

Auditor's office confirms ongoing investigation into UNM Athletics Dept. expenses

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SANTA FE, NM – State Auditor Keller confirmed today that the Office of the State Auditor has an ongoing investigation into financial practices at the UNM Athletics Department.

The investigation, which has been underway for the last three weeks, is in response to numerous concerns that have been raised.

These issues include a 2015 golf trip, financial controls and practices of executive management, credit card transactions, payments to non-UNM employees, and possible violation of the Anti-Donation Clause as well as other legal restrictions on the use and handling of public funds.

The Attorney General's Office is also reviewing potential violations of the Government Conduct Act. The OSA is in communication with the Attorney General's Office regarding the matter. The OSA's findings will be made public upon the completion of the review.

"New Mexican's deserve to know how their money is being handled," Keller stated, in a press release. "Some of the practices that we've seen are deeply troubling, especially in light of the significant fiscal challenges that higher education institutions are facing."