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A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

As President Stokes announced yesterday, I will be stepping down as Chancellor and Executive Vice President for Health Sciences, effective July 31. As Dr. Stokes previously announced, moving forward, the position of Executive Vice President will be separate from the position of Dean for the School of Medicine. Dr. Michael Richards, our Senior Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs, will assume the role of Interim Executive Vice President for Health Sciences on August 1.

We also recently announced the appointment of Dr. Martha Cole McGrew as Interim Dean of the School of Medicine (where she has ably served as Executive Vice Dean since 2015), effective July 1.

Both of these leaders are dedicated visionaries who have made many invaluable contributions to the Health Sciences Center throughout their long careers.

Mike Richards oversees the UNM Health System, where he is responsible for all of our clinical operations. Earlier this year he was tasked with leading the Medical Advisory Team formed to help the New Mexico Department of Health design and implement a system to manage the surge in COVID-19 cases.

Martha McGrew has inspired generations of students and residents with her tireless and warmhearted devotion to them and to her patients. She is passionate about advancing the missions of medical education, research and clinical care.

When I first came to UNM as a resident in 1976, I never dreamed that I would have so many opportunities to serve and work alongside so many inspiring colleagues. I started my career in

emergency and disaster medicine but I certainly never expected that my professional career would conclude in the midst of a global pandemic! It does feel very full circle.

But I have been gratified by the resilience and professionalism displayed by everyone in our institution as we have faced this unprecedented emergency together. You have remained true to our core principles, kept patient well-being foremost and set an incredible example of selflessness. I know this will continue on even in my absence.

This spirit of service sets our Health Sciences community apart, and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul B. Roth".

Paul B. Roth, MD, MS
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CEO, UNM Health System
Dean, UNM School of Medicine

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