



President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Welcome back to our students who are taking [summer courses](#) starting today. While summer courses aren't a fit for every student, I cannot stress enough the value of taking one or more courses over the next two months. This is an opportunity to get ahead on your degree path, and taking only a few courses in a shorter timeframe has many benefits.

To our freshman, sophomores and any other students who need core academic credits, I strongly advise that you make this summer a productive one and register. This value is even greater for students enrolled in our "Big 5" core curriculum courses that are offered at [50 percent tuition rates](#). From my own perspective, it is also nice to see campus buzzing during summer, although less busy than other semesters.

Staff Engagement Report

Last fall, UNM staff were invited to participate in the first ever campus-wide [Staff Engagement Survey](#). More than 2,300 staff participated, which amounted to an incredible 46 percent response rate. This fact alone reinforces what all of us at UNM know – we have a dedicated, hard-working staff who are deeply committed to the success of our institution and its students.

I am pleased to announce that the survey results summary is now available, and thanks to all our staff members who completed the survey so we can continue to improve UNM as a workplace. A special thanks to everyone who helped to create, manage and analyze the survey as well. This was not an easy task, but it will benefit everyone at UNM.

Have a great week and go Lobos!

Bob