



UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

ADMINISTRATION

June 1, 2017

Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, Acting President
University of New Mexico
Office of the President
Scholes Hall
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131

Dear President Abdallah:

I am writing to request your approval to retire from the University of New Mexico effective June 30, 2017. My intent is to utilize a portion of my leave for the remainder of this month.

As you know, I have been planning to retire for some time but delayed my departure at your request to help ensure a smooth Athletic Department leadership transition; however, I believe my retirement at this time is in my best interest and the University's.

It has been my honor to serve the University for more than 11 years. I have had the privilege of working with great coaches and staff during my tenure. Even more important, I am proud of our student-athletes—their character, how they have performed in the classroom, and how they have represented our University on the playing field and in the community. The list of accomplishments achieved by our Athletic Department is indeed impressive:

- 57 Mountain West Conference Championships
- 34 Mountain West Conference Championships in a four-year period, the best run in both UNM and Mountain West Conference history
- 1 Team NCAA National Championship
- 12 Individual NCAA National Champions
- 82 conference "of-the-year" student-athletes (player, newcomer, freshman, and individual sports)
- 43 Academic All-Americans
- 3.00 or better average GPA for Lobo student-athletes in the last 17 semesters and in 27 of the last 28 semesters
- Highest student-athlete graduation rates in the history of the University, consistently higher than overall student body rates
- On average, over 6,000 hours of community service performed annually by our student-athletes
- Over \$85 million in facility construction and renovation projects including construction of an indoor practice facility; renovations to the Pit; creation of a new Student-Athlete Success Center; renovations to the Track, Soccer, and Softball facilities; construction of the McKinnon Family Tennis Stadium; construction of the Golf Practice Facility; construction of the R. D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Baseball Clubhouse; improvements to Santa Ana Star Baseball Field; renovations to the Football weight

room; renovations to the U. S. Bank Football Club; and upgrades to Branch Field and University Stadium

- Recently secured the largest naming gift in the history of UNM Athletics for Dreamstyle Arena and Dreamstyle Stadium.

During the first 10 years of my administration, we averaged \$9.8 million a year in funds raised through the Foundation, for a total of \$98 million. What that means is this:

- We averaged \$26,850 per day in funds raised, every day, 365 days a year—for 10 years.
- We averaged \$187,945 per week in funds raised, every week, 52 weeks a year—for 10 years.

The current year's fundraising totals will be even higher—exceeding \$13 million for the year.

My team in Athletics is justifiably proud of these incredible numbers and what they mean to the University, Athletics, our coaches, and most important, our student-athletes.

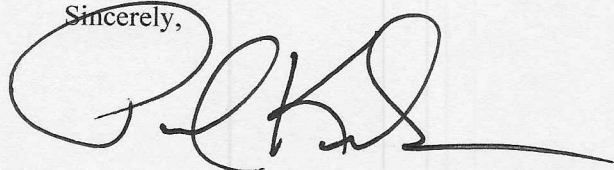
I love this University and its athletic programs. I appreciate the support of the leadership of the University; we have had a strong personal and professional working relationship over these last 11 years.

My work at the University has been dedicated to making things better for UNM Athletics and UNM student-athletes, and just as important, to protecting the integrity of the University and its relationships with donors and supporters of our athletic program.

Together we have built an athletic program that is known for winning championships, having outstanding facilities and supportive fans, and most important, graduating student-athletes at record levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve a great University. Go Lobos!

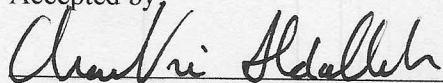
Sincerely,



Paul Krebs
Vice President for Athletics

c: David Harris, Executive Vice President

Accepted by:



Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, Interim President
University of New Mexico

June 1, 2017

Date