

Statement on Shared Governance

The students, administration, faculty, board of regents and the New Mexico larger community want to see UNM succeed and improve over time to continue to be a major force in the life of New Mexico, the region and the world.

To accomplish this, these groups should work hand in hand to make the best decisions that build trust amongst us. These groups should also work diligently to accomplish our overall goals. This can be accomplished by a “shared governance” system where we all bear the cost but also reap the rewards of working for the common good of our University.

Shared governance is not easy. Actually one can probably save time in the short term by not adhering to it but in the long term “shared governance” pays off in many ways. You get commitment and passion from everyone to accomplish our “shared goals”. It makes coming to work more enjoyable for everyone and allows us to take advantage of opportunities and solve problems in much shorter times.

As President Schmidly said when he addressed the university community shortly after his selection as president of UNM, he stated in his press release, “I propose that we can achieve great things, but only if we work together, in a structure and atmosphere of shared governance, imbued with mutual respect.”

This is the spirit that the committee on governance would like to see at UNM. Let us turn the page and work together for these great goals with commitment, trust and respect.