

## PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE

Good afternoon.

The New Mexico State Legislature is wrapping up, with its last day on Thursday. New revenue in New Mexico may allow for a slight compensation increase and a bump in base redistribution. With just a few days left in the session, a plethora of decisions will come out of Santa Fe by the end of the week. After several years of cuts to higher education that exceed the amount of additional funds we may get this year, we may continue to face difficult budget decisions, while protecting the academic mission of the University.

The Office of Government and Community Relations has many opportunities for you to stay informed. The Government Relations' [website](#) has legislative updates, a legislative bill tracker, the legislative calendar, and a link to sign up for the listsev, to receive updates directly to your inbox.

### Roundtable on Sexual Assault and Harassment on College Campuses

The ongoing commitment of UNM faculty, staff and students to stop sexual harassment and sexual assault on our campus is crucial and urgent. Faculty from UT Austin, MIT, the University of Georgia and UNM will speak about policy interventions and their effects on campus climate at the "[Sexual Assault and Harassment on College Campuses: Problems, Solutions, and Analyses](#)," roundtable, sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Center for Health Policy, and other groups. The event will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the UNM SUB, in Lobo A&B.

### 2018 BeKind UNM Celebration

The Division of Student Affairs is once again partnering with the UNM BeKind Committee, to celebrate and promote random acts of kindness during the [2018 BeKind UNM week](#), which kicked off yesterday and will run through Saturday, Feb. 17. For details about each event and numerous ways to be kind, visit [BeKind](#).

Until next time.

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*There is so much more that happens on the UNM campus than can be conveyed in a weekly message. To find out about the latest stories and events, please visit the [UNM Newsroom](#), the central source of news and information for the UNM community.*