

# The Academic Affairs Communiqué

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## **The State of the University**

If you missed it, President Garnett Stokes delivered a “State of the University” address earlier this week. A video of the speech is [available online](#). Several other events are [planned for this week’s symposia and celebration](#) marking the president’s 200<sup>th</sup> day in office. This evening’s Faculty Focus event includes faculty performances and presentations, as well as cider and donuts, and will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the Alumni Chapel, and then from 7-8 p.m. in the Maxwell Museum. The week concludes tomorrow with a walking campus tour, beginning at the Alumni Chapel at 4 p.m.

## **UNM Faculty “Lightning Lounge”**

Today from 4-5 p.m. (before the Faculty Focus event) in the Bobo Room of Hodgkin Hall, UNM faculty will resume the “Lightning Lounge,” featuring Dr. Timothy Graham (History), Dr. Melanie Moses (Computer Science), Dr. David Hanson (Biology), and Dr. Kendra Koivu (Political Science). This event is one of the ways that we recognize the research and teaching accomplishments of our faculty colleagues in a fun, social environment. This year’s lounge is co-sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and UNM Advance. All are welcome for smart conversation and refreshments.

## **Shaping the Future New Mexico Economy**

NM Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham convened a discussion between leaders of UNM, Sandia National Labs, Los Alamos National Labs, and Air Force Research Labs, plus staffers from offices of Senator Tom Udall and Senator Martin Heinrich. Discussion focused on how the labs, higher education, the private sector, and local/state/national government might best catalyze economic development, good jobs, and an ecosystem for an innovation-driven economy in New Mexico. UNM was represented by me, Vice Provost for Research Gabriel Lopez, Dean of Engineering Christos Christodoulou, and Dean of Arts & Sciences Mark Peceny, as well as the staff of the Office of Governmental Relations.

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