



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Campus Safety and Community Involvement

UNM has been called “the city within the city” on many occasions, and as a community of thousands on any given day keeping the UNM campus safe is no easy feat. University police officers go out of their way to protect our community, and it is important that University citizens also help to keep their community safe.

The [Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act](#) (Clery Act) was established to help prevent crime by increasing crime awareness. It sets requirements for all universities that receive federal funding, and as the act requirements have grown over the past three decades, so has our need for collaborative safety efforts. A preliminary assessment of Clery Act compliance completed in August showed areas of opportunity for the University to protect its population more efficiently.

One of the opportunities for improvement needing campus-wide attention is the increased communication of roles and responsibilities and of Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). CSAs are defined by the Act as including campus police or security officers as well as institutional officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities. This is a large list of people from student organization or resident advisors to athletic staff and coaches. It is important that University has an up-to-date list of campus CSAs in order to provide the training to handle reports of criminal activity and to direct students and employees to resources available for victims or witnesses to crimes.

If you are in a role that entails significant responsibility for student and campus activities, please take the time to register as a [CSA online](#).

My sincere thanks go out to the UNM Police Department staff, particularly Chief Kevin McCabe, Deputy Chief and interim Clery Act Coordinator Christine Chester and Commander James Madrid, for their leadership on our Clery Act compliance. Of course, our campus police also work around-the-clock to keep our campus safe. Along with diligently protecting our facilities, they continue to provide our students, staff and faculty with the resources and information to protect each other.

Statewide Support and Partnerships

I took part in a very productive trip to Hobbs last week with leaders from our UNM's Health Sciences Center, UNM's baseball Coach Ray Birmingham and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Terry Babbitt to meet with city and higher education officials to discuss our current relationship with New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) and local organizations. UNM and NMJC benefit from an ongoing partnership, especially in the medical profession, and we would like to evaluate, strengthen and expand that relationship to increase our statewide success. Thanks to our partners in Hobbs, many of our BA/MD students have had residential support while serving in southeastern New Mexico.

Partnerships have greatly increased the success of our students and our research. Collaborations with other state universities and colleges have given our students advantages they wouldn't have otherwise. Last week I was a panelist at a NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association) forum along with Stuart Rose and Bill Bice, two business leaders with the [Albuquerque innovation district](#). It was great see that the funding request for the business accelerator ABQid was unanimously approved by our city council. Innovate ABQ will work with ABQid to create opportunities for students in our forthcoming [Innovation Academy](#), which has already begun developing and piloting courses. This funding approval is one more important step toward Albuquerque's innovation district.

ALS Cherry and Silver Ice Bucket Challenge

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who donated to the ALS Cherry and Silver Ice Bucket Challenge that I wrote about in my last message. The Lobo community raised more than \$2,600 through cash donations in the SUB and online donations on the association's website. I know from other conversations that Lobos have contributed much more. When I worked in physical rehabilitation I saw some of the devastation caused by diseases such as ALS, so I didn't think twice about participating in the challenge. This was a cause that spoke to me, and I know that everyone is passionate about different organizations. I applaud everyone who generously contributes time and money to helping those in need.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob