

Dear colleagues:

I wanted you to know that I have decided not to request an extension of my current contract with the Board of Regents but to complete my tenure as president of the University of Arizona at the end of academic year 2018 and return to the full time faculty. The regents have been supportive and helpful in discussions with me about my wishes, and we are united in our enthusiasm about the future of the University of Arizona.

During this spring's commencement ceremony, I was struck with the realization that I was presiding over my 14th commencement as a university president. I was filled with pride in the University of Arizona and in all that we have accomplished and will accomplish in the years ahead. Now is the time to plan for the future that we spoke about with such enthusiasm to our graduates.

This is a natural choice and one that all of us must make some time in our lives. I am excited for the years ahead working on behalf of this great university.

To all of you: Thank you so much for your past, present, and future contributions to the University of Arizona and BEAR DOWN.

Ann Weaver Hart
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