



The University of New Mexico

The University of New Mexico 2006 State Legislative Priorities

The following are in concert with the Council of University Presidents (CUP)

- No tuition credit or a minimal one
- Compensation increase @ at least 4%,
- Increased funding for Building Renewal and Replacement

The University of New Mexico Major Legislative Priorities

Priority One Secure improved funding for the Health Sciences Center and The University of New Mexico Hospital

The Health Sciences Center (HSC) receives appropriations from the State Legislature through line-items in the state budget for both education at the School of Medicine and for healthcare at the university's hospitals. This funding mechanism is unlike that used for the main campus. Main campus programs are funded through a formula that is the basis for the general fund appropriation. This creates challenges in accommodating increasing program size or costs for education and for healthcare delivery.

We hope to open dialogue with state government officials to identify a way to address the impact of uncompensated care at the UNMH and the ability of HSC to build its academic programs and growing clinical revenues.

Priority Two Combined Bachelor of Arts & Medical Doctor degree program and expanding the School of Medicine

Request: Fund the BA/MD program with \$1,469,700 in recurring funding for the next fiscal year.

Funding will support a program designed to increase enrollment of rural New Mexico students in the UNM School of Medicine.

The program builds on the SOM's educational pipeline directed at middle school, high school, pre-college and college students

interested in a career in medicine. Students will be admitted from high school to both the UNM College of Arts and Sciences and the SOM. Local communities will participate in identifying, encouraging, and mentoring potential applicants.

The SOM will increase enrollment from the current 75 students to 100 students per year, with all 25 new students coming from NM. Most (at least 2/3) of these students will come from rural communities. Initial funding for this program was received in the current fiscal year in the amount of \$669,750. Funding for the program is to be phased over seven years.

Priority Three

Capital Projects

Main Campus

1. Science and Mathematics Learning Center
\$15,400,000
2. Biology Expansion
\$4,000,000
3. College of Education Replacement Building Phase I of II
\$9,100,000

Health Sciences Center

1. Education Building Phase II of III
\$10,400,000
2. Cancer Research & Treatment Center
\$5,500,000
3. Patient Care Equipment
\$2,000,000

Athletics

1. Indoor All Sports Facility
\$4,000,000
2. Running Track Improvement
\$800,000
3. Women's Softball
\$500,000
4. Tow Diehm HVAC
\$250,000

Auxiliary

- Popejoy Hall Seating Replacement
\$435,000

Gallup Branch

- Technology Center and Classroom Building
\$6,000,000

Los Alamos Branch

1. Renovation and Remodel of Instructional Facilities
\$333,750
2. Lecture Hall
\$247,000

Taos Branch

Phase IV – Library/Student Center/PPD/Trades
\$1,500,000

Valencia Branch

Campus Renewal and Security
\$2,325,000

Priority Four

Nursing Program Expansion Recurring Funding

Request: An additional \$300,000 of recurring funding for the College of Nursing to employ additional faculty to address the nursing shortage in the State.

Over the past three years, the College of Nursing has received special funding from the Higher Education Department, formerly the Commission on Higher Education. The College appreciates the funds and the ability to serve more students. However, as the College does not find out until June or July if it has been successful in its application for funds, it is very difficult to recruit faculty members. The fact that the funds are non-recurring further complicates the recruitment of faculty. Thus, the College requests \$300,000 in additional general fund to stabilize the revenue stream.

As a result of the nursing shortage in New Mexico, the UNM College of Nursing received recurring funding of \$950,000 from the 2001 Legislature to expand its enrollment in the first year of study. The 2002 Legislature provided an additional \$472,000 to enable the College to continue the expansion (although this was approximately half of the amount required by the College to successfully complete the expansion). This enrollment expansion will help to increase the number of graduates entering the nursing workforce in New Mexico, enabling the state's hospitals and health facilities to provide the complex level of care required in today's healthcare environment. As this expanded enrollment begins to generate funding through the formula, the special line-item appropriation will be decreased accordingly.

Priority Five

Native American Studies and Chicano Studies Program Funding

Native American Studies

Request: Recurring program funds for \$285,000

Native American Studies (NAS) at UNM was founded over thirty years ago, but it was not until the 2004-2005 academic year that students could major in Native American Studies. Under the direction of Professor Greg Cajete, the program has established a major approved by the Regents of the university in 2005.

