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## President's Weekly Perspective, 8/13/2007

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Monday Morning Message - August 13, 2007

Good morning.

I'd like to welcome back our entire faculty, and I look forward to joining you for a successful and productive academic year.

This will be a remarkably busy week. Today, the Regents are meeting with me and the executive vice presidents to discuss the vision, goals and working plan for the university that we've been crafting over the summer. Following their input, we'll be ready to roll that plan out.

Tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday), CNM President Cathy Winograd and I will be making a joint announcement about our partnership to provide for the academic success of students on both of our campuses in Albuquerque as well as for the higher education needs in Rio Rancho. This signals a strengthened working relationship between UNM and CNM. Our Regents will be considering that new memorandum of understanding during their regular meeting tomorrow, as will CNM's governing board.

I've been impressed with all of the "wellness" initiatives on this campus. They're good for health and for morale. This week, HR and the Employee Health Promotion team will be launching a pilot "mini-grants" program – providing grants to departments that come up with creative wellness initiatives. There will be an information session for department reps from 10 a.m. – noon Wednesday in the SUB Lobo Room. I encourage campus-wide participation in this exciting endeavor.

On Wednesday and Thursday, a number of us from UNM will be traveling to our branch campus and the community of Taos. We've got a packed schedule, with live radio remotes with students, a tour of the branch campus and a tour of the wonderful Harwood Museum. We'll be meeting with the town council, state legislators and the editorial staff of the Taos News. We'll also be driving out to the D.H. Lawrence Ranch, as well as visiting Governor Suazo and the Taos Pueblo. UNM has so many ties to this area. I look forward to a productive visit.

Finally this week, we'll also be dedicating the new home of the Albuquerque Institute of Mathematics and Science @ UNM, which is the charter school UNM helps sponsor. AIMS' new home is the old Social Security Building next to our research park. In its third year of existence, this school is a dynamic resource for our university.

Enjoy your week.

David J. Schmidly