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Arizona Board of Regents Elects Officers for 2017-18

TUCSON, Ariz. – The Arizona Board of Regents elected 2017-18 board officers at its meeting today at the University of Arizona and selected Regent Bill Ridenour as chair of the board. Regent Ron Shoopman was elected vice chair and Regent Greg Patterson will serve as treasurer. Regent Ram Krishna was re-elected secretary for the board and student regent Vianney Careaga will serve as assistant treasurer. The officers take their positions July 1, 2017.

“As chair-elect of the board, I look forward to working for the success of Arizona’s public university students and the continued success of our institutions. Our public university enterprise has set aggressive goals to increase research discovery, educate more students and boost graduation rates at our institutions as our universities drive innovation and provide the highly-qualified workers of the future for our state,” Ridenour said. “I look forward to working with Regent Ridenour in his role as board chair,” said ABOR President Eileen Klein. “He is passionate advocate for all students and a results-oriented leader.”

Ridenour was appointed to the Arizona Board of Regents by Gov. Jan Brewer in March 2014. He currently serves as vice chair of the board as well as chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Regents' Award Selection Committee. He is a member of the Business and Finance Committee, the Health Affairs Committee and the Executive Committee. As chair of the board, Ridenour will serve as an ex-officio member of all committees and will serve as chair of the Regents Executive Committee. He also chaired the University of Arizona Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

Regents are elected to one-year terms as chair of the board and may chair multiple board committees to provide a well-informed experience throughout their eight-year terms. Arizona’s governor appoints board members and the Arizona Senate confirms the appointment. Two student regents appointed to the board serve two-year terms with the first year as a non-voting member. The new officers will assume their new roles July 1, 2017 for one-year terms.

The Arizona Board of Regents 12-member board currently includes Regents Ridenour, Shoopman, Patterson, Krishna, Jay Heiler, Rick Myers, Larry Penley, Lyndel Manson, Vianney Careaga and Gorshe. Gov. Doug Ducey and Superintendent Diane Douglas are ex-officio members of the board. Student Regent Gorshe will complete his term as of July 1 when a new student regent will join the board.

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