Native American Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to introduce students to the basic factors that underlie the distinct differences between native societies and the larger American society. There are three major components to the NAS program: the academic, the research and the community. There are four curricular strands in the NAS program: Indigenous language and Education; Indigenous Arts and Literature; Indigenous Leadership and Self-determination; and Indigenous Cultural and Environmental Studies. The total budget of the NAS program is \$228,673, funded by the university for the 2005/2006 academic year. Until this academic year the program has had only a minor, but there will be increasing interest in Native American Studies and enrollments will grow rapidly. The faculty in NAS are currently undertaking the construction of a Master's Degree in Native American Studies which they intend to propose in the next two years. There are over 1200 Native American undergraduate students enrolled at UNM, many of whom will be interested in these newly created or proposed degrees. Our state has a pressing need for college educated Native Americans who can help their communities develop in a variety of ways, including economically.

Chicano Studies

Request: Recurring funding of \$254,000.

The Chicano Studies Program was founded in the 1970s. The program offers a broad collection of courses exploring the rich historical and cultural tapestry of Chicano and Mexican American experience throughout the United States. The program is interdisciplinary and has a service/outreach component. It aims to enable students to improve their Spanish language fluency and increase their knowledge of contemporary Hispanic cultures. This past year the Steering Committee hired Enrique Lamadrid, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, to direct the program. Subsequently, Professor Lamadrid and the Steering Committee

voted to change the name of the program to Chicano, Hispano, and Mexicano Studies in order to build enrollments and meet student needs. The current total budget is \$130,662, funded by the university, for 2005-2006 academic year.

The Chicano Studies undergraduate program has always been small, perhaps because students may pursue regional studies in a number of departments. The program developed a minor in 1996. After a period of initial growth, Chicano Studies reached a stasis with only 40 students minoring in the program and enrollments totaling only 185. With the new name for the program, enrollments are expected to climb as students take the following courses or engage in the following activities: Indio-Hispano Traditional Arts, Border Culture and the Camino Real, a Senior Service Learning Colloquium, and Documentation of Traditional Cultures as a summer field work class. There are interesting International Projects, Museum Projects, Smithsonian Exhibitions, National Conferences, Cultural Festivals and many collaborations, for example. In the next two years, following the lead of Native American Studies, Chicano, Hispano, and Mexicano Studies would like to develop a major.

Priority Six

Improved Library Funding – Main Campus, Law and Health Sciences Center

Main Campus

Request: \$5 million for compact shelving.

The University Libraries have the sole distinction in New Mexico of being a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). That is a critical designation for any top-tier research university. The number of collections that the university libraries have available to the community it serves is ever expanding and crucial to keep their designation as an ARL library.

Currently the university libraries add 1.5 shelf miles to their collections annually and they are reaching maximum storage capacity. Through the addition of compact shelving systems to the libraries the available space could be better utilized.

This proposal seeks funding to continue the installation of the compact storage shelving systems at the university libraries which was funded in the 2005 UNM Bond issue.

Law School

Request: Recurring funding of \$247,000.

UNM's Law School was put on notice in 2001 by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), that its accreditation would be revoked unless the School increased its library acquisition funds. Accreditation is central to the School's function in New Mexico and regional and national standing. The finding of the accreditation body means that the library resources the School currently has to support the scholarly needs of faculty and students are seriously inadequate when compared to those of our peer institutions. This proposal is to make the \$247,000 appropriated last year by the legislature recurring.

Health Sciences Center

Request: Recurring funding of \$750,000.

Only nine percent of the HSCLIC book collection was published within the past five years. Only thirty percent was published in the last twelve years. For comparison purposes, seventy percent of the books in New Mexico's K-12 system were published in the last twelve years. Over the past four years, book purchases have declined steeply because only minimal inflationary adjustments have been made to funding the purchase of books, journals, and electronic journals. The book budget has been used to pay for inflation in journals and databases. The funding will permit the HSCLIC to revitalize its book collection, add electronic and print journal subscriptions, provide some relief for annual inflation of subscriptions, and provide off campus access to databases.

Priority Seven

Cooperative Pharmacy Program

Request: Creation of Cooperative Pharmacy program and funding of \$387,600.

