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Arizona Board of Regents Elects 2016-17 Officers

(Tucson, Ariz.) - The Arizona Board of Regents elected 2016-17 board officers at its meeting today and selected Regent Greg Patterson as chair of the board. Regent Bill Ridenour was elected vice chair and Regent Jay Heiler was elected treasurer. Regent Ram Krishna was re-elected secretary for the board and Student Regent Jared Gorshe will serve as assistant treasurer. The officers take their positions July 1, 2016.

“As chair of the board, I’m looking forward to continuing to focus on the success of each of our public universities and outcomes for students statewide according to our university enterprise plan. Our plan sets goals for each university that ultimately improve public higher education in our state,” Patterson said.

Patterson was appointed to the board in 2012 by Gov. Jan Brewer. He currently serves as vice chair of the board, chair of Academic and Student Affairs, and is a member of the Regents’ Executive Committee, the Business and Finance Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee. As chair of the board, Patterson will serve as an ex-officio member on all committees and will serve as chair of the Regents Executive Committee.

Regents are elected to one-year terms as chair of the board and rotate alternating offices 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 Arizona Board of Regents 12-member board currently includes Regents Patterson, Heiler, Krishna, Rick Myers, LuAnn Leonard, Ridenour, Ron Shoopman, Larry Penley, Mark Naufel and Gorshe. Gov. Doug Ducey and Superintendent Diane Douglas are ex-officio members of the board. Arizona State University Student Regent Naufel will complete his term as of July 1 when University of Arizona student Vianney Careaga will join the board pending approval of the full Arizona State Senate.

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