



# UNM

## Office of the President

September 23, 2016

Dear UNM Community:

It is with mixed emotions that I announce I have informed the Regents I will not seek a second term as President of The University of New Mexico, at the end of my current contract May 31, 2017.

I am proud of what we have done during my presidency and am excited about the future opportunities as a UNM faculty member. I am a Lobo through and through, having received all three of my degrees from UNM and returning to serve as the 21<sup>st</sup> president of this wonderful university. I hope to continue making an impact here as a devoted and active member of this campus community.

I am pleased that we have marked many accomplishments during my tenure, including record-high retention and graduation rates, creation of a world-class Honors College, record-high fundraising, and the launching of Innovate ABQ and the Innovation Academy. Throughout my presidency I have met and worked with Lobos from around the globe. It is so rewarding to see and share in the positive impacts made by our faculty, staff, students and alums.

We have much still to do. I remain committed to the ambitious goals we outlined more than four years ago in our UNM strategic plan. We will keep moving forward to maintain the progress we have made and tackle the challenges we continue to face. Change is inevitable, but it will not deter us from our key mission.

With the support of the Regents, these five principle objectives will guide our efforts for the remainder of my presidency:

1. Alignment as One University
2. Student Success
3. Campus Climate/Safety
4. Fiscal Responsibility
5. Research Partnerships and Economic Development

We must continue aligning as one university that pursues excellence on all levels and enhances our commitment to the success of every student in a safe, inclusive environment. We must remain dedicated to achieving our best while thoughtfully handling drastic budget reductions and diligently working with our public and private partners to create a strong economic future for our graduates and our state.

I want to thank the Regents, my leadership team and all of you who contribute so much to UNM's success. I ask that you join with me in finishing strong what we have started together, and in laying the groundwork for a smooth transition into the next stage of leadership at our university. Go Lobos!

Sincerely,

Robert G. Frank  
President