



## President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

### Roundhouse Representation

Today is UNM Day at the Capital, and I am proud to see outstanding Lobos representing the University and many of its programs. Like I said last week, so many of the University's contributions to the community are tremendous, and events like these are the perfect opportunity to showcase the wide range of what we do. Thank you to everyone who made UNM Day a huge success.

### LoboGuardian Launch

I am pleased to share one of the University's most recent campus safety measures, the [LoboGuardian phone app](#). This [app has many features](#), but I think one of the greatest parts is that it essentially turns every smart phone into a virtual blue light emergency beacon. There are blue lights across all of our campuses, making communication to campus security quick and easy. Being able to immediately reach the UNM Police dispatch, and access critical emergency information, goes beyond the blue phone fixture and offers peace of mind to those who download and use the app.

### Promoting Parent Involvement

The UNM Parent Association is an established network for students and parents, offering support for student success as well as opportunities for families to get involved in the Lobo community. Tickets are available now for [Parent Day at The Pit](#), one of the largest annual events for the association, which will happen on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The majority of our students' parents may never see my weekly messages, so I ask all of you, students, staff and faculty, to encourage more Lobo families to get involved. From personal experience, as a parent and as a student, I know that family support plays a critical component in student success. Thank you to the staff, board members and each parent involved with this outstanding organization.

### Academic Accolades

UNM has renowned programs and some of the greatest researchers and educators in the nation. Our faculty members are honored often, and several are fellows of national academies and worldwide academic organizations. UNM can now add The Medieval Academy of America to the many fellowships of which our faculty are a part.

Congratulations to Professor of English Emerita Helen Damico, who was elected as a Fellow of the Academy this year. She was one of nine fellows elected this year, representing UNM amongst scholars from universities including Notre Dame, Berkeley and Yale. Professor Damico is a dedicated Lobo, and founding Director of UNM's Institute for Medieval Studies, an institute that continues to bring attention to the University through our English and History departments.

## **Finalists Selected for VP for Research**

Last week Provost Chaouki Abdallah announced that five finalists have been selected in the search for the University's next Vice President of Research. As the Provost mentioned, the finalists will be visiting the campus, and each will speak at an open forum where members of the UNM community will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the search committee.

Two finalists have been scheduled for open forums to take place in the Student Union Building (SUB) on the following dates.

William McGimpsey: Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m., Lobo A & B

Alan Rebar: Monday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m., SUB Ballroom C

Please visit the [VPR search site](#) for up-to-date finalist information.

Have a great week and go Lobos!

Bob