



## Statement

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### **Statement from ABOR Chair Larry E. Penley on University of Arizona Furloughs**

“COVID-19 is impacting Arizonans in so many ways, and universities can’t easily escape the economic impact of the virus. The board sincerely appreciates the dedication and commitment of all University of Arizona employees who will endure the financial hardship of the furlough and pay cuts. It is with a heavy heart that we have approved the furloughs with the burden that they create for all the UA employees. Universities are drivers of the economy, and I know that Pima County and Tucson will sadly suffer alongside the UA family. I have confidence in President Robbins, and I trust the Wildcat spirit will prevail and, in some measure, help guide us through these unprecedented challenges.”