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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

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## Dear Colleagues,

In August 2020, the University of Arizona (UArizona) announced an innovative and transformational affiliation with one of the world's largest providers of online education to create the University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC), with the goal of enhancing the opportunities and learning experiences for tens of thousands of students.

Open-enrollment postsecondary education is a flexible pathway for a growing number of students across the country, and UAGC is fully committed to providing opportunities for these students' growth and advancement while providing them an unmatched online educational experience for the 21st century.

Yesterday, we shared with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee an update on the plans for acquiring UAGC and coordinating the operations of UAGC with UArizona. This change will be beneficial to the University and to the current and future students enrolled at UAGC.

We have worked over the past two months with UAGC, its board of directors, and the University of Arizona Foundation to develop these plans, and we have met with the U.S. Department of Education to ensure ongoing compliance with the requirements for UAGC's participation in federal Title IV student financial aid programs – a vitally important resource that allows tens of thousands of students continuing support for their education.

Accordingly, I am writing to share that UArizona and UAGC will now initiate the needed formal planning toward acquiring UAGC and coordinating the operations of our two universities to ensure comprehensive, quality educational experiences and affordable opportunities for current and future UAGC students, many of whom are non-traditional.

In the months ahead, planning teams – including members of the faculty and staff as well as students – will be established at UArizona to delve into the great many questions that need to be addressed as part of this process, respectful of our commitment to shared governance. UAGC will launch a similar process with its constituents in parallel.

The University will share updates on the path forward as it works with the appropriate governing bodies and boards responsible for operations and

oversight.

We are at the start of this journey and process, and I am excited about what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

**Robert C. Robbins, M.D.**

President  
The University of Arizona

## Frequently Asked Questions

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