

Good afternoon, Lobos and Friends of the Pack!

As the clock struck noon today, Thursday, February 17, the 2nd Session of the 55th New Mexico Legislature formally adjourned *sine die*, concluding the lawmakers' work for the 30-day legislative session.

Unlike our previous messages from Santa Fe that heaped copious amounts of information upon you, the point of this message is singular by design: On behalf of UNM Senior Leadership including our own Government Relations team, I want to say **thank you** for your many contributions to our state legislative success this year. Deserving of special kudos are our students, other learners, faculty, staff, researchers, legislative interns, health care providers and other professionals, alumni, retirees, Regents and esteemed community partners. You all deserve a standing ovation at this time. I especially want to thank groups like ASUNM and GPSA for representing the very important student voice during another COVID-disrupted session that involved many dynamic and fast-moving issues. Similarly, we received critical, timely contributions from groups like Faculty Senate and Staff Council both during the session and leading up to it, unified in our collective goals to enact public policy supportive of Lobo learning and service environments that are second to none.

In the coming days, we will be sharing communications through this same channel that will provide you with tailored facts, numbers, and analyses of UNM outcomes for the session to date. The legislation most critical to UNM's interests has not yet been formally reviewed and acted upon by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham; those actions will begin to unfold in the next couple of weeks, seeing as the Governor has 20 days to sign or veto legislation. Our efforts to ensure positive outcomes for legislation of interest to UNM have just begun.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff team:

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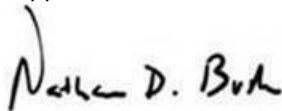
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We will also be posting additional content to our [UNM Office of Government and Community Relations website](#) as a resource for you all.

Signing off from the Santa Fe "den" for the moment, and with a hearty Lobo howl to our many friends and supporters,



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