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Monday Morning Message
November 12, 2007

Good morning.

I send greetings from New York City, where I'm joining our interim Provost and hundreds of our higher education colleagues for the annual conference of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges – NASULGC. Over the weekend, I attended the annual meeting of Urban Serving University Presidents, where we continue to explore our role in coming up with solutions to urban issues and ways to maximize urban strengths. On Wednesday, I'll be in Washington, DC, discussing UNM's federal priorities with our Congressional delegation.

Back on campus, meanwhile, there is much to report. The "visioning charrette," which is focused on updating UNM's master plan, started yesterday and will continue through Wednesday afternoon when a final report will be made. Thanks to Architecture and Planning Dean Roger Schluntz for leading this timely effort.

Last week, I mentioned that the search for the UNM Provost is well underway. In addition to that national search, we have also launched the national searches for Vice President for Enrollment Management and Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, the leadership position growing out of our institutional diversity efforts.

We've also commenced a couple of internal searches for which the Provost is seeking applications from senior faculty as well as nominations. One is for the Acting Dean for Graduate Studies, which will be a two-year assignment while Dean Amy Wohlert focuses on her duties as interim dean of the Anderson School of Management. The second is for Acting Dean of University College. Dr. Peter White has announced his intention to return to the faculty. The acting dean's duties will start in January 2008, with a national search planned for Fall 2008.

This week, faculty and staff can expect to receive a copy of UNM's Drug-Free Campus policy. I urge you to read it and discuss with your colleagues UNM's commitment to an environment that pursues its educational and research mission free of drugs and the illegal use of alcohol.

You have no doubt heard the debate over the proposed development of a portion of the North Golf Course property, which would support academic renovations listed in our upcoming institutional bond issue. The Regents have yet to take any action. However, we feel it is important for you to have the facts to date that can be found in this FAQ:

<http://www.unm.edu/president/NorthCourseFAQ.pdf>

Finally, number four on our list of the "Five Important Things to Know About UNM" is that we are positioned to address the crucial priorities of the state and the nation. These are student success, research excellence, healthy communities, and economic and technology development. You will also recognize these as our major goal areas, around which we are aligning every aspect of this institution.

Remember to turn in your United Way pledge.
Have a good week.
David J. Schmidly