



OPPORTUNITY DEFINED

Good afternoon, Lobos -

Collectively imagining how we shape The University for New Mexico, now and in the future, comes at a time where we have had to be more agile, more thoughtful and more innovative than ever before. From safeguarding our health, to adapting to new teaching and learning modalities, to reflecting on societal and cultural imperatives, we have risen to the challenges posed by the seismic changes of the past year. What has not changed, though, is that actively listening to the perspectives and experiences of our University community is fundamental to developing a transformative and actionable road map for UNM.

As we accelerate our process to develop a vision of UNM in 2040, we are scheduling multiple virtual engagement conversations in May for the Lobo community. I know it's a very busy time, but I hope you will set aside one hour to join one of these interactive facilitated Zoom sessions. You'll have an early opportunity before the semester ends to help us begin to shape the vision, values and goals of "UNM 2040: Opportunity Defined."

Our "Virtual Launch," will be held Friday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This will be a chance for up to 500 faculty, staff and students to work together in breakout sessions and respond to key questions about our future possibilities. [Registration to participate](#) is on a first-come, first-served basis.

From May 3 - 17, we'll schedule several other virtual interactive sessions for smaller groups of [students](#), and from May 3 - 25 for [faculty and staff](#). Your participation and candid opinions and ideas are encouraged and supported. As we progress, updates and reports will be made available on a dedicated website.

This will be a very inclusive process, and there will be several other ways to share your views before the final plan is finalized in February 2022.

This is an exciting time for UNM, as the Lobo community collectively creates a blueprint for our future - and a bright and successful future for UNM is my highest priority. Your voice is valued and needed as we define opportunity, together.

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President