Statement Regarding UNM Employee Benefits:

Regents understand there is considerable distress among current UNM employees, as well as retired employees, over the rumors and speculation that yet further changes may be coming in the health care benefit arrangements.

We want to assure all UNM employees, current and retired, that no further changes are contemplated until the leadership of the University and Regents fully understand all the implications and impacts on individuals. The questions raised in Regents’ Committees are part of this process of further examination.

Among other factors, we want to understand the possibility that different available insurance packages might be preferable, including combinations, and that the consequences of changes, if any, are well understood and that individuals affected, if any, will have ample time to adjust. For these reasons, UNM will not be making any additional changes in these matters before May 2014. In addition, before any changes are made we will ensure that public comment and discussion occur.

Jack Fortner,
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Board of Regents