



UNM Staff Council Resolution 2026 #2

Name: Support for UNM Legislative Priorities

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1. Whereas, the charge of UNM's Staff Council is to advocate on behalf of staff; and
2. Whereas, it is our responsibility to educate our colleagues and voice support for policies that will improve our work and our lives; and
3. Whereas, the University has chosen to outline specific legislative priorities that have garnered support from many of the groups that share in governance of our institution.
4. Therefore, be it resolved that the UNM Staff Council supports the [FY2027 UNM Legislative Priorities](#), specifically;
 - Improve Health Care Access and Health Outcomes Statewide
 - Enhance Equitable Educational Access, Student Support Services and Campus Safety
 - Develop a Well Educated, Homegrown Workforce and Contribute to a Diversified Economy
 - Improve New Mexico's National Competitiveness and Resident Quality of Life
 - Fully fund a compensation increase for all employees and provide flexibility in the administration of compensation increases to address inequities
 - Strengthen other recruitment and retention incentives for faculty, staff and graduate learners
 - Support public broadcasting
 - Partner with the public and private sector to effectively navigate changes to the federal funding landscape and fully leverage New Mexico's economic potential
 - Capital Outlay Projects
 - Staff Council Individual Capital Outlay Requests as part of Campus Safety that includes lighting and camera improvements on South Campus.
 - Research & Public Service Projects as listed in the FY2027 Legislative Priorities Brochure.

Copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the:

- UNM Board of Regents; Dr. Garnett Stokes, President; Teresa Costantinidis, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Barbara Rodríguez, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Mike Richards, Executive Vice President for HSC and CEO of the UNM Health System; Dr. Assata Zerai, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion; Kevin Stevenson, Vice President for Human Resources; Heather Jaramillo, Director of Equal Opportunity & ADA Coordinator; Dr. Valerie Romero-Leggott, Vice President and Executive Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, HSC; Sidney Mason-Coon, University Policy Officer; Faculty Senate c/o Roberta Lavin, Faculty Senate President; Mike Puelle, Chief Government Relations Officer; and The Daily Lobo