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Monday Morning Message
January 28, 2008

Good morning.

Much of our time and attention is concentrated in Santa Fe these days as the New Mexico Legislature continues its 30-day session. Tomorrow is UNM Day at the Capitol, so we'll be dousing the Roundhouse in Lobo Red. Our legislative priorities will be featured in a number of exhibits around the rotunda, while our faculty, staff, students, alumni and retirees educate legislators about the university and its needs. Tonight, the UNM Alumni Association honors legislators at its annual Legislative Appreciation reception, which promises to be a great kickoff for UNM Day.

It's obvious email has become a preferred method to communicate and to conduct business at the university. Its use also comes with responsibilities of special interest for our students. UNM has developed student email policies that we'd like for you to comment upon in the next few weeks. Please go to <http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm> to review the policy and make your comments. They will be greatly appreciated.

Over the past few years, a great number of students, faculty and staff have worked hard to reinvigorate a culture of service and engagement at the university. There are a couple of announcements that speak to the success of their efforts. At the end of this week, the Provost's Committee for Public Service and Community Engagement will launch its Community-University Partnerships website. It will document the UNM programs and projects that involve community partnerships and list the opportunities available for students to get involved in community-based research and service. Check for more details later in the week.

At the same time, we want to celebrate the individuals who have excelled in their service. Nominations are now being accepted for the Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award for work completed in 2007. The award recognizes faculty and staff who demonstrate their commitment to volunteerism and their community. For more information on the award and for nomination forms, please go to <http://hr.unm.edu> The deadline is February 4.

Finally, a reason for our students to get up early Wednesday: FREE tickets for the remaining men's basketball home games will be ready for pick up this Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 7:30 – 10 a.m. at the Center for the Arts ticket window located outside Popejoy Hall. The only requirement is that you be enrolled for at least six hours. You might want to get there early. Free tickets are worth losing some sleep.

Have a good week.
David J. Schmidly