The College of Pharmacy (COP) at UNM is the only accredited college of pharmacy in New Mexico, one of 89 accredited colleges in the U.S. The COP in cooperation with NMSU will offer a collaborative six-year curriculum leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. **The UNM/ NMSU Cooperative Pharmacy** program will provide highly qualified high school seniors from southern New Mexico conditional admission to the COP. Students will complete the sixty hours of pre-pharmacy coursework at NMSU and then be admitted to the COP.

The goals of the UNM/NMSU Cooperative Pharmacy Program are to:

1. Enhance accessibility of pharmacy education for the citizens of southern NM;
2. Reduce the shortage of pharmacists in southern NM;
3. Serve the pharmaceutical care needs of the underserved in the southern NM region; and
4. Increase diversity of the pharmacy profession in southern NM by increasing the number of pharmacists who are sensitive to the unique needs of a significant Hispanic population

Priority Eight

Center for Radio Isotopes

Request: Funding for New Mexico Center for Isotopes in Medicine at \$7,944,204.

The New Mexico Center for Isotopes in Medicine (NMCIM) will be a national resource center for the development of applications for unique medically useful radioisotopes that will become available from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

The UNM Radio Pharmaceutical Sciences Program (RSP) will bring its long standing expertise in handling and formulation of medical isotopes to establish medically useful radiopharmaceuticals. RSP will develop radiochemical procedures and formulation and test the radiopharmaceuticals in appropriate model leading to clinical trials for diagnostic and therapeutics.

Priority Nine

Research Revolving Fund

Request: Create Fund and appropriate \$ 5 million

The State of New Mexico has made a large investment in its universities and colleges, particularly the research universities. Competitive research dollars generated from outside New Mexico in the current fiscal year are in excess of \$350 million and are a major source of employment in the state's economy. Estimates of the economic multiplier effect of research dollars in the economy range from 3 to 4.

State support for university research activities would provide "seed" money required for certain grant applications, or enhance any number of research-related activities – all designed to increase the amount of research grants coming into the State. The Research Revolving Fund would be seeded with a grant from the State and would be available to universities up to a level that equals 1% of

their total annual research. The borrowed money would be used then repaid through Indirect Cost funds at zero percent interest.

This proposal seeks creation of a Research Revolving Fund and an appropriation \$5 million

Priority Ten

Information Technology Infrastructure Funding

National Lambda Rail

Request: \$4 million in capital for NLR subscription.

National LambdaRail (NLR) is a major initiative of U.S. research universities and private sector technology companies to provide a national scale infrastructure for research and experimentation in networking technologies and applications.

NLR aims to catalyze innovative research and development into next generation network technologies, protocols, services and applications.

NLR puts the control, the power and the promise of experimental network infrastructure in the hands of our nation's scientists and researchers.

Rich Media for Enhanced Teaching and Learning

Request: \$1.7 million

The project would obtain and implement video conferencing equipment that is consistent with industry standards that provides a robust and scalable platform to support UNM's on-campus and well as statewide needs for high quality video conferencing.

Next Generation Wireless

Request: \$515,000

Next generation wireless Internet will be driven by an explosion of pervasive computing and communications devices resulting from advances in integrated circuits, displays, software radios, embedded operating systems, wireless protocols, services and software technologies. This project proposes to expand the current wireless infrastructure on campus; acquire and implement early adopter next-generation wireless equipment; collaborate with other CHECS institutions on their efforts in next-generation wireless; and identify, evaluate and support academic uses of next-generation wireless in a pilot environment.

Priority Eleven

Research and Public Service Projects

Research and Public Services Projects (RPSPs) are special projects that appear as line items in the university budget. These are programs that are unique in nature and are in addition to any Instruction and General budget appropriations that the university receives. The following are new or expansion requests for some of those projects. The university also requests that all of the current projects continue to be funded at their current levels.

I. New Research and Public Service Projects

1. COE Teaching Academy
Request: \$500,000
2. ARTS Lab
Request: \$500,000
3. College Mentoring
Request: \$600,000

II. Expansion of current Research and Public Service Projects

1. COE Family Development Program
Request: Increase of \$250,000
2. Office of the Medical Investigator
Request: Increase of \$510,000
\$150,000 of capital
3. Manufacturing Engineering Operational Support
Request: Increase of \$280,000
4. Southwest Indian Law Clinic
Request: Increase of \$129,500
5. NM Historical Review
Request: Increase of \$18,500
6. Graduate Student Research
Request: Increase of \$32,000