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TWENTY MEMBERS of the campus community - faculty, deans, staff, students and administrators – have been nominated for and have agreed to serve on the President’s Strategic Advisory Team. The team’s goal is to recommend to the President ideas to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and fiscal soundness of UNM. Over the next several months, they will explore, evaluate and recommend ways the University can contain costs, increase revenues and provide the most effective and efficient use of existing resources.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004787.html#more>

FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS who have ideas to save money or enhance university revenues are invited to submit those ideas for consideration by the President's Strategic Advisory Team. Ideas submitted by March 1 will be considered as part of the team's initial goal of recommending costs savings of \$2 million to \$3 million for the upcoming budget cycle. A form can be found under Strategic Priorities on the President's web site at:

<http://www.unm.edu/president/strategic-priorities/ideas.html>.

THREE FINALISTS for the dean of the UNM School of Engineering will visit campus over the course of the next two weeks to meet with faculty, staff and students. The candidates include Daniel Fleetwood, Patrick O'Shea and Gregory Washington. Open forums begin Wednesday, Feb. 24. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004782.html#more>

THE ROBERT WOOD Johnson Foundation’s Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education program announced a \$297,746 grant to the University of New Mexico College of Nursing to conduct a two-year multi-site evaluation of ‘The Neighborhood,’ a virtual online community developed as a teaching tool for nursing students.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8512>

THE UNM COLLEGE of Nursing has received a \$150,000 grant from the Hearst Foundation to create a scholars program for Native American and Hispanic students entering graduate programs. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004783.html#more>

THE PROVOST and the Vice President of Human Resources have announced the merging of the Staff Dispute Resolution Department and Faculty Dispute Resolution. The new name will be Ombuds/Dispute Resolution Services for Faculty and Staff. The change was the result of a report presented to the Provost and Vice President of Human Resources by Staff Dispute Resolution and Faculty Dispute Resolution reporting the activities and outcomes of these programs and their parallel to a majority of Ombuds programs across higher education.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004791.html#more>

REGENTS PROFESSOR of Civil Engineering and Director of the Water Resources Program Bruce Thomson has received a 2010 New Mexico Earth Science Achievement Award.

Thomson’s research is focused on the chemistry and treatment of inorganic contaminants in

ground water, especially arsenic and uranium. Recent research projects have dealt with issues associated with the reuse of treated wastewater.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004774.html#more>

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE for the UNM Student Employee of the Year award by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. Submit nominations to Lisa Delgado in the Dean of Students Office, Student Services Center, Room 280 or via email at [ldelgado@unm.edu](mailto:ldelgado@unm.edu).

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004800.html#more>

THE PROVOST'S COMMITTEE for Staff seeks nominations for the annual Outstanding Staff and Workgroup Awards, presented annually each spring. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m. Staff, faculty and students may nominate UNM staff including regular current, non-faculty, any individual staff or workgroup who has provided extraordinary service to the Provost's units. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004777.html#more>

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE graduate students Yekaterina Yushmanova, Kristina Guist, Maggie Ryan and Aaron Coffeen are winners in the ENYA (Emerging New York Architects) International Ideas Competition, a biennial architectural competition for emerging professionals.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004795.html#more>

THE PHYSICAL PLANT Department's e-mail service and iService Desk are both currently unavailable through Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 8 a.m. Call PPD personnel directly by phone or PPD's front office at 277-2421 for further assistance. All work order requests should be directed to 277-1600. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004780.html#more>

AFTER A MONTH of budget debates, memorials and other issues, the 49th Legislative Session for the State of New Mexico ended today. On this episode of "New Mexico in Focus," lawmakers will talk about their accomplishments and disappointments. "New Mexico In Focus" airs on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. on KNME-TV channel 5.1 and repeating on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004792.html#more>