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Lobo Researchers,

One last joint communication before we head into a well-deserved and much-needed spring break. This week, the UNM State of Research was a remarkable success and a testament to the vibrant spirit of collaboration within our research community. Thank you, Lobo faculty, staff, and students who attended in person and virtually.

We also want to thank all of the research staff who helped put together the cross-campus event, including assisting with the presentation, managing logistics and/or attending! We are especially grateful to OVPR Marketing and Communication Manager Marissa Lucero and University Communication and Marketing who created an inspiring new video highlighting the heart and soul of UNM's research enterprise. And of course, we are grateful to our faculty, researchers, staff, and students for being willing to share with us on camera what research means to them. Their thoughtful and candid responses truly exemplify what research means to us Lobos. We will be featuring the video on our website and through social media in the coming weeks.

For those of you who were unable to attend, we are working to have the recording of the event posted as soon as possible and will send out the link early next week. We would also like to highlight a few of the major themes that percolated out of the State of Research town hall Q&A:

- A fundamental philosophy or principle under which UNM is operating in response to news coming out of Washington, D.C., is that we will only respond to specific and actionable federal requirements or actions. We will also avoid making rapid changes to University policies and programs.
- The individuals who make up UNM are the reason we have no doubt UNM will continue to be around for generations to come. Therefore, while we diligently address the pressing challenges of today, we will stay focused on ensuring our future is bright.
- We are dedicated to both preserving the amazing talent we have across our various campuses and programs and to minimizing the uncertainty that individuals may experience. At this moment, we have not introduced any hiring or spending restrictions. Although that may change in the future, we are operating under the principles noted in the first bullet point.
- We remain hopeful that our research programs will continue to thrive and are committed to assist individuals and programs with the work of potentially aligning our strengths with new sets of priorities and opportunities.

In the next few days, we will be posting some of the questions and responses from the Q&A session on our [website](#). In addition, we encourage researchers to check out the latest updates from NSF, as their website has a [comprehensive list of FAQs](#).



We hope everyone finds some time during the next week to do something fun, experience the beautiful (albeit windy) New Mexico spring weather, spend time with friends and family, and remember to breathe.

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