



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Fresh Waters

What is swimming with the fishes on our campus? UNM Physical Plant Department Grounds & Landscaping division worked for several days during Spring Break [cleaning the Duck Pond](#), and I would like to thank them for refreshing the campus landmark. Every other year PPD drains and cleans the Duck Pond to “remove accumulated sludge and other debris.” A story about the PPD’s process, and some of the bizarre items they found, was posted in the UNM Newsroom website recently.

I can only guess how items like a mannequin and a bowling ball ended up in the water. This is an opportunity to remind everyone to keep the pond clean, for our own enjoyment as well as the health of the animals that live in it.

Thanks to the Department of Biology as well, who assisted in providing a temporary home for fish, turtles and other pond animals while the PPD staff refreshed the area.

Improved Communications

This time last year I requested information from you regarding my weekly campus-wide message. The feedback I received last year gave great insight on what many of you would like to read in my messages. [I am asking you once more to answer a few short questions regarding my Weekly Perspective emails.](#)

Give a Shirt, Get a Shirt

ASUNM Lobo Spirit hosts a great new event, [Swag Swap](#), in which you can refresh your Lobo wardrobe. On Friday, March 27, students, staff and faculty are encouraged to bring shirts to the SUB Atrium to donate or trade (swap). ASUNM will begin collecting the shirts in the morning starting at 9 a.m., and then the trading will begin at noon. Everyone who brought a shirt, or multiple shirts, will get to browse through the Lobo gear and take the same number of shirts they brought. Shirts that are donated rather than traded will be offered to freshman at 2 p.m., and the remainder will go to the APS Title 1 Homeless Project.

Professor of Practice

Last week voting faculty passed a proposed change to the Faculty Handbook that would make the Professor of Practice title available to all of our schools and colleges. Currently, this title can be used only for positions in the School of Architecture and Planning and the College of Fine Arts. The amendment would broaden that policy. My thanks to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee who have worked hard to craft an acceptable proposal, which will now move forward for review by the Regents.

Athletic Success

I would like to call out a few of our student-athletes who have been brought to my attention for

representing UNM and Lobo athletics exceptionally well.

Our women's ski team brought home some impressive individual titles. [Emilie Cedervärn won the NCAA 15K Nordic Classical](#) and [Mateja Robnik won the NCAA title in the Giant Slalom](#).

Adam Bitchell received the Mountain West Men's Indoor Track & Field [Student-Athlete of the Year award](#), an honor that gone to Lobos for four consecutive years now. Our men's and women's track and field teams have had a great year, and I would like to wish them the best as they continue in their outdoor season.

These are only a few of the success stories on a long list of accomplished Lobos. Thank you to all of our student-athletes for representing the Lobo name with pride.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob