

**Higher Learning Commission Site Visit** March 1: UNM-Gallup & UNM-Taos/ March 4-5: UNM-Main

**HLC Visiting Team Members**

Dr. Sandra Gautt, Professor Emerita, University of Kansas (Chair)  
Mr. David Cutri, Exec. Director of Internal Audit & Chief Compliance Officer, Univ. of Toledo  
Dr. Amy Goodburn, Senior Assoc. Vice Chancellor & Dean, Undergrad. Ed., Univ. of Nebraska  
Mr. Jason Hornberger, Associate Vice Provost for Finance, University of Kansas  
Dr. Gary Morris, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Glenville State College  
Dr. Mamie Thorns, Spec. Assist. to the President for Diversity Programs, Saginaw Valley State Univ.  
Dr. Anita Welch, Associate Dean, Teachers College, Ball State University

**HLC Lunch with Board of Regents:** Monday, March 4, 12-1:15 p.m. in Popejoy Lounge

**Open Forums**

- March 4, 10:45-12 p.m., Anderson School of Management, MCM 2110 (Criteria 3-4)
- March 4, 2-3 p.m., SUB Ballroom A (Criteria 1 and 2)
- March 5, 10-11 a.m., Domenici Center, Room 2720 (Criterion 5)

**Areas of Special Focus**

- Governance
- Financial Controls/ Audit
- Stability in Leadership
- Budget Planning
- Extended Learning
- Enrollment Management
- General Education
- Strategic Planning

**ARGUMENT:**

Guided by the 2020 Strategic Vision, UNM has engaged in continuous improvement since 2009, in ways that have a direct positive impact on the lives of students and community members:

- HSC establishment of rural HEROS for better statewide responsiveness and establishment of extensive branch and main campus partnerships with businesses and communities;
- Despite a 20% reduction (adjusted for inflation) in our state-allocated I&G budget since 2009, our 4-year undergraduate graduation rate rose from 12% to 34.5%; the current 4-year graduation rate is over 10% higher than an analysis of the ACT scores and grade point averages of our 2014 cohort would predict;
- Sponsored research at UNM's Health Sciences Center grew from \$45 million in FY 1998 to \$151 million in FY 2018;
- On UNM Main campus, sponsored research grew from \$93 million in FY 2014 to a peak of \$143 million in FY 2016 and 2017, with a dip to \$112 million in FY 2018;
- We have created extensive branch and main campus partnerships
- Despite an average yearly budget reduction of \$2.5 million over the past ten years, we have reinvested in the academic mission at a rate of \$1.7 million per year.
- UNM has reduced advising ratios from 770:1 in some units in 2011 to 325:1 overall in 2018 (better than national standards). The Fall 2018 undergraduate advising ratio is 188:1.

*Comprehensive studies of all aspects of university life conducted with faculty, staff, student and community input have laid the groundwork for the next phase of improvement. UNM's new and incoming leadership has the information necessary to foster another decade of ambitious performance as an RI and as a school and health care system for a highly diverse and often underserved population.*