

Resolution to Demilitarize the University of New Mexico

presented to the UNM Board of Regents in April, 2007

The resolution below is currently under advisement by UNM Regents.

- Read www.demilitarizeUNM.org for more information*
- Join the UNM Demilitarization Task Force to help get it approved*
- Call or write the UNM Board of Regents and UNM faculty*

UNM Regents have formed a partnership to operate a research technology park and contracted for weapons research. This has caused great concern.

Accepting research grants from military agencies and contractors has changed the agenda of the university from a public education center to that of a private research center run as a subsidy of a private weapons corporation.

A corporation like Lockheed Martin may reap large profits while UNM is the one doing key parts of the technology research used for weapons.

Because the University of New Mexico (UNM) has close relations with two of the nation's nuclear weapons research and design laboratories and the world's largest arms manufacturer, Lockheed Martin, UNM stands at the center of an unfolding ethical, political and ecological crisis. For instance:

- (1) Assisting, as we have seen on September 29, in the promotion of an entirely new nuclear weapons arsenal called the Reliable Replacement Warhead, which is in contradiction to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and,
- (2) Providing research for components of ground, air, space and nuclear weapons system required for the new arsenal of the United States.

This has led to the unacceptable situation where dissent against these policies by our students and community has been ignored and even criminalized.

In response the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico regret the appearance of the University supporting the RRW symposium that was held on campus on Sep. 29. We have decided it is necessary for the University of New Mexico to heed former President Eisenhower's warning of the dangers to our nation of the military-industrial-academic complex.

To improve the quality of education and better serve the needs of students and citizens in the state, we resolve to begin a three-year phaseout program to reduce the aggregate value of contracts transacted with military agencies and contractors.

We, the Regents of the University of New Mexico, want transparency and citizen involvement in compliance with this resolution. To ensure public involvement and accountability, UNM will no longer conduct research oversight in secret such as with the Security Managerial Group. We will instead form an open Oversight Committee that will have citizen input to implement this resolution concerning controversial research.