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Lobo Researchers,

We begin this communication with some good news. Over the last week-and-a-half, we received several Notices of Award (NOAs) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and have also received NOAs from other federal agencies (National Science Foundation, Department of Defense). Although the majority of these are connected to continuing grants, we have also received a few new awards, all with our federally negotiated F&A rate.

We also wanted to share with you that our congressional delegation is very active in supporting the work we do, and they fully comprehend the high stakes and potential ongoing impacts for UNM and the entire State of New Mexico. Our senators sent [a press release](#) just this week amid potential funding cuts to research and all three of our U.S. House of Representatives [cosigned correspondence](#) to the NIH acting director. Finally, many of the professional associations and societies to which UNM belongs are also [working to help advocate](#) on behalf of research and higher education institutions across the country.

In other news, as of today, a Massachusetts [federal judge issued a ruling](#) extending the [temporary restraining order](#) that challenges NIH's notification of an immediate change in the allowed F&A rate on grants and contracts.

As we continue to strive for excellence within our institution, we want to emphasize the importance of coordinated efforts across various domains, including campus initiatives, government relations, our colleges and schools, and UNM leadership. Please feel free [to reach out or share your specific concerns](#). Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed.

Here are some quick reminders from UNM research offices:

- For active projects, please proceed with activities as planned in your scope of work. It is important that we continue to make progress and fulfill the terms of our grants and contracts.
- If you have *not* received an expected NOA on a continuing award, be sure that your supervisor or department chair knows about your situation, as well as your research administrator. It would also be useful for us to hear from you using our [Research Faculty & Staff Questionnaire](#).
- If you have questions about a NOA or specific elements of your pending grant, reach out to your program officer. Remember that NOAs can be late, and funding agencies are experiencing a reduction in workforce that may impact their ability to respond to your query.
- PIs should continue to submit proposals to funding opportunities that are available and accepting submissions.



Lastly, for the last four years VPR Fisher has held a State of Research presentation highlighting the various accomplishments of our research faculty, staff, and students. This year's presentation will also include [a town hall panel Q&A](#) with UNM leadership including:

EVP for Academic Affairs & Provost James Holloway

Vice President for Research Ellen Fisher

EVP for Health Sciences Mike Richards

HSC Vice President for Research Hengameh Raissy

[Registration](#) for the [hybrid event](#) is now open.

As President Stokes said in her annual State of the University address today, we remain [Together ... for Tomorrow](#).

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