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Arizona Board of Regents Define Leadership Characteristics for the Next University of Arizona President

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – The ability to make a lasting contribution to the continued success of the University of Arizona and the capacity to serve as a tireless champion, innovator and visionary on behalf of the UA are among the [leadership characteristics](#) defined by the Arizona Board of Regents for the next president of the university.

Development of the leadership characteristics included discussion among the board and at the first meeting of the [UA Presidential Search Committee](#). The board will also follow established presidential [search guidelines](#) as the selection process for the next University of Arizona president continues.

“These leadership characteristics for the next University of Arizona president will guide and facilitate our efforts during the search process,” said Regent Bill Ridenour, chair of the search committee. “These individuals must possess a true passion for education and student success, as well as have the ability to reach ambitious goals and partner with multiple stakeholders. I’m confident our search committee and [executive search](#) firm will bring forth a diverse pool of qualified applicants into the prospect pool.”

An ability to execute ambitious performance goals while leading an exceptional senior leadership team to advance the university as well as an understanding of the many opportunities presented by the University of Arizona and higher education on a national and international scale are among the characteristics.

Additional qualities include: a sincere commitment to the mission of the university, including its super land-grant mission and its dedication to excellence in education, research, the sciences, academic medicine, intercollegiate athletics and student success; and a recognition of the importance of the University of Arizona to the state, Tucson, tribal nations and other Southern Arizona communities as well as a commitment to continue and expand the university’s leadership mission in addressing community and state-wide issues.

The board is also seeing a candidate with knowledge of and experience in addressing the complex strategic, financial, and resource issues facing academic medicine and health sciences; a sophisticated understanding of the need for investment in research and the expertise to develop and implement innovative and interdisciplinary research funding strategies ; exceptional business acumen; the ability to retain, recruit, and develop world-class faculty, staff, and students; and a commitment to ensuring access and success for all students with the ability and commitment to develop and augment

partnerships with community colleges, tribal colleges and K-12 schools to enhance student access and success.

The board is placing an advertisement for the position of president of the University of Arizona in these periodicals: The Chronicle of Higher Education, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed, Women in Higher Education and Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine.

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