



PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY PERSPECTIVE



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Good afternoon, Lobos—

I can't emphasize enough the importance of addressing sexual violence, refusing to tolerate abuse on our campuses and encouraging victims to report and seek assistance at The University of New Mexico. For the last three years, UNM has been proud to serve as a member institution in the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's [Action Collaborative for Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education](#). This collaborative brings together leaders from academic and research institutions to work toward addressing and preventing sexual harassment across all disciplines and among all people in higher education.

Our participation has given us the opportunity to not only openly discuss sexual violence, but also refine the ways in which we respond, evaluate, and remediate, both as a university and as a part of the higher education community. Since joining the collaborative in July 2019, the project has promoted initiatives to address and remediate sexual harassment at UNM, including our projects published in the National Academies' [Sexual Harassment Collaborative Repository](#).

Next week, we are pleased to host a [public forum on "The National Academies' Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education,"](#) featuring Dr. Frazier Benya and Ms. Jeena Thomas from the National Academies, who will lead a discussion on how universities can better address and prevent sexual harassment across campuses and campus communities. The forum is on Wednesday, November 2, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in SUB Ballroom C, and is available to attend over Zoom as well. You can [register now](#) for either the live or virtual session. Dr. Benya and Ms. Thomas will also be available to meet with other groups during their visit; please [contact Liz Hutchison](#) for more information on these discussion groups.

I appreciate the hard work by UNM's Active Collaborative team—comprised of Senior Vice Provost Dr. Barbara Rodríguez, HSC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Amy Levi, and Associate Vice President for Equity and Inclusion Dr. Liz Hutchison—that has been coordinating UNM's role in the national collaborative. We look forward to continuing our work with the Academies, and to lending our expertise and perspective to the national report on the impact of sexual harassment on the STEM workforce that was recently mandated by [the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022](#).

UNM-Taos Awarded \$1.4 million for First HIVE Pollinator

UNM's Taos branch continues to advance innovative approaches to economic development, most recently with the help of [a Venture Challenge grant of \\$1.4 million](#), awarded to the always-active UNM-Taos Hub of Internet-Based Vocation and Education (HIVE). This highly competitive funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build to Scale program will supplement matching funds to launch the first HIVE Pollinator, an initiative that will invite historically underrepresented populations to create tech startups

in Northern New Mexico. It's just another way we're working to [advance New Mexico](#) through our role as a leader of innovative and inclusive economic development.

UNM Foundation Seeks Input on Changes to Endowment

One of our most valuable university partners is the UNM Foundation, which helps advance our mission and reputation as New Mexico's premiere institution of higher education across the community and around the world. Among the Foundation's important responsibilities is the management and stewardship of the Consolidated Investment Fund (CIF), which we often refer to as the [UNM Endowment](#).

Recently, the Foundation drafted revisions to the Endowment's investment policy, in part to align with the objectives of the [UNM 2040 sustainability goal](#). As part of this update, the Foundation has recommended changes to the "Responsible Investing" section, taking into consideration appropriate ESG (environmental, social and governance) investing policies, best practices, fiduciary responsibility requirements, and stakeholder input. The Foundation is seeking feedback from UNM stakeholders—which is you—on [these recommended changes](#). Once you've reviewed the draft policies, you'll have until Wednesday, November 16 to [submit your feedback](#). Thank you for taking the time to provide your input.

MathWorks Endows Chair in Computer Science

Thanks to a generous \$2 million donation from [MathWorks](#), The University of New Mexico School of Engineering will be creating an endowed chair in the Department of Computer Science. With approval last week by the UNM Board of Regents, [the gift will establish the Cleve Moler and MathWorks Chair of Mathematical and Engineering Software Endowed Fund](#), which will generate funding to hire a faculty member in computer science. It's particularly exciting that department leaders have also indicated they will use the endowment to increase the graduation rate of computer science majors and recruit underrepresented groups. I am grateful to MathWorks for their support.

Membership Has Its Privileges

As Lobo faculty and staff, you have access to some outstanding services and facilities, from [tuition remission](#) and [use of the facilities at Johnson Gym](#) to [LoboPerks discounts](#). As we approach mid-Fall and the return of flu season, remember that you can likely use our [LoboCare clinic](#), which can meet your acute and episodic medical needs. While it's not a primary care facility and you'll need an appointment, it's worth considering when determining your healthcare options. And with the first exhibition basketball games being played at the end of October, this is also a good time to remind you that Lobo basketball season tickets are half price for faculty and staff. [Log into the tickets' portal](#) using your Lobomail—and I'll see you in The Pit.

Have a great week, and let's go, Lobos!

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