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I am delighted to present the inaugural issue of UNLV Fusion. I hope that our new research magazine offers you a glimpse of the dynamic university that we have become. UNLV is increasingly acknowledged as a premier metropolitan research university, and I am pleased to see that recognition of our achievements in the critical area of research will be enhanced further by this publication.

Research at UNLV is certainly one of our greatest success stories, and there are many others as well. Allow me to share with you a few of our points of pride:

- We now serve more than 27,000 students – 5,500 of whom are graduate/professional students. We offer more than 220 degree programs, including 34 doctoral and professional degrees.
- UNLV received more than $73 million in external funding in 2004 with nearly $47 million supporting research. The quality of research by faculty and students is being recognized nationally through extensive publication in top-tier journals.
- UNLV is committed to a process of community engagement through which the university’s research, creative activity, and outreach are catalysts for change and enhanced quality of life in Nevada.
- UNLV is located in Las Vegas, a vital, rapidly growing city with a style all its own and ever-increasing interests in cultural and economic diversification.

As UNLV approaches its 50th anniversary in 2007, I am gratified to note that we have made incredible strides in advancing our research agenda. As you read the first issue of this publication, I am certain you will experience an appreciation for the highly regarded work that our faculty, staff, and students are doing in a variety of disciplines. UNLV Fusion represents an important milestone in the life of UNLV; it will provide an effective forum for the discussion of the ongoing creative and scholarly endeavors being pursued here. We are proud to share them with you.