

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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Research, Innovation & Impact (RII)

- RII has reported that we closed Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) with a final National Science Foundation (NSF) higher education research and development (HERD) ranking of \$955 million in research activity, a new record by a significant margin. This once again places us among the nation's top 20 public universities and is a significant point of pride for our university because the research work behind this rank makes essential contributions to advancing society, driving innovation, strengthening our communities, growing our economy and workforce, and tackling the complex challenges we face. Continuing this level of activity and impact requires ongoing collaboration on submissions to both government and private funders, and support for this work is a core function of RII and many campus partners.
- Our faculty researchers' commitment to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and innovation is reflected in the nearly 15% growth from FY2022's expenditures of \$824M. This places us, once again, among the nation's top 20 public universities. Additionally, the university ranked #1 in astronomy and astrophysics expenditures, according to HERD, a status that the university has maintained every year since 1987.

Fundraising

- At the end of December our total gifts and commitments are \$152 million for this fiscal year and last year at the same time we were at \$132 million. We are nearing the \$2.2 billion mark for our Fuel Wonder Campaign.

Athletics

- By now, I am sure most of you have heard the news of our new head football coach, Brent Brennan, who has joined the Wildcats from San Jose State University, where he led the football program for seven years. Coach Brennan is a fantastic match for our University of Arizona culture, which he knows firsthand from having been a graduate assistant during the legendary Dick Tomey's leadership of Arizona Football. I look forward to him guiding our program to even greater heights and continuing the important role Arizona Athletics plays as a front porch for our beloved University.