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Message from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences

March 17, 2016

I am writing to let all of you know that Stuart D. Flynn, MD, dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, has accepted a position as founding dean of Texas Christian University and the University of North Texas Health Science Center, which issued a statement announcing his appointment this morning.

As dean since 2008, Stuart has successfully led the school through its efforts to become an independently accredited college of medicine, most recently attaining provisional accreditation status from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). In addition to his exceptional advocacy efforts on behalf of medical education across Phoenix, Maricopa County and the State of Arizona, Stuart has been instrumental in the development of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus and numerous partnerships with health systems, the biotechnology industry, public officials and local non-profit groups.

Though Stuart will be missed as a colleague, there is excitement for his opportunity to help build another strong medical school in a region, similar to Arizona, which has a critical need for additional future physicians. I share with many a pride in Stuart's accomplishments as dean and great enthusiasm for the tremendous potential that now exists for our medical school, our health sciences programs and our academic medical center in Phoenix.

Please join me in thanking Stuart for his service to the University of Arizona and in congratulating him on this opportunity. Please also watch for a forthcoming announcement regarding interim leadership and plans for the formal initiation of a national search for the next dean of our outstanding College of Medicine – Phoenix.

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