



UNM President's Report

A report to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents from the Office of the President

Message from David J. Schmidly

It was a year ago that our collective vocabulary started to include some new and not very welcome terms – “mid-year rescission” and “pause and hold.” The State of New Mexico was beginning to see a significant decline in revenues, and it was apparent that there would not be enough money generated to cover the fiscal year 2009 budget.

UNM’s “pause and hold” strategy, while not universally popular, was nonetheless effective and helped the university cover its February 2009 state rescission of \$5.3 million. Of that amount, 71.54 percent was absorbed by administrative functions, with the remaining 28.46 percent coming from academic units.

The revenue shortfall continued and resulted in a permanent reduction to the university’s Instruction & General base of \$2.3 million in the F.Y. 2010 budget. Academic units were held harmless for these base reductions, which were totally absorbed by administrative units.

As you know, the revenue projections have steadily worsened, and during the recent special session, the New Mexico State Legislature cut four percent from higher education I&G and another 6.5 percent from special projects. For UNM, this means a cut to the current F.Y. 2010 budget of \$8.4 million. Lawmakers sought to lessen the pain by giving back approximately two percent of the I&G cut in stimulus funds, but these funds are nonrecurring. This is one-time money. As this report goes to publication, Governor Bill Richardson has yet to act on the special session solvency legislation.

I share this brief history lesson with you to illustrate how quickly the state’s finances and financial outlook can change in just one year – and how quickly our own finances have changed. Looking ahead, the financial picture is not expected to improve. Yet my overall message to you is a positive one.

What I have seen in the past few months, as the state’s revenue projections have deteriorated, is a growing acceptance on campus that we are all in this together and that we must work together for a positive outcome. It is evident in the response of the schools and colleges to the current rescission. When

it became apparent that a rescission was inevitable, the provost and deans started strategizing, with each school and college meeting the projected cuts with a plan that best preserves its mission and the success of its students.

We commend their diligence, for as the cuts continue, we find that it will be impossible for administrative units to absorb much more without impacting essential services. Protecting those services and our workforce is second only to protecting our academic functions.

Though there will always be disparate voices, we commend the leadership of the faculty and staff for their willingness to be part of the solution and to engage in healthy, respectful debate that will guide the institution through these difficult times. And we commend our students for holding us accountable, lest we ever forget that student success is the reason we are here.

So as we face the coming months and what will surely be some hard choices for the governor, legislature and those of us in public higher education, I am heartened by the sense of responsibility I see on this campus, from schools and colleges down to units and individuals. It is obvious that everyone understands the challenges. We trust that everyone will work together to meet and overcome them.



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Congressman visits flu shot clinic



U.S. Representative Martin Heinrich spoke with students during a Health Sciences Center flu shot clinic at the Student Union Building.

Talk Radio News brain trust



Talk Radio News Service Bureau Chief Ellen Ratner, left, and Lovisa Frost, news director, third from left, visited UNM recently. They met with Richard Schaefer, faculty advisor for TRNS interns, and Polly Anderson, KNME general manager. UNM student interns with TRNS cover national news in Washington, D.C.

N.M. CareerMatch aims to stop brain drain

UNM Career Services played an instrumental role in creating N.M. CareerMatch, a new free online service to help New Mexico employers and graduates of UNM and Central New Mexico Community College in the job search process. The goal is to encourage smart business growth and keep college graduates in state.

UNM Career Services hosts the Web site and added 1,100 employers from New Mexico to the database, which currently has over 220 jobs posted. Plans are underway to expand N.M. CareerMatch to serve graduates of more New Mexico colleges, including UNM branch campuses. ■

UNMH wins Energy Star award

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency named UNM Hospital a winner of one of its prestigious Energy Star awards. The Energy Star is the mark of superior energy performance and identifies UNMH as one of the most efficient buildings in the nation, preventing the release of greenhouse gases and protecting the environment. ■

New tools to help students plan ahead

The Office of the Registrar, Division of Enrollment Management is developing new academic planning tools to help students stay on track for graduation. Students used to rushing across campus from one class to the next will appreciate the new scheduling system, which will place courses near their respective schools and colleges. The online progress report will be upgraded to Lobo Trax, enhanced with easy-to-read graphic reports and academic planning tools. Multi-term registration will give students the option to view and register for courses in multiple semesters in advance, helping them to plan courses sequentially and allowing more time to plan for work and personal obligations. ■

UNM COSMIAC collaborates with NASA

The Configurable Space Microsystems Innovations and Applications Center is collaborating on research efforts with the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. COSMIAC and NASA have submitted a joint proposal to develop the next generation of programmable logic board for space, called SpaceCube.

