

April 10, 2018

Dear UNC Community Members,

The Presidential Search Committee is pleased and honored to announce its unanimous selection of Andrew Hale Feinstein as the finalist for UNC president.

A proven academic leader who values collaboration and transparency, Andy Feinstein has shown his ability to lead and learn at three major universities. He is thoughtful, engaging, passionate about students, and eager to be part of our UNC and Greeley communities.

Dr. Feinstein is in his fourth year as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at San José State University (SJSU), a comprehensive university of more than 35,000 students that is among the nation's most ethnically and racially diverse public universities. He has been instrumental in SJSU's strategic planning, worked to strengthen shared governance, and guided efforts to increase graduation rates and enhance academic excellence for all students.

Before joining SJSU, Dr. Feinstein served as dean of The Collins College of Hospitality Management at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he was also the James A. Collins Distinguished Chair and Professor. During that time, he was also the system-wide director of hospitality management education for the California State University. He began his academic career at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he was promoted to full professor and served as department chair, associate dean and senior advisor to the president.

Dr. Feinstein earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Hotel Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University, where he studied Man-Environment Relations and was an Academic Computing Fellow. He has published more than 30 refereed journal articles and is co-author of two textbooks.

We were impressed with Dr. Feinstein's experience, passion and academic credentials. He has a heartfelt connection with students and deep appreciation for faculty and staff. He is a good listener, understands campus climate issues and has the ability to bring people together to accomplish great things. He came to his first interview having done significant homework on UNC, and he fully understands the challenges and opportunities ahead. He is well qualified to drive initiatives that will further enhance UNC's reputation and ensure the value of a UNC degree for current and future students and our more than 130,000 loyal alumni.

We are very pleased to have achieved our goal of working together as a committee—both trustees and campus representatives—to reach consensus on a finalist. As we shared in our March 18th campus email, state law requires UNC to wait 14 days between announcing a finalist and hiring a new president, so Dr. Feinstein cannot formally be appointed until April 24th.

We are looking forward to introducing Dr. Feinstein to campus and are scheduling several events next Monday and Tuesday, April 16th and 17th, for the campus community to meet him. A detailed schedule will be posted on the [presidential search website](#) and announced in *UNC Today* by Thursday morning.

We asked Dr. Feinstein if he'd like to share any thoughts with campus, and below is his response:

I am humbled, honored, and very excited by the opportunity to serve as the next president of the University of Northern Colorado. During the search process, my wife and I fell in love with the university community and the city of Greeley.

I look forward to building on the outstanding reputation of UNC and to leading the campus through the completion of a comprehensive campaign that will provide resources for future generations of UNC Bears.

Especially meaningful for me is that I will continue serving a public institution of higher education that recognizes and supports the potential of each student, including many who are first in their families to attend college.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone I have met thus far, and I look forward to engaging with all of you very soon.

It's an exciting time to be a UNC Bear. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Feinstein to campus next week. For more on today's news – including access to Dr. Feinstein's curriculum vitae and today's press release – visit [www.unco.edu/news](http://www.unco.edu/news).

Sincerely,

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