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## PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

The end of the semester is almost here, and our students are busy preparing final projects and getting ready for final exams. To our students, I know it is hard work, and I hope you are taking advantage of many the resources available to you across campus as well as your faculty to keep you on track with your goals. On behalf of the entire UNM campus community, I am wishing you the very best.

### Town Hall Feedback

The Town Halls we have had over the past few months have been invaluable to me as a way to connect and converse with the campus community. While I realize that many are unable to attend the events, everyone's questions, opinions and ideas are important. That is why we have been livestreaming and [archiving the Town Halls](#), and encouraging you to send questions, concerns and comments to [unmpres@unm.edu](mailto:unmpres@unm.edu). For questions that were not answered at the live events, or for those submitted via email, I have posted answers to the prevalent themes and topics on the President's website. Communication is critical to all of us so we can work together effectively and understand how we interact at UNM and how we can best serve our State.

### Minors on Campus Policy

Summer is right around the corner. As you prepare for UNM camps and programs for children on the campus, please remember UNM's newly-enacted [UAP Policy 2205: Minors on Campus](#). By instituting this policy in the spring of 2016, UNM placed emphasis and importance on safeguarding minors who interact with our faculty, staff, students, and volunteers. UAP Policy 2205 establishes general standards for minors participating in UNM programs and for minors visiting University workplaces and classrooms. This includes requirements for background checks for authorized adults, training, a participant waiver form, and an emergency contact and medical release form. Please refer to the policy and the attendant materials when planning UNM programs and activities in which [minors will participate](#). In addition, there are two checklists to assist in planning a UNM Minors on Campus program that meets the requirements in UAP Policy 2205. If you have any questions, please contact [Libby Washburn](#) via email or call 505.277.3979.

Until next week,

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