



UNM Staff Council 2016 Resolution #2

Name: UNM Seal

Authors: Executive Committee of the Staff Council

Presented to Staff Council on 5/11/16

Council Action: **ADOPTED**

1. **WHEREAS** key constituency and community groups have expressed their concerns about and opposition to the current UNM Seal that was adopted in 1968; and,
2. **WHEREAS** the UNM Staff Council has recognized the importance of community engagement and respect for New Mexico culture and history; and,
3. **WHEREAS** the UNM Staff Council supports the preservation of UNM and New Mexico history in order to teach future generations about historical accuracy and education; and,
4. **WHEREAS** the current UNM Seal depicts controversial imagery that may elicit emotionally distressing feelings for constituents and members of our community; and,
5. **WHEREAS** the UNM Staff Council views the need of those negatively impacted by the Seal's imagery as critical; and,
6. **WHEREAS** in an institution of higher education there must be open, honest, respectful and transparent communication regarding these concerns (UNM UAP 2240: Respectful Campus).
7. **THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Staff Council calls upon UNM Administration to ensure that open, honest, respectful, safe and orderly discussions shall occur with all constituency, community and stakeholder groups to identify a solution that does not erase history, but provides a platform to determine the future of the University's identity.
8. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the UNM Board of Regents; Robert Frank, President of the University; Dr. Paul Roth, Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine; Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, Provost; David Harris, Executive Vice President of Administration and Dorothy T. Anderson, Vice President for Human Resources.

Reference: <http://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2240.html>