SpaceCubes are small, one-foot long satellites that can be sent into space for about \$30,000. The satellites will carry a special Field Programmable Gate Array computer chip that can be reprogrammed again and again.

COSMIAC is part of the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UNM and the Phillips Technology Institute. ■

MacLeod becomes first Fulbright recipient at Valencia campus

Ann-Mary MacLeod, manager of development and donor relations at UNM-Valencia, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to research Germany's higher education system. She is the first Fulbright recipient at UNM-Valencia.

MacLeod visited Berlin, Frankfurt and other locations in Germany for two weeks last month to research Germany's international study programs. ■



The Office of the President won the Alumni Association's annual homecoming campus decorating contest with the staff's enthusiastic response to the medieval theme, "Lobo Knights."



President David Schmidly presents a gift to the Prince and Princess of Asturias after a meeting for the Prince of Asturias Endowed Chair in Information Science and Related Technologies. The gift is a traditional seed jar with cycle-of-life symbols by Jemez Pueblo artist Natalie Sandia. Schmidly said, "It is our sincere hope that this gift will remind Your Royal Highnesses of the deeply rooted relationship between the Kingdom of Spain and its former province of New Mexico, and the seeds of bilateral collaboration that have bloomed and thrived through this endowed chair since your last visit."

Aspen ranks Anderson in top 20

The Anderson School of Management is a leader in integrating social, environmental and ethical issues into its M.B.A. program, according to the Aspen Institute's 2009-10 edition of "Beyond Grey Pinstripes," a biennial survey and alternative ranking of business schools. Anderson ranked 19th on a list of the top 100 business schools. ■

Professors initiate marketing endowment

To help the Anderson School of Management build one of the top public marketing programs in the region, Marketing Professors Linda and O.C. Ferrell donated \$50,000 to establish the Marketing Endowment Initiative. The ASM Foundation will match the Ferrells' gift.



O.C. and Linda Ferrell

The total of \$100,000 will provide programmatic support in perpetuity for Anderson's Student Marketing Center and Marketing Program, including merit scholarships, sending students to national and regional competitions and conferences, and adding and replacing equipment and research software.

Anderson Dean Doug Brown said this type of commitment by faculty symbolizes the kind of commitment they bring to their students. ■



Lobo soccer teams up to kick cancer

Lobo men's and women's soccer strapped on their shin guards and teamed up with UNM Hospital and the UNM Cancer Center to "Kick Cancer" during a doubleheader last month. A silent auction of Lobo soccer gear raised \$778 for the American Cancer Society. Both teams augmented the cancer research theme by taking the field in pink jerseys, and UNMH provided 1,000 pink water bottles and pink Howl Towels as giveaways.

Pit accommodations during construction

As construction on The Pit continues during the 2009-10 basketball season, capacity, including standing room only, will be 15,102 – still the third largest in the Mountain West Conference behind BYU and UNLV.

Doors and parking lots open 90 minutes before tip-off, a half-hour earlier than in the past. The video boards and ribbon boards will not be installed, but a new official scorer's table and sound system will be operational. Restrooms and concessions will be in tents adjacent to the arena.

Per UNM Policy, there is no smoking inside or outside the arena. There is no re-entry.

Construction continues during the season in the lobby, concession stands, restrooms, Lobo Store, ticket office, suites, club level, lettermen's lounge, McDavid Lounge, locker rooms, weight room, training room and commissary.



Susan Tiano, director, Latin American and Iberian Institute, meets Antonio Flores, president and CEO, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, at a luncheon UNM President David Schmidly hosted to bring New Mexico education leaders together for HACU's On the Road: Destination Hispanic Higher Education Success event.

NIH awards CETI \$10.7 million

The Center for Evolutionary and Theoretical Immunology was awarded a five-year, \$10.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Biomedical Research Excellence.

This is CETI's second COBRE award. The only COBRE funded program on UNM's main campus, CETI involves researchers from UNM's Departments of Biology and Computer Science and theoretical biologists from Los Alamos National Lab. CETI studies the evolution and diversification of immune systems across all organisms. ■

UNM unites for United Way

UNM Lives United is the theme for UNM's annual United Way campaign. Last year, UNM organizers reached a record-setting goal of \$1 million. This year may pose a greater challenge due to the recession, but the worst of times can also bring out the best in people. The campaign will focus on expanding participation to reach the \$1 million goal. ■

CDD autism program receives grant

The Center for Development and Disability received a \$15,000 Daniels Fund Grant to support one of its autism programs, Camp Rising Sun.

Camp Rising Sun is a summer camp designed for children and adolescents with autism. The camp offers a supportive environment where individuals with autism can have a summer camp experience while gaining social skills and independence.

The grant will allow Camp Rising Sun to provide service to more individuals with autism in New Mexico. ■