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**Statement from Douglas O. Goss**

*Chair, University of Alberta Board of Governors*

This is an extremely exciting time at the University of Alberta. The enthusiasm, commitment and energy our new President has shown in his first few weeks on the job has only served to reinforce my conviction that we could have found no one better than David Turpin to lead our university to the next level of excellence.

In ensuring that the right President is in place, I feel that I have fulfilled one of the most important roles of Board Chair. My attention, in recent weeks, has been increasingly focused on how I can best contribute as a volunteer going forward, and specifically on the upcoming capital campaign. After a great deal of thought I have decided to step aside as Board Chair effective August 31, 2015 and refocus my energies on helping prepare for what will be the largest campaign in this university's history.

As a proud Albertan, and proud U of A alumnus, my passion for this university and province is unwavering. As I have said many times, the U of A competes with the best research and teaching universities in the world and I believe it is our responsibility to take on some of society's most pressing challenges. I have seen great buy-in for that vision, and I am extremely proud of the progress that has been made under President Samarasekera's *Dare to Discover* strategic plan.

This is a remarkable university — one of the finest in the world — and I'm honored to have been the Board Chair. There is no doubt in my mind that the success of our next capital campaign will be key in ensuring we are able to make even greater contributions in the future, and I am eagerly looking forward to focusing my attention in that direction.

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Chair of the University of Alberta Board of Governors