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ABOR Chair Welcomes Regent Fred DuVal to the Board

Phoenix, Ariz. – The Arizona Board of Regents today welcomed Regent Fred DuVal to the board.

“On behalf of the board, we welcome Regent DuVal to the Arizona Board of Regents. We commend Governor Ducey for his insightful and bipartisan choice in appointing Regent DuVal,” said ABOR Chair Ron Shoopman. “His experience as a former regent, his tremendous advocacy for public higher education and his keen policy insight will benefit our universities, our students and the entire state.”

“The appointment of Regent DuVal to a second term on the board is a welcome signal from Gov. Ducey as he clearly continues to prioritize education in his re-election as governor,” said Regent Rick Myers. “As a visionary of the [Arizona Teachers Academy](#), Regent DuVal understands the crucial importance of a strong public education system in our state from kindergarten through college. His strong connection to Southern Arizona and the University of Arizona where his father – Dr. Merlin K. “Monte” DuVal – founded the UA College of Medicine will be an outstanding asset to the board.”

During his former term as regent, Regent DuVal prioritized the slowing of tuition increases amidst state funding declines for public higher education. He advocated for financial-aid reform and led an effort to redesign a state funding model for public higher education based on performance drivers such as freshmen retention rates, credit hour efficiency, community college transfer rates and graduation rates. Regent DuVal also chaired the Lumina Foundation-funded initiative, Getting AHEAD, which forged a collaborative relationship with the community colleges, defining new degree pathways statewide.

“Mr. DuVal recognizes the great opportunities facing higher education in the state and has been a strong proponent to advance important changes to ensure the university system is the most efficient and productive in the nation, with affordable options and maximum access for our students, and quality graduates who can meet our workforce needs,” said ABOR Executive Director John Arnold.

Regent DuVal’s new appointment fills the position of [Regent Rick Myers](#) who has been a tireless advocate of public higher education and the research enterprise. Regent Myers term expired this year. Regents are appointed by the governor and serve eight-year terms. Under Arizona law, Regent DuVal’s appointment becomes effective immediately. His nomination will be forwarded to the Arizona Senate for approval when legislative session begins in January.

Regent DuVal previously served on the board from 2006-12 when he was appointed by Gov. Janet Napolitano to complete the term held by Regent Jack Jewett who resigned from the board after agreeing to stay past his term after the untimely death of Regent Lorraine Frank.

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