Hello, I hope your week is going well. Thank you for your patience as we work through this period of uncertainty with the budget, the presidential search and other issues. You all are continuing to do a great job in furthering the mission of research, teaching, and service. Just within the past week, I received a very positive academic program review report for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and encouraging news regarding the direction of student retention and graduation rates. I'll pass along more details on the latter as the numbers are finalized.

There is other positive news on campus. I’ve included a sample in the topics I’ve highlighted below. I may have to cheat sometime with gold spray paint and a lobo bobble head and make my own Golden Lobo trophy (see the picture below). As always, if you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Presidential search committee update
Regent Doughty announced yesterday that the presidential search process would be extended into the fall. The full announcement and more information about the search process can be found here: http://presidentialsearch.unm.edu.

Human Research Protections Program Receives Accreditation
The Human Research Protections Program (HRPP) provides regulatory and ethical reviews for human research at both main and branch campuses. Earlier this week they announced that they received full accreditation from the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protections Programs (AAHRPP). This is great news to have an official seal of approval from an external accreditor, and reflects the hard work and diligence of the HRPP, including the Institutional Review Board and UNM researchers.

Town Hall with Acting President Abdallah
Acting President Chaouki Abdallah held a Town Hall gathering yesterday in a packed SUB Lobo A&B. Questions were submitted to unmpres@unm.edu ahead of time, and he also took questions from audience members during the event. The Town Hall was live-streamed, and a recording of the event can be found on the UNM FaceBook page.
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**The True Face of the Banned Countries Exhibition**

The School of architecture recently hosted a photographic exhibition titled "The True Face of the Banned Countries." UNM students presented personal views of their home countries (see the photo below for a further description), including samples of New Year celebrations, and other parts of their culture and heritage. The university is a better place for the diversity of our student body.
2017 Louie Awards

Each year, Student Affairs recognizes the service of outstanding employees with the Louie Awards. This year the event sported a 1920’s theme, the “Roaring Louies.” The golden Louie trophies were awarded to: Brian Malone, Jacqueline Paul, Pablo Torres, Danielle Gilliam, Aaron Hilf, Lisa Lindquist, Aaron Ochoa, Leonel Diaz, and Consul Efren Nicolas Leyva Acevedo. Congratulations to the deserving winners!

The Chaouki Challenge

In case you missed it, Miracle Child Emma from UNM Children’s Hospital pied President Abdallah in the face (scroll down for the video) after the UNM community raised over $1,889 (in honor of UNM’s founding year) for the Children’s Hospital in response to the “Chaouki Challenge.”

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