



**August 9, 2021**

*Office of the President*

Dear U of A Community,

After visiting with stakeholders both within and outside of the university, and considering several impressive candidates, I am pleased to announce that I have named Dr. Charles Robinson interim chancellor of the University of Arkansas beginning August 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Robinson has served the university well the past year as provost and executive vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, and he has more than 20 years of service to the U of A as a faculty member, vice provost and vice chancellor.

Dr. Robinson has a unique skill set having led the university's efforts in academics, student affairs and diversity affairs during his tenure. He has a strong connection not only with our students and faculty, but also with the university's external constituencies. During a transition period, it is imperative to have a leader in place who has the trust and confidence of all stakeholder groups, and I am confident that Dr. Robinson has the background, personality, and temperament to continue the exceptional progress the U of A has made over the past several years. I am pleased that the university is in his capable hands, and that he will be able to call upon the other senior leaders on campus, including our exceptional group of vice chancellors and academic deans. Despite the challenges we have all faced these past 18 months, the U of A maintains a strong position as our state's flagship research university.

In the coming months we will begin a national search for the next chancellor of the U of A. Our search will cast a wide net to identify the very best person to lead the university. With the success of our students, faculty and staff coupled with the wonderful amenities in the Northwest Arkansas region, I know we will attract top notch candidates to the position. Our first task will be to form a representative search committee to assist in this process, which I will begin work on in the weeks ahead.

With this announcement, I also want to take a moment to express my thanks to Bill Kincaid for his steady leadership as acting chancellor during the past two months. Bill is a critical member of our leadership team, and I am pleased to have him return to his role as senior associate general counsel for the campus.

Thank you all for your contributions to the university. It is our outstanding students, faculty and staff that make the University of Arkansas a remarkable place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Bobbitt".

Donald R. Bobbitt, Ph.D.  
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