**Electrical and Computer Engineering Departmental Seminar:**

**Tips on Research, Writing, Presenting, and Happiness**

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**ABSTRACT**
Should you focus your efforts on getting the best grades? Should you take courses that you like and in your specific area of interest? How should you choose an adviser? How hard should you be working in graduate school?

Some of the most important skills that you acquire in college, especially in graduate school, are the skills of researching, writing, and presenting to a variety of audiences. In my more than 35 years experience since my becoming a graduate student, I have collected advice to share with you on how to have a successful career as a researcher and potentially as a professor. This talk will share what I have learned on my own and from many others.

**Speaker Bio**
Prof. Chaouki T. Abdallah obtained his B.E. from Youngstown State University in 1981, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1982 and 1988, respectively. He joined the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Department at the University of New Mexico, where he is currently professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering. Between 2005 and 2011, he was the ECE Department Chair and became the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs of UNM on July 2011. Most recently, he held a position of UNM Interim President, which on Tuesday, Feb. 13 was converted into the 22nd President. Prof. Abdallah conducts research and teaches courses in the general area of systems theory with focus on control and communications systems. He has published 8 books (3 as co-editor and 5 as co-author) and more than 300 peer-reviewed papers. He also was the PI or Co-PI on research and education grants totaling more than $9 million.

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