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UA Presidential Search Committee Named

July 5, 2005 – A committee representing a diverse cross-section of university and community stakeholders has been named to aid in the selection of the next president of The University of Arizona.

Fred T. Boice, member of the Arizona Board of Regents and long-time resident of Southern Arizona, will chair the search committee. Today he announced the committee's membership (list attached).

Regent Boice said, "I am extremely pleased with the quality of the individuals who have agreed to be a part of this process. From the perspective of the Arizona Board of Regents, we feel that selecting a university president ranks among the most important responsibilities we undertake."

"The search committee helps ensure broad participation in the effort to recruit the most highly qualified candidates to serve the interests of UA and the State of Arizona," said Boice. "A national search will be conducted in a thorough, yet efficient, manner. We expect to make the final appointment of the next UA president by next spring," Boice added.

Peter Likins, who has served as UA president since the fall of 1997, has announced his intention to retire on June 30, 2006.

"President Likins has done an excellent job leading the University of Arizona, and finding a replacement of his caliber will be no easy task," said Boice.

The first meeting of the search committee is tentatively scheduled for early September, and a number of community forums will be scheduled during October and November.

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