# UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL, ENTERTAINMENT, AND OTHER EXPENSES

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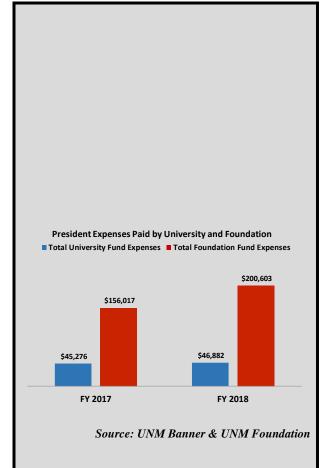
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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

Banner	Financial System of the University
FY	Fiscal Year
Foundation	University of New Mexico Foundation
IA	University of New Mexico Internal Audit Department
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
PCard	Purchasing Card
President's Office	University of New Mexico Office of the President
UAP	University Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual
UNM	The University of New Mexico
University	The University of New Mexico



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As required by Regents' Policy 3.9: Benefits of the University President, and per the President's employment agreement, the Internal Audit Department (IA) conducted an audit of the President's travel, entertainment, and other expenses for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The purpose of the audit was to determine compliance with University policies, Foundation Policy 4.1, the President's employment agreement, and reporting requirements of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

IA examined the President's and President's spouse's travel, entertainment, and other expenses of \$46,882 and \$200,603 disbursed by the University of New Mexico (University) and the University of New Mexico Foundation (Foundation), respectively, during fiscal year (FY) 2018. The disbursements from the Foundation include \$20,000 paid for the President's Lobo Basketball Suite at Dreamstyle Arena, \$60,000 paid for the Regents' Lobo Basketball Suite at Dreamstyle Arena, and \$50,000 paid for the President's Lobo Sports Suite at the University Football Stadium.

#### CONCLUSION

In the audit of the President's travel, entertainment, and other expenses, IA found the expenses are reasonable, allowable, and generally in accordance with the University Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual (UAP), Foundation Policy 4.1, the President's employment agreement, and IRS reporting requirements.

#### **BACKGROUND**

According to Regents' Policy 3.9: Benefits of the University President, and the Employment Agreement of the President, the University pays for or reimburses the President and the President's spouse for reasonable and allowable expenses for official travel and entertainment incurred by the President in the performance of the President's duties. These duties may include any of the following: hosting University events; attending seminars, educational conferences, conventions, and/or meetings of non-profit boards on which the President may serve; other professional growth activities; and, other meetings to advance the interest of the University. The University encourages the President's spouse to accompany the President to events and to attend events separately as a representative of the University. The University also pays for allowable costs of the spouse's travel. These reimbursements are in accordance with established travel and expense reimbursement policies of the University (UAP 4030: Travel and UAP 4000: Allowable and Unallowable Expenditures).

The President has reasonable discretionary funds (The UNM President's Club) available from private funds raised by the Foundation. The UNM President's Club donors support core priorities of the University – Student Success, Systemic Excellence, Healthy Communities, and Economics and Community Development. The gifts to the UNM President's Club directly support student success and opportunity. In accordance with Regents' Policy 3.9: Benefits of the University President, the discretionary funds are made available to the President for such miscellaneous expenses as: retirement or recognition/appreciation gifts; purchases of tables sponsored by community organizations; potential donor activities; donor relations; receptions; meals (including alcoholic beverages); fund raising events; and, other similar events or expenses that are judged to be appropriate for the benefit of the University.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the audit was to determine if the President and President's spouse's travel, entertainment, and other expenses, are reasonable, allowable, and in accordance with University policies, Foundation Policy 4.1, the President's employment agreement, and IRS reporting requirements.

#### **SCOPE**

The audit period was from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The scope of the audit included the travel, entertainment, and other expenses incurred by the President and President's spouse that were recorded in selected accounts in the operating ledger of the President's Office. The scope also included 100% of all their reimbursed expenses through Banner and the Foundation. This report covers two University Presidents due to a transition in March 2018.

