Good afternoon.

Welcome to Our New Student Regent
I am excited to welcome our new Student Regent, Ryan Berryman, to the board. Governor Martinez announced his appointment last week, and he hit the ground running at the Regents meeting on Friday. Some people may not realize we have a regent position specially designated for an undergraduate or graduate student who serves a two-year term, or how beneficial their insight is to the Board of Regents and the University as a whole.

Ryan graduated last month from UNM’s Anderson School of Management, with designation from the Honors College, and will continue at Anderson as he works toward an MBA. He has represented Anderson at student business competitions and has significant work experience with our men’s basketball team. I can tell that he is an excellent fit for this position, and I look forward to working with him.

LoboScape at the Sunport
An artistic and innovative installation representing our University was unveiled at the Albuquerque International Sunport this morning. I am thrilled to share this with you because this project is not only an example of the power of collaboration between departments and schools, it is also a UNM touch point that allows us to welcome every traveler who comes through the airport to the City of Albuquerque, the home of the Lobos.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this project, which was a joint effort between the Fabrications Lab (FabLab) at the School of Architecture and Planning, the Art, Research, Technology and Science Laboratory (ARTS Lab) and University Communication and Marketing (UCAM). The next time you travel or visit the Sunport, please take a moment to enjoy this display, located adjacent to the TSA security checkpoint.

Racing to the Top
This week the LOBOMotorSports team will compete in the Formula SAE event in Lincoln, Nebraska. We have a history of skilled and dedicated engineering students who demonstrate their technical and problem-solving skills throughout the year. This team has been working on a Formula-1 style racecar over several semesters, and now they have the opportunity to show off their exceptional efforts nationally.

I would like to wish them luck as they face nearly 80 other teams in several events where they will face tough judging on every major aspect of their car including design, cost, acceleration and endurance. I know that they will represent UNM well in Lincoln.
UNM Dashboard

UNM is constantly changing, so it is a difficult task to present quantitative institutional information that stays up to date. It is even more challenging to present these facts in a way that is easy to understand. Last Friday, Provost Abdallah announced the new UNM Informatics Dashboard, a statistical overview of the University that will be continually updated to reflect key data like enrollment, degrees awarded and budget. Thank you to Provost Abdallah and the staff members who worked to create this excellent visual representation of critical facts about our University.

Have a great week and go Lobos!

Bob