

ALL UNIVERSITY MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,

Over a series of conversations this fall, Dr. Paul Roth, Chancellor of Health Sciences, discussed with me his wish to retire from his leadership position and transition back to an area that has been his passion for the past 40 years - working with medical students. It is difficult to describe in words the enormous contribution Paul has made to UNM since coming to Albuquerque as a young doctor in the late 1970's.

Paul's in-depth knowledge of the state's only academic health center, his long-standing relationships with key stakeholders and his compassionate and thoughtful leadership will be hard to replace. Paul has graciously offered to remain chancellor until a national search is conducted and his replacement selected and in place. I appreciate his willingness to serve during the months ahead. In anticipation of this announcement, I have asked UNM Provost and EVP of Academic Affairs James Holloway to chair the search, which will begin immediately with the selection of a soon-to-be determined search firm. We plan to have a successor named before the end of June 2020, with a start date soon thereafter. I am very interested in the thoughts of our community as the committee develops recommendations -- there will be numerous opportunities for input throughout the process.

Paul has been nothing but welcoming to and inclusive of me since I became President in 2018. He has kept me informed on the many ongoing projects and partnerships the HSC is currently undertaking. I fully support these important endeavors and will ensure continuity during the next few months and with any new leadership.

Paul has been a key and trusted member of my senior leadership team, as well as a source of wisdom and stability. Our shared values of collaboration, excellence and integrity serve as the foundation for what we both hope will be a smooth transition for Health Sciences. I will miss his counsel and his guidance, but I look forward to spending time with him as a friend. Paul is respected and beloved in our community and throughout the state, and I look forward to the many occasions we will have in the coming months to honor his achievements and their consequent impact in service to New Mexico and beyond.

Over the next several months there will no doubt be many occasions for those that know him to offer thanks, share stories and wish him well.



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It would be impossible to overstate Paul's contributions to health care and education at this university and throughout New Mexico - generations of students, graduates, patients and citizens are forever changed and grateful thanks to his ethical and transformational leadership.

Paul has penned a personal message regarding his decision that I would like to share with the entire UNM community.

Sincerely,

Garnett S. Stokes
President

