

Top Tier UNLV



Highlights & Updates Feb. 2017

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Accomplishments...

- Research and economic development growth: patents quadrupled over the last four years with 61 filed, proposals increased 2% to \$232 million, and awards increased 7% to \$50.7 million.
- Economic Development Office expansion: Research Foundation, Small Business Development Center, and Tech Transfer.
- Market-based GA stipends have been enacted.
- Partnerships with industry continue to be enhanced.
- Collaborations with DRI have increased, including the DRI-UNLV Joint Postdoc grant process.
- Strategic Centers of Excellence strengthened: International Gaming Institute (IGI), Nevada Institute of Personalized Medicine (NIPM), and National Supercomputer Institute (NSCI).
- Top Tier Doctoral Graduate Research Assistantship (TTDGRA) RFP process has been completed, and 45 TTDGRAs have been awarded for 2017-2020.
- Process for mentoring, tracking, and supporting Postdocs was established.

Continuing forward....

- Identifying best practices, policies, structure, and potential themes for Interdisciplinary Centers/Institutes.
- Creating proposal for one robust data collection system with appropriate support and controls to be used by faculty members.
- Determining metrics to be employed by various colleges for resource allocation.
- Continuing to expand the UNLV Research Park.
- Developing a proposal regarding the structure, placement, and general administration of interdisciplinary PhD programs.
- Enacting enhanced campus-wide Graduate Enrollment Management (GEM) plan.
- Implementing Graduate Faculty mentorship resources.

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Student Achievement

Accomplished....

- UNLV is ranked the 2nd most diverse campus by *U.S. News & World Report* and has obtained a headcount of 29,000 students.
- Largest incoming freshman class in UNLV history was welcomed fall 2016.
- Best-prepared freshman class in recent years, with an average GPA of 3.31.
- Nearly 75% of students are full-time.
- Major reduction in alternate admissions to UNLV First-Time Full-Time Freshmen, and late admits have been nearly eliminated.
- MOU between UNLV and CSN allows qualified transfer students with successful completion of CSN coursework to seamlessly transition to UNLV.
- Freshmen retention increased significantly, from 74.1% to 77.1%.
- Student Success Collaborative (student predictive analytics) has been fully implemented.
- Significant increase in both applicants and admits for fall 2017.
- 10-year program review shows higher quality in a number of academic programs.

Continuing forward....

- **Launching of the Academic Multicultural Center, "The Intersection."**
- **Implementing plans for improving recruiting.**
- **Working towards faster, more coordinated financial aid awards.**
- **Incentivizing new high-demand programs and balancing student growth with service needs.**

Infrastructure and Shared Governance

Accomplished....

- Faculty Senate listservs were created to improve constituent communication.
- Customer service standards (The REBEL Way) were created and rolled-out.
- The University Gateway parking facility added more than 600 parking spaces.
- The Thomas & Mack Center west wing addition provided an additional 35,000 square feet of meeting and event space.

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Infrastructure and Shared Governance

Continuing Forward....

- Discussing with Faculty Senate possibilities for a new website to increase visibility and participation.
- Analyzing Extra Contract Compensation policies, issues, and opportunities.
- Finalizing onboarding processes for new employees.
- Identifying turnaround times for various business processes.
- Developing criteria to make UNLV a "best place to work."
- Investigating ways to make it easier to acquire new financial account numbers.
- Continuing major construction projects: University Gateway office building; first phase of a modern apartment style community, U-District; and Hospitality Hall.

Academic HealthCenter

Accomplished....

- The Health Science Deans' Council was formed.
- School of Medicine received preliminary LCME accreditation.
- Clark County transitioned nine acres to UNLV to establish an Academic Health Center.
- Ackerman Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment Solutions has been established.
- More than 700 students applied for fall 2017, with 200 invited to interview.

Continuing Forward....

- Creating hospitality curriculum for teaching in education and clinical health care settings.
- Developing a Master Plan for the nine acre Academic Health Center.
- Establishing preceptorships for medical students with 80 community agencies.
- Outlining plans for high-impact Health Science Division hires and building joint student education programs.
- Building the physician pipeline by graduating 60 students per year, increasing to 120 by 2030, while growing residency programs.

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Community Partnerships

Accomplished....

- The Office of Community Engagement has been established.
- UNLV experienced the largest fundraising activity during the past two years since the last capital campaign, with \$75.3 million in private support raised in fiscal year 2016.
- Athletics:
 - The Fertitta family donated \$10 million to fund construction of a new football training facility, the largest single gift in athletics history.
 - 119 student-athletes earned academic all-conference recognition, and 56 were named Mountain-West Scholar Athletes.
 - The Rebels clinched their fourth straight Governor's Series title, earning this honor every year since the competition began in 2012.
- UNLV, in partnership with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, was the host site for the final presidential debate of the 2016 election season, which was the third-highest watched debate in history which generated \$114 million in publicity for UNLV and Las Vegas.
- Marketing projects included revamping airport signage and creating debate signage that has resulted in ongoing UNLV signage applications across campus.

Continuing Forward....

- Bolstering community engagement across campus and within the community through the Office of Community Engagement, including addressing criteria for the Carnegie Community Engagement (CCE) classification.
- Continuing collaborative efforts to aid in the development of new programs with CCSD, research partnerships, and community partnerships, including growth in technology transfer and economic development efforts.
- Furthering planning efforts for the next capital campaign.
- Identifying ways to track and increase the cultural and intellectual vitality of UNLV.
- Developing a brand booklet to provide templates and guidelines for messaging and logo usage, and continuing to produce orientation videos.