for a permanent CEO. []