



WEDNESDAY COMMUNIQUÉ

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FIT: Following the Virginia Tech campus violence in 2007 and other recent tragedies involving educational institutions, UNM deployed resources to create the Faculty Intervention Team (FIT) which has the purpose of protecting the academic community by advising faculty and staff who observe troublesome behavior by students or colleagues based on the best known course of action. It is important for all faculty and staff to be attentive to students or colleagues who may be struggling with personal or professional issues and be willing to tap into the network that has been created to address these critical issues. The FIT may be contacted Monday-Friday during normal business hours by calling 277-SAFE. More information about FIT can be found at the OSET web site, <http://www.unm.edu/~oset/FIT%20Brochure%20R.htm>. Please join me in committing to a campus where everyone goes home safe at night.

UNM Budget: The consolidated budget for the University of New Mexico includes the main campus, Health Science Center, UNM Hospitals and the four branch campuses in Gallup, Los Alamos, Taos and Valencia. For FY 2011-2012, the State provided just under 14% of the \$2.04 billion budget through State appropriations. The single largest category of revenue is "sales and services," which totals some \$953 million in this year's budget. It includes patient revenues from HSC, Auxiliary Enterprises and Athletics. UNM's instructional and general (I&G) budget is \$298,408,697. Tuition and fees account for 44% of this amount, with the remainder provided by a state funding formula and a range of line item appropriations. The budgeting process for next year will be starting soon, and following last year's process will involve representatives of administration, faculty, staff, and students. For more information about the UNM Budget, please visit: <http://www.unm.edu/~budget> where you can see last year's budget and by early October all reconciled UNM accounts.

Staff: UNM staff support the academic success of our students in their daily duties and beyond. The Staff Council formed a Student Success Committee last year to focus on strategies for student success as a collaborative partnership between faculty, staff, students, regents, and administration. A report focusing on the role of staff in student success was presented to the Board of Regents' Academic/Student Affairs & Research Committee and is now posted on the Staff council home page <http://staffcouncil.unm.edu/> under "What's new with Staff Council."

Museums: I was extraordinarily impressed to learn about the number of world-renowned and well-respected museums that are at UNM. A list and links may be found at: <http://www.unm.edu/welcome/museums.html>. One museum that I would like to highlight at this time is the Harwood Museum in Taos, NM. In 1935, the Harwood Foundation was established along with a gift that included the Harwood Museum of Arts in Taos. The following is taken from the Harwood website: *"The embracing spirit of the Harwood was established by artists Burt and Elizabeth Harwood. In 1916, the Harwoods left their residence in France to move to Taos. They immediately purchased the Ledoux Street property which contained several small adobe buildings. By 1918, significant development had taken place under Burt Harwood's direction. He remodeled the buildings using many local traditional construction techniques. The Harwood complex, then called El Pueblito, was on the forefront of the*

Pueblo/Spanish Revival and restoration movement in New Mexico. The Harwood's potential as an educational institution had interested the University as early as 1929 when it opened its Field School of Art at the Harwood, a program which continued for twenty-six years. In 1937, UNM and the Works Projects Administration (WPA), working in cooperation to create an enhanced facility, embarked on a major expansion and renovation project of the Harwood complex. Designed by John Gaw Meem, one of the best known architects of the Southwest, the Harwood addition became one of the tallest adobe structures in northern New Mexico, and included an auditorium, stage, exhibition space, and a library facility.” For more information, please visit <http://harwoodmuseum.org/>.

Tom Popejoy Speech: I have received a number of inquiries about the 1962 President Popejoy speech to the State convention of the American Legion and how it relates to our future. It can be located at the UNM Libraries or at: <http://provost.unm.edu/communique/index.html>. As we look to hire a new UNM president, I encourage all students, faculty, and staff to read the speech and provide feedback to me at provost@unm.edu about how we can use the past to inform our future. You'll hear more from me on this topic in a future communiqué.

A PDF version of this communiqué is available at: <http://provost.unm.edu/communique/index.html>

Feedback and comments are always welcome at: provost@unm.edu

Sincerely,

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