



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

I hope that everyone who was affected by the snow closures on Friday and Saturday had a chance to enjoy the time away, even if just to view the scenery. The campus always looks beautiful after a snowfall.

Thank you to the Grounds and Landscaping employees in the Physical Plant Department who came to work this weekend to clear the snow and ice making University campus buildings and clinics accessible. Additionally, we try to be as timely as possible with the alerts, and will redouble our efforts to make sure you get this information as quickly as possible.

Also, please know that Lobo Day has been rescheduled for this Wednesday at noon. The Lobo group photo and other 126th birthday festivities take place in the SUB Atrium.

A Healthy Student Body

The services that UNM is able to provide to students are great, both in number and quality. In addition to providing an education, the University is home to many of our students, and offers them services from health and wellness, to dining and entertainment.

I recently heard a story of a student who had gone to [Student Health and Counseling \(SHAC\)](#) for the first time. He is an out-of-state student who lives on campus and explained how being away from home for the first time can make even a small health issue seem daunting to a young adult who has never needed to search for healthcare. He went on to talk about what an amazing resource SHAC is, and the outstanding care he received.

I bring this up because although I know that SHAC is a busy place, there are still many students who don't take advantage of these services, which have been designed with them in mind. SHAC receives money from student fees, works to improve the health of all of our students, and is a service model that has been replicated by other universities around the nation. Thank you to all of the SHAC employees for delivering care in such a meaningful way each day.

Pulsed Power Award

Congratulations to [Edl Schamiloglu](#), Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, who received the 2015 IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Society's Pulsed Power Science and Technology Committee's Peter Hass Award. Professor Schamiloglu has made significant contributions to the field of pulsed power, and has been recognized throughout his career for his achievements.

Appointing the Best

Our faculty and staff make the University the excellent place it is, and they improve the community, state and nation through their endeavors. We are fortunate to have professors and employees who are highly respected in their field, and who commit to improving the greater community.

Last week, [UNM Professor Barbara Damron was confirmed by the NM Senate as the secretary of the NM Higher Education Department](#). Governor Martinez announced in December that she had selected Professor Damron for this leadership role. Now that she has been confirmed – with notable support and praise from the Senate – I know that she will lead the way in enhancing the State's higher education master plan.

Dr. E. James Dixon, director of the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology and professor of anthropology, was [appointed to the National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Advisory Committee on Geosciences](#). The Directorate for Geosciences supports research that is “advancing scientific knowledge of Earth's environment,” including atmospheric, earth, ocean and polar sciences. Congratulations to Dr. Dixon, whose expertise will be a great asset to this committee.

These are two of many appointments so far this year, so I would like to congratulate all of our educators and leaders who have been selected to lead the way, applying their background and dedication to outside organizations.

Have a great week and go Lobos.

Bob