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Statement Regarding Dr. Joe G. N. “Skip” Garcia’s Role as Senior Vice President of UA Health Sciences

The following statement can be attributed to Greg Patterson, ABOR Chair

"The Arizona Board of Regents has learned that Dr. Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia has decided to leave his position as Senior Vice President of Health Sciences at the University of Arizona to devote his full attention to his work as the Dr. Merlin K. DuVal Professor of Medicine at the University of Arizona.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Garcia for his demonstrated excellence and integrity in leading the UA Health Sciences to new levels of achievement. From helping secure the UA’s historic affiliation agreement with Banner Health, to the recruitment of over 40 nationally regarded leaders, including new Deans, Department Heads and Center Directors, to spearheading a dramatic increase in federal research funding—including the awarding of the National Institutes of Health Precision Medicine Initiative® Cohort Program—the largest (\$43.3 million over five years) NIH peer-reviewed grant in Arizona history, Dr. Garcia has delivered amazing results for which we share tremendous pride.

The Regents thank Dr. Garcia for his leadership, service and dedication to excellence across the tripartite missions of education, patient care, and research. The UA Health Sciences is on an outstanding trajectory, and the Board remains fully committed to assuring its continued success.”

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