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- I really like the ideas that are proposed. As a student I can see how it would be a win-win situation that would of course take time. I think it would be cool if the students could be involved somehow to make things a little more sped up. But overall I hope that this works because I love UNM! Go Lobos! -- Ryan Simon, UNM Student; 8/13/2009

- As a student in the master’s of urban design and planning at the University of Washington and a son of Albuquerque, I am disappointed by the lack of foresight and imagination that was put into this plan. UNM, Albuquerque, and their students and citizen have high aspirations of becoming something truly special. This plan is shear mediocrity. Perhaps that's what you get when you hire an architecture firm with no experience in campus planning, much-less a history of tasteful architecture. – Tim Trujillo, Community Member; 8/28/2009

- There are several versions of the UNM Master Plan. Does the plan presented to the Regents on August 11, 2009 represent a compilation of all previous plans? If not, what previous plan is still considered viable for implementation? Because there is not DEFINITIVE AUGUST 11th MASTER PLAN that supersedes all previous plans, I urge the Regents to extend the date for Community Input until their October Meeting. -- Judith Binder, Neighborhood Resident; 8/31/2009

- A more connected campus: I don't have much to comment about this, but establishing a solid corridor from South to Main to North campus makes a lot of sense. Promoting alternative transportation to connect these campuses is absolutely in the right direction. I'm excited to see the additional steps the University is take to increase sustainability programs. – Jake Wellman, UNM Student; 9/7/2009

- As discussed with Dale Dekker and President Schmidly I propose the renaming of the streets that lead into the UNM campus. The Stanford name should change to Lobo Way. Yale should change to Zia Way and Cornell should change to ?? . The point is the name should reflect UNM and New Mexico. These changes would not impact residential addresses. Why should I turn on Stanford to enter UNM? I have asked this question for 40 years. Please give this positive consideration. – Vince Murphy, Community Member/Alumni; 9/9/2009

- As the representatives of the Summit Park area, a residential community of 12000 homes just east of the North Campus, (our borders are Lomas, Girard, Indian School and Carlisle) we applaud the goal of a Master Plan for UNM, and see many positive ideas within the proposed plan, however we also have many concerns. Therefore we do not support adoption of the Master Plan at this time. – Keith Rasmussen, Summit Park Neighborhood Association Resident; 9/11/2009

- I am impressed by the comprehensive nature of the 2009 Master Plan. I realize that there are many different perspectives to which this plan can be approached, but from every vantage point it is obvious that UNM is expanding in integral directions. As an active UNM student, I believe the biggest priorities are new housing and more classroom space. UNM is actively striving to create a “Live, Learn, Work, Play” environment; when students are crowded and uncomfortable on campus, none of these important initiatives can be attained successfully. Growing pains are an unavoidable part of an expansion process. I understand the neighborhood concerns with the "Wall of UNM", etc. But to continue to thrive as the keynote of Albuquerque and New Mexico, traffic patterns and views must change. Change has a direct relationship to the movement of
time and progress. Please continue to keep in mind the "Live, Learn, Work, Play" goal of UNM campus development and foster students futures for years to come. – Theresa Rogers, UNM Student; 9/11/2009

- It is clear from the 1996 report that the accommodation of 35,000 students was to be at the Albuquerque campus alone. No mention was made of the branch campuses. Indicating branch campus enrollment in the current report that only studies the Albuquerque campus is confusing and should be omitted (Page 3); Description of projects occurring since 1996 is incomplete. Renovation of Old Bookstore into CERIA space; Communications & Journalism, Mitchell Hall (current), Davalos Basketball Practice Facility, Women's Softball Facility; to name just a few (Page 5); Why isn't the Native American Learning Center mentioned under Student Success? (Page 10); After what I must admit was a quick read through, I don't recall seeing discussion of placement of future buildings of certain types. I don't see the continuation of the "Precinct" discussions of the 1996 report which develops specific building types in pre-determined areas. This would seem to be a short-coming of this report. I would have expected more direction from this report, so that each new building site study begins with some general definition. – Bob Notary, UNM Staff; 9/11/2009

- This is a very comprehensive document and seems well thought through. I am very respectful of your work in assessing connections to the city and through the campuses. – Catherine Page Harris, UNM Faculty; 9/11/2009

- Academic Space: Spaces should match with specific academic needs (wet labs for chemistry, stable buildings for physics, movable chairs for small group discussion in communication classes). – GPSA, Andrew Marcum, UNM Students; 9/11/2009

- The University Heights Association (UHA) supports the various initiatives on pages 77-78 as ongoing communications with neighborhoods and will continue to actively participate in such initiatives. UHA supports the “big ideas” of sustainability and connecting the three campuses. UHA also supports the draft plan’s proposal for an additional 2,000 student beds on-campus (p. ix). However, the draft Plan will not achieve these goals without more effectively including the surrounding neighborhoods, including UHA. The UNM-owned buildings map should be corrected: The map on page 43 shows that the existing Tamarind Building on Cornell south of Central is UNM-owned. UHA’s understanding is that the building has been sold and will not be UNM property during the timeframe of the Master Plan update. Thus, the map is currently inaccurate in showing the building as UNM-owned, and that building should be deleted from the map. – Ben Roberts, University Heights Neighborhood Resident; 9/11/2009

- Our Goal: Working together to create a health, safe, sustainable community. The is no doubt that UNM is an essential part of the Albuquerque community, as a center of knowledge and learning as well as a major contributor to the local economy. But there can also be no doubt that UNM’s North, Central, and South Campuses have a significant and daily impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. This impact will continue to grow, especially if UNM’s prediction about student population increasing by over 30% in the next nine years is accurate. UNM needs to take an active role in addressing the impacts that it creates – impacts such as traffic, noise, crime, and parking – and that a calculation of these impacts must be factored into the 2009 Master Plan Update. We feel that the Regents have an opportunity to model for UNM students a real collaborative engagement with all stakeholders in building a sustainable environment for
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the university, the heart of Albuquerque. Rushing approval of an incomplete plan would be a poor example to set. While we understand the need for a master plan to have flexibility in order to adapt to changing conditions, we implore the university to understand that the residents of the city – specifically those in neighborhoods adjacent to UNM’s campuses, but also all taxing citizens of Albuquerque – need to know that there will be predictability and order in how the university continues to grow and impact the entire community. We respectfully request that the Regents not approve the 2009 Master Plan at this time but rather direct that this planning effort continue and that input from all stakeholders, namely the City of Albuquerque and neighborhoods adjacent to UNM, be gathered and incorporated in a revised draft. – Isaac Benton, et. al, City Councilor; 9/11/2009

• Regarding accuracy of data used in planning: I wonder about the usefulness of the employee and student counts that I saw being used by the planners. The planners seemed to be combining the main campus with south campus, HSC and extended university counts. I wonder whether that gives a useful picture of the quite different challenges that each of these groups face. – Frances Strong, UNM Staff; 9/13/2009