

## REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: President Robert Robbins <http://president.arizona.edu/>

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS and GOALS:

#### Dr. Deisinger Session on February 21

- As part of our [comprehensive strategy for campus safety](#), we have engaged Dr. Gene Deisinger of Deisinger Consulting, LLC to advise the University community on threat assessment best practices.
- We have asked Dr. Deisinger to provide educational opportunities to our entire campus community as part of our ongoing commitment to best practices, in addition to consulting with our [Threat Assessment Management Team \(TAMT\)](#) and senior leaders. He will be visiting our campus in mid-February, and all staff, faculty, students, and DCCs are invited to attend a session on threat assessment.
- I encourage you to [register](#) for one of three available sessions on February 21 at 9am, 10am, and 11am in Crowder Hall. Live captioning will be provided.
- These sessions will help participants to recognize concerning, or threatening behaviors; learn how to escalate concerns; and understand the University of Arizona threat assessment and management processes to identify, assess, and manage concerning situations
- Dr. Deisinger specializes in operational psychology, behavioral threat assessment and management services, and organizational development. He is currently serving on TAMT as a consultant and will provide ongoing guidance and expertise in this capacity. If you are not able to attend in person, a recorded version will be available on the TAMT website at a later date.

#### Updates from Research, Innovation & Impact

- The HERD total for FY 22 is \$824M, a 7% increase over FY21. This increased investment in research funding demonstrates the breadth of innovation coming out of our university and our leadership in the research arena. This number will not be officially announced by the NSF until November 2023, along with other universities.
- At UA Tech Parks, Eurofins has opened a fully operational space at the Rita Road location that will lead to increased collaboration and opportunities. Raytheon will become the first corporate tenant at The Refinery building at UA Tech Park at The Bridges, which will help strengthen its ongoing partnership with our faculty, staff, and students.
- Additionally, the UA Center for Innovation (UACI) now includes 80 startups including four Ukraine companies sponsored by the State Department. UACI is a startup incubator network that offers leaders in science and technology the opportunity to turn ideas and innovations into strong, scalable, and sustainable businesses.

#### New Leadership in our state

- The 2022 elections brought new leadership to Arizona—more than half the state legislators and the Governor are new--and I look forward to continuing to work with our local and state governments on behalf of the university. I have had the opportunity to meet with many new elected officials including Governor Katie Hobbs.

- Governor Hobbs released her FY24 Executive Budget recommendation last month which includes \$169.1 million in new higher education investments. While the Governor's budget proposal reflects her priorities, the legislature also crafts a budget that reflects theirs. State law provides that a budget must be passed and signed into law by June 30, 2023.
- Our UA State Relations office has already begun to work with the new administration on their priorities and have begun engaging the House and Senate to ensure the final budget aligns with our priorities. I am thankful to our State Relations office for their hard work to advocate for the University.

#### University of Arizona HSI Forum on March 1

- UA will be hosting the UArizona Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Forum on March 1, 2023 from 9am-12pm. The event will take place in the Health Sciences Innovation Building Forum.
- I invite you to join for university-wide highlights on HSI capacity-building efforts, connect with others seeking to advance servingness, and offer input on future priorities.
- In-person attendance is highly encouraged to experience the full program. Live streaming will also be provided for those unable to attend in person. Please [register](#) in advance.