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## Shelton chosen as next UA president

**January 27, 2006 --** Today the Arizona Board of Regents announced that Robert N. Shelton has been selected as the next President of the University of Arizona, succeeding Peter W. Likins, who is retiring June 30, 2006.

“The Board faced quite a challenge in making a final decision,” according to Regent Fred Boice, chair of the UA presidential search committee. I want to recognize the hard work of the search committee because they recommended four outstanding candidates with excellent credentials. I certainly admire and appreciate all efforts we saw on the part of the finalists and the UA community during the recent campus visits by each candidate. The importance of this selection was obvious by the attendance and participation from stakeholders and the enthusiasm on the part of the finalists.”

Governor Napolitano replied, “I am pleased with the appointment of Robert Shelton. I realize the Board was very fortunate to have a strong candidate pool. I look forward to working with Dr. Shelton as we move the UA forward.”

Board President, Christina Palacios, said “Dr. Shelton brings a wealth of experience in higher education. His vision and leadership skills will be invaluable as the UA continues to advance its high-quality learning environment and its ambitious research agenda.”

Dr. Robert N. Shelton is currently serving as Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost and Professor of Physics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has been in that post since 2001; and prior to that he was at the University of California Davis for fourteen years serving successively as chair and professor in the Department of Physics and Vice Chancellor for Research. From 1996 to 2001 he served as Vice Provost for Research for the University of California system out of the President's office. His other academic appointments have been Professor of Physics, Iowa State University (1978-1987) and Assistant Research Physicist, University of California San Diego (1975-1978).

As Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Shelton is the chief operating officer and is responsible for the university's budget. As Provost, he is the chief academic officer, responsible to the Chancellor for the conduct, coordination, and quality of the University's academic and research programs. He has been active on external boards and councils, including the Space Telescope Institute Council that advises and provides oversight and advocacy to NASA for the Hubble Space Telescope; the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science & Mathematics, responsible for policy decisions for the residential school for high school juniors and seniors; and the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of Research Triangle Institute, an organization with a distinguished history in scientific research and technology development.

Established in 1789, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is a Research Extensive University with enrollment of about 26,500.

Dr. Shelton has had visiting appointments as Guest Scientist in Germany and Japan and as Visiting Professor in Switzerland.

His Ph.D. and M.S. in Physics were earned at University of California San Diego, and he earned his B.S. in Physics at Stanford University in 1970.

The effective date of Dr. Shelton's appointment is July 1, 2006. His total compensation package will be \$550,000.

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