The following table is a summary of the University Fund Expenses of the President and President's spouse for FY 2018:

University of New Mexico Expenses for the Period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018									
University President University Events and Description and Spouse Business Meetings*									
Travel Expenses	\$ 12,978	\$ -	\$ 12,978						
Business Meals	-	1,712	1,712						
Catering Events	-	11,709	11,709						
Membership Dues	24	-	24						
Rental Fees	-	10,002	10,002						
Moving Expenses	8,114	-	8,114						
Operating Miscellaneous	493	1,850	2,343						
Total Expenses	\$ 21,609	\$ 25,273	\$ 46,882						

Source: UNM Banner

The following table is a summary of the Foundation Fund Expenses paid on behalf of the President for FY 2018:

University of New Mexico Foundation Expenses from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018								
<b>Description</b> Total								
Business Meals	\$	400						
Catering Events		45,624						
Entertainment/Development		138,881						
Sponsorship		13,350						
Travel		2,348						
Total Foundation Expenses	\$	200,603						

Source: UNM Foundation

<sup>\*</sup> University Events and Business Meetings amounts include expenditures for food, beverages, rental, and supply fees at various University-wide functions and receptions hosted by the President for faculty, regents, donors, executive team and leadership meetings, special events, etc.

The total amount paid from these two sources is approximately \$247,000 for the President and the President's spouse's expenses, including expenses for University events, entertainment, and Foundation development activities, etc.

The following tables are a summary of total revenues and expenses from the University of New Mexico Office of the President's (President's Office) operating ledger. The information is for informational purposes only; not all amounts were included in the scope of this audit.

University of New Mexico President's Office Operating Ledger Revenues  July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018									
Account Description Budget Adopted		Budget Adjustments	Budget Accumulated	Actuals	Encumbrances	Balance Available Favorable/ (Unfavorable)			
Other	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 902.72	\$ -	\$ 872.72			
Gifts/Endowments/Gains	-	-	-	35,131.48	-	35,131.48			
Transfers	(53,800.00)	(425,564.00)	(479,364.00)	(464,364.00)	-	15,000.00			
Allocations	1,318,388.00	608,736.00	1,927,124.00	1,913,624.00	-	(13,500.00)			
Reserves	6,975.00	17,352.00	24,327.00	196,302.28	-	171,975.28			
Totals	\$ 1,271,563.00	\$ 200,554.00	\$ 1,472,117.00	\$ 1,681,596.48	\$ -	\$ 209,479.48			

Source: UNM Banner

University of New Mexico President Office Operating Ledger Expenses  July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018															
Account Description		Budget Adopted	A	Budget Adjustments		Budget Accumulated		Ü		Actuals		Encumbrances		Balance Available Favorable/ (Unfavorable)	
Salaries and Benefits	\$	914,066.00	\$	6,986.00	\$	921,052.00	\$	817,655.98	\$	-	\$	103,396.02			
Scholarships and Awards		1,500.00		-		1,500.00		1,500.00		-		-			
Services & fees total		53,300.00		23,176.00		76,476.00		54,837.37		65,200.00		(43,561.37)			
Other		89,847.00		146,186.00		236,033.00		33,276.62		-		202,756.38			
Supplies		158,850.00		24,176.00		183,026.00		163,924.91		-		19,101.09			
Travel/Entertainment		54,000.00		30.00		54,030.00		24,539.30		12,917.58		16,573.12			
Totals	\$	1,271,563.00	\$	200,554.00	\$	1,472,117.00	\$	1,095,734.18	\$	78,117.58	\$	298,265.24			

Source: UNM Banner

#### **AUDIT PROCEDURES**

Our detailed audit procedures included the following:

- Review the UAP, Foundation Policy 4.1, and the President's employment agreement for travel, entertainment, and other expense requirements;
- Review expenses to ensure they are authorized, approved, reasonable, allowable, in compliance with required policies, and charged to the correct account;
- Analyze all expense reimbursements paid to the President and/or the President's spouse as recorded in Banner and as provided by the Foundation;
- Review direct payments to vendors related to the President's/spouse's travel and entertainment, such as airline tickets, hotels, catering services, etc.;
- Review charges to the department's Purchasing Cards (PCard) for the President's/spouse's travel and entertainment related expenses, including the periodic reconciliation of the PCard transactions;
- Review spouse expense documentation form for expenses related to the President's spouse; and
- Review the University's determination of taxable expenses for the President and the President's spouse.

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### **CONCLUSION**

In the audit of the President's travel, entertainment, and other expenses, IA found the expenses are reasonable, allowable, and generally in accordance with the University Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual (UAP), Foundation Policy 4.1, the President's employment agreement, and IRS reporting requirements. This report covers two University Presidents due to a transition in March 2018.

### **APPROVALS**

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