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Regent Fred Boice appointed to chair University of Arizona Presidential Search Committee

Arizona Board of Regents President Gary Stuart today appointed Regent Fred Boice to chair the committee responsible for conducting the search for the next president of the University of Arizona (UA). UA President Peter Likins announced in the summer of 2003 his intention to retire on June 30, 2006, having served as president since 1997.

"Fred will do a tremendous job," said Stuart. "His long-standing ties to and in-depth knowledge of the University of Arizona and the Tucson community make him an ideal choice to chair the search committee."

Boice currently heads the Boice Financial Co. and is Board Chairman of Caseworks Industries, Inc. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the University Medical Center. He is past president of Junior Achievement of Tucson, Arizona Cattlegrowers' Association, Tucson Airport Authority, Tucson 30, Tucson Medical Center, and the University of Arizona Foundation. Boice received his bachelor's degree in economics from Occidental College and attended graduate courses at the UA College of Agriculture. He was appointed to the Board of Regents in 2002.

"I am pleased to take on this very important responsibility," Boice said. "President Likins has done an excellent job leading the University of Arizona, and finding a replacement the caliber of Dr. Likins will be no easy task. The search committee will seek out a diverse pool of the top talent available in the country and aggressively pursue the best candidates."

The timeline for the search calls for selection of a presidential search consultant through a competitive procurement process within the next two months. By July, members of the search committee are expected to be named, with the search committee beginning regular meetings in early September. During October and November, forums will be conducted

to gather input from faculty, staff, students and the community regarding the leadership characteristics desired in and the issues facing the next UA President. Finalists recommended by the search committee will participate in campus visits. The appointment of the next president of the University of Arizona will be made by the Board of Regents. The Board anticipates appointing a new President at its March 2006 Board meeting.

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