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Lobo Researchers,

We are back this week with news and information on a few different fronts. As we get closer to wrapping up another academic year, we want to thank our dedicated research faculty and staff, whose unwavering commitment to their diverse responsibilities is truly commendable. Your tireless efforts, coupled with passion for patient care and education, have not only enriched the academic environment but have also profoundly impacted the lives of our learners.

Last Friday, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) [released a memorandum](#) adjusting its policy for grant recipients at institutions of higher education, setting a standardized F&A rate of 15 percent. The Association of American Universities (AAU), the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), along with several research universities announced [a joint filing](#) Monday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts; a motion for [a Temporary Restraining Order](#) to block the policy was also filed by the plaintiffs. Today, a Temporary Restraining Order was granted for all funding recipients. Additionally, several national organizations have partnered to create a joint national effort to develop [a new F&A model](#), which may also help address issues arising from individual agencies setting different F&A rates.

We recognize that many of you are curious about the direct implications of the recent changes at the federal level. To provide some perspective on the current research landscape, we are sharing some of the data we have gathered regarding stop work orders (SWOs) and terminations of UNM grants thus far. This information not only aims to provide clarity but also serves as a foundation for understanding the complexities we face together as we navigate these transitions. Here are some numbers for your consideration (as of April 15):

- Active Awards: ~1,900 from a range of funders (federal, state, and private)
- SWOs: 51
  - Rescinded SWOs: 17
  - Terminations: 34 (Of the 34 terminations, 12 are from the National Institutes of Health, and the remainder are from other federal agencies or are subawards from other institutions who have received SWOs or terminations).

The UNM Research Rapid Response Team, including representatives from our Office of University Counsel and Office of Government & Community Relations, have been considering all of our options with respect to responding to the grant terminations. We continue to provide information and pertinent data to New Mexico Attorney General Raul Torrez and his team. New Mexico has joined other plaintiffs in [multiple lawsuits](#). In addition, we are developing an internal process for analyzing and submitting



administrative appeals to the individual agencies in accordance with agency processes.

UNM is working around the clock to ensure we safeguard our vibrant research community and the ambitious goals we've set for ourselves. With a proactive approach and multi-pronged strategies, we are working to ensure our researchers have the support and resources they need to thrive, even in challenging times. Nevertheless, please continue to send your concerns and feedback, as we can't make positive changes without you.

We will continue to update you as we learn more about the outcomes of the legal actions being taken as well as additional instructions coming from specific funding agencies.

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