



## President's Weekly Perspective

### International Collaboration

Last week, I had the pleasure of traveling to China to visit the UNM China office and continue to broaden University partnerships with Chinese institutions. I was joined by our new Executive Director of Global Initiatives, Dr. Nicole Tami, and a faculty group from Anderson and Engineering including Dean Cecchi, Dean White, and Professors Wei Wennie Shu and Xin Luo. Our itinerary was packed, including attending the Macau Forum on Higher Education and the first ever UNM Alumni gathering in China, as well as a number of institutional partnership meetings.

We had a very productive and educational visit to Capital University of Economics and Business (CUEB), located in Beijing. We have been working on strengthening our relations with the establishment of a recruitment office in Beijing, and just signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CUEB, which includes faculty and student exchanges, experience and research cooperation, and the joint promotion of the collaborative work between our institutions. See [UNM signs MOU with Capital University of Economics and Business](#) story in the [UNM Newsroom](#).

I'm excited to share this with you because it is another milestone for the University's growing international reach. Each foreign institution partnership that we create is a significant addition to global opportunities for our students and faculty and an important step toward our future.

### Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, a day to recognize and thank the men and women who have proudly served our nation. I invite you to join me, guest speaker and Chancellor of the Health Sciences Center Paul Roth, and the UNM Joint Service ROTC Color Guard as we honor these heroes. The ceremony will be on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. in the Alumni Memorial Chapel.

The Student Veterans of UNM (SVUNM) will hold a Veteran Awareness/Appreciation Fair in the SUB Ballroom B on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The organization will also construct a Mile of Coins on Smith Plaza to raise funds for Healing America's Heroes and The New Mexico Autism Society. These student-driven events are outstanding examples of UNM's continued commitment to community and the generosity and respect displayed by our students.

### Town Hall

I often hear that faculty and staff would like more dialog with senior leadership. To that end, I plan to host a series of informal "Town Hall" meetings, allowing us to ask and discuss a variety of topics affecting campus. The first one will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. in the Science and Math Learning Center, auditorium. I will be joined by Provost Chaouki Abdallah and Associate Vice Presidents Terry Babbitt and Andrew Cullen. Our focus will be on the University budget, always a timely topic and especially important as we face new revenue challenges.

## **Lobo Reading Experience**

[Lobo Reading Experience](#) was designed to engage the University community in campus-wide academic discussion. The book selected this year, Enrique's Journey, follows a Honduran boy searching for his mother eleven years after she travels to America. The story is especially relevant when considering the societal impact of immigration. The author of the book, Sonia Nazario, will be on campus this week, [participating in several events](#) that I hope will spark many conversations in our community. If you have not already read the book, consider picking it up and attending the Immigration Advocacy Panel on Friday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. in Zimmerman Library, Willard Room.

## **Campus Safety Walk**

On a final note, I encourage you to participate in the fall [Campus Safety Walk](#) tomorrow evening. The event, which is coordinated through Student Affairs and the Dean of Students Office, will begin at 7 p.m. in the SUB, Ballroom B. Groups of participants will walk through campus to look for potential safety issues. Now that it is dark earlier in the evening, when many students are leaving classes or attending campus events, it is a good time to pay extra attention to the safety of our environment.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob