

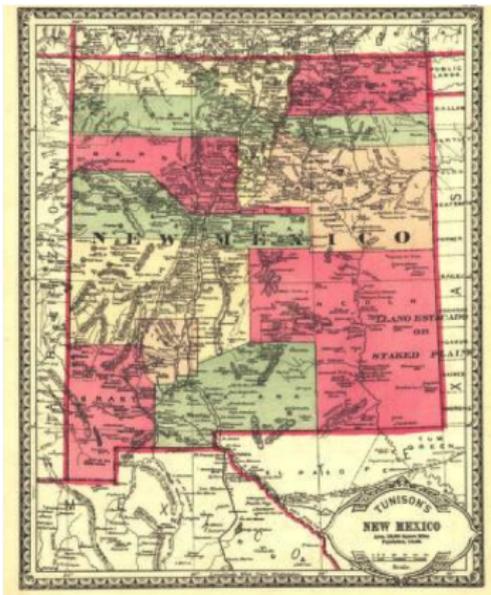
Testimony Before the NM LESC

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The University Of New Mexico was established in 1889 by House Bill 186. HB 186 declared that the purpose of the University “shall be to provide the inhabitants of the territory of New Mexico and the future state with the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and arts.”

One hundred and twenty-four years later, the purpose of UNM still includes providing New Mexicans with a thorough knowledge of the disciplines they need to meet the challenges facing our State. But the world has changed and the University’s mission has grown. . .

UNM faces a number of critical issues that threaten the University's capacity to fulfill its mission to New Mexico and beyond.



The **two** most pressing are:

1. Ensuring that **more** students graduate from UNM **ready** for the challenges that face the state, the nation, and the world.
2. Ensuring that UNM can **compete, reward, and retain** great faculty in order to succeed in item 1.

- Retention, graduation follow from student support, challenge, and engagement
- Data-driven policy and decision making
- Consistent focus on academics
- Foundational skills in the First Year
- Clear pathways to timely completion

These principles align with the outcomes-based tuition formula.



Variable academic preparation; transition to UNM

- Partnerships with high schools to align curriculum
- New Student Orientation academic emphasis
- Target first year programs to challenge and support: Honors, Remediation Reform, High-Impact Practices

Student finances and college affordability

- Financial Aid
- Financial competency curriculum

Uncertainty about academic requirements

- Advisement Reform
- Online degree roadmaps

Faculty quality & quantity

- Recruit, retain, and reward

- Curriculum, placement alignment meetings with APS, Rio Rancho
- Building stronger partnerships along the education pipeline
- Admission alignment with Common Core State Standards
- Data on student outcomes by high school; feedback to high schools
- Dual credit offerings
- Teachers & Principals preparation
- Upward Bound
- College Readiness



Goal: Build a fully functional Degree Planning web application by August 15, 2013.

- Make all degree plans available online (previously stored in spreadsheets). Allow students and advisors to easily view and track progress against 4-year plans.
- Allow potential students to explore the various degree offerings we have by:
 - > Their interests
 - > College
 - > Keyword search

The web app is available at:

▶ degrees.unm.edu