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As a recipient of a faculty development grant, I will participate in the Screenwriter's Conference in Santa Fe, May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. I will be leading two lectures: "Screenwriting: The Structure of Action" and "Hollywood Virgin", regarding the travails of a novice writer's sojourn in Los Angeles. Information in this regard is attached and may also be found on the internet at Screenwriter's Conference in Santa Fe.

The Screenwriter's Conference in Santa Fe is one of the most prestigious workshops of its kind in the United States. Writers, producers, agents and directors from all over the world will participate. As a lecturer, I will be able to improve my syllabi and strengthen my teaching skills before a group of peers. Further, my participation will serve as a tremendous outreach for the fledgling UNM-Taos Film, Video, and Theatre Programs.

As a lecturer, I hope to be able to strengthen the reputation of UNM -Taos's Art Department.

Indeed, the exposure our program will receive as part of this conference will be immeasurable.

I will network with other instructors, film professionals and, quite possibly, future students over the four day event. As a representative of UNM - Taos, I hope to bring a great deal of enthusiasm, integrity, and expertise to our program.

In addition to the experience I will receive, the Screenwriter's Conference will enable me to work with Gary Cook, the Art Department Chair, on establishing goals to create a Film and Video certificate on our campus. I have already worked on establishing not only this certificate but an advanced AA degree which I hope will make UNM -Taos's Film, Video and Theatre Program a viable educational experience.

With Governor Richardson's push towards the film industry in New Mexico, participation in this conference is not only worthwhile, but it is a must for the sustainability and future growth of our program and our school. As such, I hope to incorporate both the information and the skills I learn from the conference in my Fall 2006 classes.

Sincerely,

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